

**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
November 7, 2011
SPECIAL MEETING**

Monday, November 7, 2011 – Legislative Hearing Room, Friday Harbor, WA

8:45 AM SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chair Lovel Pratt called the special meeting to order at 8:45 am. Council Members present: Vice-Chair Patty Miller, Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Richard Fralick, Jamie Stephens and Rich Peterson; County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public.

PRESENTATIONS: General Government Department Budgets

1. Administration, Board of Equalization, Information Services, Civil Service – David Kelly, Deputy Director

Mr. Kelly reviewed the Administration Department including the organizational chart, accomplishments, budgets overseen, insurance issues, and answered questions from the Council. Mr. Kelly provided a PowerPoint presentation of Information Services' 2012 Budget including accomplishments and objectives, organization, budget and impact.

- 9:20 AM 2. Treasurer and Tax Sale – Jan Sears, Treasurer**

Ms. Sears reviewed the Treasurer's budget, presented a PowerPoint, and answered Council's questions.

9:40 AM PRESENTATIONS: Community Services Budgets

- 9:40 AM 1. Community Development and Planning – Rene Beliveau, Director**

Mr. Beliveau reviewed the CDPD budget, presented a PowerPoint, and answered Council's questions.

- 10:11 AM 2. Land Bank – Lincoln Bormann, Director**

Mr. Bormann reviewed the Land Bank budget, presented a PowerPoint, and answered Council's questions.

- 10:29 AM 3. WSU Extension and Noxious Weeds – Tom Schultz, Extension Agent;
William Agosta, Chair of Noxious Weed Board**

Mr. Schultz reviewed the WSU Extension and Noxious Weeds budget, presented a PowerPoint, and answered Council's questions. Mr. Agosta reviewed the Noxious Weed Board's budget and answered Council's questions.

- 11:09 AM 4. Health & Community Services, Affordable Housing, Mental Health Tax
John Manning, Director**

Mr. Manning reviewed the Health & Community Services budget, presented a PowerPoint, and answered Council's questions.

11:48 PM LUNCH RECESS

1:06 PM PRESENTATIONS: Community Services Budgets (continued)

5. Parks and Recreation and Fair – Dona Wuthnow, Director

Ms. Wuthnow provided the Council with an update on the highlights and trends in both Parks and Fair divisions.

1:36 PM DISCUSSION: Governor Gregoire’s Budget Reduction Alternatives – Pete Rose, County Administrator

Mr. Rose provided a staff report considering potential impacts to the Governor’s list of tentative budget reduction recommendations. The Council deliberated on the policy decisions.

Mr. Manning and Mr. Gaylord offered their concerns regarding the Governor’s cuts.

2:26 PM DISCUSSION: Budget Presentation Wrap-Up and Response to Questions – Pete Rose, County Administrator

By consensus, the Council agreed to the Budget Subcommittee’s recommendation for an allocation for annual employee recognition event of \$250 for the Council department.

By consensus, the Council agreed to increase by \$476 to the Treasurer for the actual cost of printing and mailing tax statements.

Moved by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to direct the Administrator to include in the 2012 Budget for stormwater no change in fees for 2012, adjust expenses to match, and approve the transfer of approximately \$30,000 from operating to capital to allow the top two priority projects to occur. VOTE: 5-1 (Pratt opposed) MOTION CARRIED

By consensus the Council agreed to the Budget subcommittee’s recommendation that a wellness plan be initiated at a cost of \$20,000 to help defray insurance costs.

By consensus, the Council agreed to the Budget Subcommittee’s recommendation to shift capacity from the road levy to the general levy to raise money for general purposes and structure it with the option to transfer \$103,030 back to roads.

By consensus, the Council agreed to the Budget Subcommittee’s recommendations to cut staff as in the budget, and not to add \$6,000 for an intern for the Prosecutor.

4:00 PM ADJOURN

These Minutes were approved and signed on November 29, 2011. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.