

**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012**

Lopez Center for Community and the Arts, 204 Village Road, Lopez Island, WA

10:24 AM CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Patty Miller called the Special Meeting on Lopez Island to order at 10:24 AM. Present: Council Members Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Rich Peterson, Patty Miller, Richard Fralick, Lovel Pratt and Jamie Stephens; Interim County Manager Bob Jean; Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

New Employee Introductions: none

Approval of Minutes: none

Review and Approve Consent Agenda:

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the Consent Agenda of December 4, 2012, as amended.

A. Resolutions:

Resolution of Governing Board Approving Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District 2012 Budget

~~Resolution for County Manager Recruitment Request for Proposals (RFP)~~

B. Budget Items:

Warrant #118599 – 118654 County Claims in the amount of \$60,963.77

Warrant #118655 – 118699 Public Works claims in the amount of \$132,314.31

C. Miscellaneous:

Memo Extending Expiring Terms of Council Advisory Committee Members

ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Correspondence: none

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: Ed Kilduff, Tom Reeve, Bob Myhr, Ken Silibald, Dan Post.

10:44 AM DISCUSSION: Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District (LSWDD) – Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Board; Frank Mulcahy, Public Works Director; Ed Hale, Utility Manager

1. Disposal District Transition - LSWDD Board Chair Page Read and Board Member Bruce Crepps presented the plan for transition and answered Council's questions.
2. Status of State Code Change to Allow Multi-year Tax Measure – Mr. Read presented the status of the code change and answered Council's questions.

3. Timing for Next Ballot Measure - Mr. Read and Board Member Sandy Bishop discussed timing and answered Council's questions.

11:16 AM **DISCUSSION:** Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Initiative and Implementation – Candace Jagel, Interim Chair Agricultural Resources Committee; Tom Schulz, Extension Director

Mr. Schulz presented the Initiative's definition, history and implementation. He and Ms. Jagel answered Council's questions.

Moved by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Peterson to direct the County Manager to request the Prosecuting Attorney address concerns raised during the meeting regarding the GMO Initiative. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

11:50 AM **DISCUSSION:** Resolution on Appointment of Farm Advisory Committee pursuant to RCW 84.34.145 – Jamie Stephens, Council Vice Chair

Mr. Stephens presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following actions:

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Peterson to amend the draft resolution on #2 to change the words "each of whom is a farmer" to "each of whom represents the active farming community in San Juan County." ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Peterson to modify the Resolution and remove letter "C" under Background, and modify letter "B" to read "The Agricultural Resources Committee has recommended five members of the active agricultural community." ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Stephens to modify the last sentence of paragraph 4 to read "For administrative purposes, the Committee will report to the Assessor." ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld to adopt the Resolution establishing an Agricultural Tax Advisory Committee as amended and move acceptance to a future consent agenda. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to accept the nominations of the Agricultural Resources Committee for the Agricultural Tax Advisory Committee [Thor Black, MR Buffum, Sarah Ross, Kathryn Thomas, Tom Schultz]. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

12:12 PM **ACTION:** To Approve a Resolution Revising the San Juan County 2012 Annual Road Program – Rachel Dietzman, County Engineer

Ms. Dietzman presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Fralick to approve a Resolution Revising the San Juan County 2012 Annual Road Program. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

12:18 PM RECESS FOR LUNCH

01:20 PM PUBLIC HEARING (continued from November 20, 2012): To Adopt an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington, Adopting an Annual Budget for the Year 2013 and Setting Forth the Estimated Revenues and Appropriations – Bob Jean, Interim County Manager

Mr. Jean introduced the Ordinance and Ms. Miller reopened public testimony: Victoria Compton, Economic Development Council (EDC) Executive Director addressed the Council on proposed allocation to the EDC and answered Council's questions.

Ms. Miller closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Ms. Pratt, to adopt an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington, Adopting an Annual Budget for the Year 2013 and Setting Forth the Estimated Revenues and Appropriations with an additional allocation of \$13,000 to the EDC. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

01:31 PM ACTION: Approval of Fairgrounds Master Plan – Dona Wuthnow, Director Parks and Fair

Ms. Wuthnow presented the Plan and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to adopt the San Juan County Fairgrounds Master Plan 2012 as the guiding document for fairground capital improvements. Vote 5:1 (Miller opposed); MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Miller entered into the record that her opposition to the Plan is that it focuses on the expansion of facilities, rather than the maintenance of existing facilities.

01:57 PM ACTION: To Approve a Resolution Approving the 2013 Annual Capital Budget and the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - Bob Jean, Interim County Manager

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve a Resolution Approving the 2013 Annual Capital Budget and the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

02:11 PM ACTION: Approving a Resolution Adopting County Staffing Levels and Pay and Benefits Plans for 2013 – Bob Jean, Interim County Manager

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Peterson to approve a Resolution Adopting County Staffing Levels for 2013, the 2013 Pay Plan as approved in collective bargaining

agreements, the 2013 pay plan for unrepresented and management employees, and the 2013 health benefit levels for full-time and part-time employee groups. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

02:15 PM COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Legislative Priorities: none
Ferries/FAC/Intermodal: Mr. Rosenfeld gave an update
Budget Subcommittee: none
General Government Subcommittee: none
Solid Waste Subcommittee: none
Additional Updates and discussion Items: Ms. Pratt gave an update. After additional discussion, Council took the following action:

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Stephens that the County’s position regarding the “No-Go Zone” as proposed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will be that position articulated by the San Juan County Council and not that of any of its subcommittees or advisory groups. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

02:53 PM CLERK UPDATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Ms. Gabriel reminded the Council that the next meeting is December 18th beginning at 8:45 AM. Ms. Miller reviewed the agenda for December 18.

03:05 PM ADJOURN AND SIGN DOCUMENTATION

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These Minutes were approved and signed on December 18, 2012. The original document is retained in the Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.