

**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
January 04, 2011**

Tuesday, January 4, 2011 - Council Hearing Room, Legislative Building, Friday Harbor

10:05 AM CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice-Chair Level Pratt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Council members present: Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Bob Myhr, and Rich Peterson; County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public were present.

Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to excuse Council Members Richard Fralick and Gene Knapp, due to transportation problems. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Pratt reminded the public that video recordings of Council meetings held in the Council Legislative Hearing Room are available for on-line viewing via live-streaming on the day of the meeting and can be viewed the following day on the Council website. The current video and three months of prior videos can be accessed by going to the San Juan County website www.sanjuanco.com and selecting the County Council tab.

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: none

10:09 AM Clerk Update and Administrative Matters – Clerk Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See

Ms. Gabriel reminded the Council that the next regular meeting will be on January 11, 2011 and the next date available for public hearing is January 25, 2011.

Committee Update: Ms. See gave a committee update. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Myhr, to reappoint Lance Evans to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, as a Receiver. VOTE: 4-0 (Fralick and Knapp absent), MOTION CARRIED

Review Agendas:

Mr. Peterson recommended that the selection for Chair and Vice-Chair Oaths of Office scheduled for January 11 be separated into distinct agenda items.

Review and Approve Consent Agenda:

A. Resolutions:

Maffei Timber Current Use, 08TOS004 Resolution

Ordinances:

B. Contracts/Agreements:

Intergovernmental Agreement for Law Enforcement and Assistance- SJC Agreement No. 11SH.002

C. Budget Items:

The Auditor's office requests approve for the following:

- Interfund transfers for the month of November
- Payroll expenditures and benefit expenditures for the period ending 11/23/2010
- Warrants 88435-88469 in the amount of \$13,747.04 for medical reimbursements
- Warrants #88470-88472 in the amount of \$834.73 for Veteran's Assistance
- EFT #12162010 in the amount of \$92.49 for Parks EFT
- EFT #121620102 in the amount of \$4,108.27 for Public Works EFT
- Warrants #88473-88576 in the amount of \$70,959.70 for County Claims
- Warrants #88577-88633 in the amount of \$104,168.61 for Public Works
- Warrant #88821 in the amount of \$400 for Veteran's Assistance
- Warrants \$88822 – 88859 in the amount of \$32,087.62 for Public Works
- Warrants #88860-88972 in the amount of \$314,459.55 for County Claims
- Warrant #89127 in the amount of \$470,184.47 for the Land Bank
- Warrant #89132 – 89192 County claims in the amount of \$32,791.46
- Warrant #89193 – 89221 Public Works claims in the amount of \$14,904.85

D. Personnel:

E. Appointments

F. Correspondence:

G. Miscellaneous:

H. Bid Openings:

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Myhr, to approve the Consent Agenda of January 4, 2011. VOTE: 4-0 (Fralick and Knapp absent), MOTION CARRIED

Review Council Calendar Items: none

10:25 AM COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Legislative Priorities: Ms. Pratt reported that she and Councilmember Rosenfeld and Mayor Lacher met with Representative-Elect Kristine Lytton on December 27th. They had an excellent meeting primarily on the subject of ferry issues. Representative-Elect Lytton is interested in learning about the issues affecting San Juan County, is eager to attend meetings and events in SJC, and looks forward to meeting with the full Council as soon as her schedule permits. It was suggested that regular conference call meetings be re-established. Ms. Pratt confirmed that conference calls with all of our state representatives will be set up as soon as possible after the legislative session begins.

Ferries/FAC/Intermodal: Mr. Rosenfeld suggested that the Council endorse the changes made by the Town of Friday in the letter to legislators regarding ferry issues. The letters will be discussed when the full Council convenes later this morning.

The Executive Committee of the Ferry Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, January 6. The next Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) will be Wednesday, January 12. The FAC will continue refining the upcoming ferry schedules, and they remain concerned about the levels of service. Representative Jeff Morris may be on either the House or Transportation committee which will be helpful for San Juan County.

General Government Subcommittee: Mr. Peterson reported that the General Government Subcommittee (GGS) held a productive meeting this morning discussing both the vesting proposal and Land Bank procedures. The vesting proposal discussion will continue to the January 25 GGS meeting with new Council assignees. There is a draft Memorandum of Understanding regarding Land Bank procedures that will be presented to the Land Bank Commission on January 18. Their recommendations will be part of the GGS discussion on January 25.

Additional Updates & Discussion Items: none

10:31 AM Recess

10:45 AM PUBLIC HEARING:

To Consider an Ordinance Increasing Required Reserves in the Lodging Tax Funds – Milene Henley, Auditor

Present: Four Council; County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public

Ms. Henley explained the reasons for increasing the fund amounts to eliminate negative cash balances during parts of the year.

Ms. Pratt opened for public testimony, and no comments were offered. Public testimony was closed with the right to reopen. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to approve an Ordinance Increasing the Required Reserves in the Lodging Tax Funds with the following amendment: under Section 2., “B. Distributions ...Existing reserves as of year-end 2010 will be increased a minimum of \$10,000, or more at the discretion of the County Council, ...” VOTE: 4-0 (Fralick and Knapp absent), MOTION CARRIED

11:00 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

Discussion was held regarding the swearing-in ceremony to be held during next week’s session.

11:17 AM Recess (Mr. Fralick and Mr. Knapp joined the meeting)

11:34 AM Reconvene

Mr. Fralick announced that the full Council was now present

1. Discussion of Video Conferencing Development – Pete Rose, County Administrator

Mr. Rose furthered discussion of managing the expectations of video conferencing.

Discussion continued as to whether Council members can stay on other islands and attend meetings through video conferencing. Mr. Myhr reported that he contacted Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) for their opinion on the subject. They indicated that a County Council could set flexible policies that allow attendance by video conferencing.

2. Discussion of Annual Committee Reports – Pete Rose, County Administrator

Mr. Rose reminded the Council that county committees will need to submit work plans for 2011. Discussion followed as to whether written or oral presentations will be required. The matter will be discussed at the Council Retreat.

Mr. Rose prepared a letter of thanks to Walt Corbin for his recent contribution towards a new computer for the Hearing Room. The following action took place:

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Myhr, to approve a letter to Mr. Walt Corbin thanking him for his generous donation. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Rosenfeld suggested a label be placed on the computer indicating the source of the donation.

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to approve a letter to Legislators regarding the impacts of the proposed reductions in Washington State Ferries' Level of Service (LOS). The letter will include edits made by the Town of Friday Harbor and Mr. Myhr (page one, 3rd bullet). ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

11:45 AM Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2010:

Moved by Mr. Rosenfeld, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2010. VOTE: 5-0 (Myhr abstained), MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Mr. Rosenfeld, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 21, 2010. VOTE: 5-0 (Myhr abstained), MOTION CARRIED

11:48 AM DISCUSSION: A Resolution to Loan \$125,000 to Solid Waste from the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R) – Milene Henley, Auditor

Ms. Henley introduced a discussion of a loan to Solid Waste from the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund. Ms. Henley handed out a draft resolution that had not yet been reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to approve a Resolution authorizing a Short-Term Interfund Loan from the Equipment Rental & Revolving fund (Fund 5011) to the Solid Waste Projects Fund (Fund 4017) in the amount of \$125,000. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Rose then reviewed the Public Works ER&R/Solid Waste Property alignment proposal. It was agreed that a resolution will be drawn and placed on the Consent Agenda for 1/11/11.

Mr. Fralick announced that the Budget Subcommittee will be meeting after the new Council Members take their seats. One of the daunting tasks of the BSC will be to consolidate the savings into a sustainable budget for 2011, and adjustments will be necessary.

12:02 PM **DISCUSSION:** An Ordinance Creating a Fee Ordinance for Services Provided by the San Juan County Sheriff's Office (2nd Touch) – Bill Cumming, Sheriff

Sheriff Cumming reiterated the importance of granting this new fee schedule. Public Hearing is scheduled for January 11, 2011 @ 10.45 am.

12:06 PM **DISCUSSION:** A Resolution to Call for the Election of the Charter Review Committee – Gene Knapp, Council Member

Mr. Rose introduced the call for election of the charter review commission. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Myhr, to approve a Resolution Calling for an Election for a Charter Review Commission and Setting the Number of Commissioners as follows: The San Juan County Home Rule Charter was approved by the voters and certified on November 29, 2005; the Home Rule Charter Section 8.20(1) calls for the first charter review commission (CRC) election five years after the adoption of the charter; November 29, 2010 marked the five year anniversary since official adoption; It is the duty of the County Council to call for an election of the charter review commission; Section 8.20(1)(a) states that the commission will consist of 15 to 25 members apportioned equally by Council Legislative District; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the County Council of San Juan County, State of Washington, as follows: the election of a Charter Review Commission will be held on November 8, 2011; the Charter Review Commission shall be comprised of eighteen (18) members equally apportioned by Legislative Body district. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

12:16 PM **Recessed**

12:20 PM **RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SHERIFF**

Mr. Fralick called the San Juan County Council back into session. Recognition was given to outgoing Elected Officials **Bob Myhr, Gene Knapp, and Bill Cumming**. Comments were offered by: Jack Cory, Karen Vedder, Randy Gaylord, Brent Johnson

12:50 PM **ADJOURN AND SIGN DOCUMENTATION**

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These Minutes were approved and signed on January 11, 2011. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.