

**MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
September 28, 2010**

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 - Council Hearing Room, Legislative Building, Friday Harbor

**10:01 AM CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Richard Fralick called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Council members present: Vice-Chair Lovel Pratt, Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Gene Knapp, 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.

Mr. Fralick reminded the public that video recordings of Council meetings held in the Council Legislative Hearing Room are available for on-line viewing the day after the meeting. The videos will be archived for the three previous months and can be accessed by going to the San Juan County website [www.sanjuanco.com](http://www.sanjuanco.com) and selecting the County Council tab.

Downloads from which to burn DVDs of meetings as well as attached documents are now available by ordering directly from the website. A sheet with directions is available on the back table.

Because of the demands on our staff's time, we ask that you please take advantage of the online service if at all possible. For those who are unable to download and burn due to technological limitations, our staff has a limited capacity to produce copies of the video on USB memory sticks. The cost is \$20 each.

**Citizens Access:** The following citizens submitted comments: Barbara Rosenkotter, Peggy Bill, Tim Clark, Jeff Otis, Greg Hertel

**10:15 AM Clerk Update and Administrative Matters – Clerk Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See**

Ms. Gabriel reminded the Council that there will be no meeting next week. Next scheduled meetings are October 12 and 19. Ms. Gabriel also asked for Council's comments for the 2011 budget book.

**Committee Update:** Ms. See gave a committee update. She will schedule interviews for Mr. Peterson, Mr. Rosenfeld, and Ms. Pratt to meet two applicants for the Fair Board.

**Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2010:**

**Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve the Minutes of September 21, 2010. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**Review Agendas:**

Mr. Myhr requested that the National Conservation Area Resolution be placed on the October 12 Agenda at 11:45 am.

**Review and Approve Consent Agenda:**

**A. Resolutions:**

**Ordinances:**

**B. Contracts/Agreements:**

**C. Budget Items:**

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants:

- Warrants #84938-85017 in the amount of \$466,337.47 for County Claims
- Warrants #85018-85058 in the amount of \$68,973.77 for Public Works Claims
- Warrants \$85059-85063 in the amount of \$2,658 for Veteran's Assistance
- EFT #9242010 in the amount of \$10,103.11 for Land Bank Claim

**D. Personnel:**

**E. Appointments**

**F. Correspondence:**

**G. Miscellaneous:**

**H. Bid Openings:**

**Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to approve the Consent Agenda of September 28, 2010. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**Review Council Calendar Items:**

Ms. Pratt announced there will be a public open house on Tuesday, October 26, from 3:00-7:00 pm, at the Mullis Center for the Cattle Point Road Realignment Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Mr. Rosenfeld reported that the Ferry Advisory Committee will hold their regular October meeting on October 22, 11:30-1:30 pm. On October 13, there will be an informational meeting on Orcas regarding ferry issues, and some FAC members may attend.

**10:25 AM**

**COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Ferries/FAC/Intermodal:** Mr. Rosenfeld reported that the Ferry Advisory Committee asked for public comment on the winter schedule and received a total of 67 comments. A problem occurs when FAC is unable to actualize the public's suggestions, due to other constraints. Without additional resources, the committee and the ferry system will be unable to provide better services.

Discussion followed on ferry legislative priorities, and with language changes. There is a 2.5% fare increase proposed for 2011.

**Budget Subcommittee:** Mr. Fralick had nothing to report at this time

**General Government Subcommittee:** Mr. Knapp reported that the committee met this morning and their investigation into whether the Solid Waste Program could be a stand alone department resulted in the conclusion and recommendation to leave it under the Public Works Department. Additionally, the committee would like the following steps to be taken: 1) Pete Rose will meet with King Fitch to determine county and town's ability to work together; 2) the committee would like an organizational chart of Solid Waste; 3) the committee would like a

diagram of the chain of command of Solid Waste; 4) the committee would like to see a three transfer station balanced budget proposal for 2011.

Mr. Rosenfeld gave a brief report on the last Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Calvin den Hartog gave a presentation on privatization. Mr. Rosenfeld felt there was much potential to explore in this area, and asked if staff were preparing any data on it. He also commented on the survey results.

**Additional Updates & Discussion Items:**

Ms. Pratt is drafting a letter for Council consideration on the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) for the Cattle Point Road Realignment Project.

Ms. Pratt reported that an Oil Spill Symposium sponsored by the Madrona Institute will be held at Roche Harbor Pavilion on September 30.

Ms. Pratt also announced that WSAC is offering a Webinar for Boards of Equalization, as a new educational outreach. Mr. Rose will inform the Board of Equalization members.

At Mr. Fralick's request, Randy Gaylord and Jon Cain gave updates on San Juan County's Biological Opinion requirements, as outlined in FEMA's letter of 9/17/10, which has a deadline compliance date of 9/22/2011.

**10:45 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:** Pete Rose, County Administrator

1. Solid Waste Long Range Update – Jon Shannon, Public Works Director

The discussion was postponed due to Mr. Shannon's unforeseen absence. Mr. Rose asked if the full Council concurred with the recommendation of the Government Subcommittee to see a Solid Waste three station balanced budget proposal for 2011 while the Council determines the long term future of the Solid Waste system. The full Council concurred and instructed Mr. Rose to prepare such a budget for 2011.

2. Discussion of an Ordinance Amending the San Juan County Code Chapter 16.50, Open Space Program, adding a Public Benefit Rating System for Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land, and updating terminology to be consistent with County Charter and State Law touch) – Julie Thompson, Associate Planner; Karen Vedder,

(1<sup>st</sup>  
Deputy

Prosecuting Attorney

Mr. Knapp excused himself from the discussion.

Ms. Vedder introduced the discussion by reviewing the County's current use tax classification program and the issues regarding the placement of farm and agricultural conservation land within the open space taxation program.

3. Update on 2011 Planning Priorities – Shireene Hale, Planning Coordinator

Ms. Hale reviewed the Prioritized Planning Tasks by ranking. It was agreed that the Cell Phone Task Force would be invited to meet with the Planning Commission on October 15.

Ms. Pratt requested that staff add to the Prioritized Planning Tasks list the Islands Energy Coalition's proposed model zoning and permitting ordinance for residential scale renewable energy installation in San Juan County.

4. Resolution to Accept Conveyance of Deed for Mitchell Hill Property from State of WA and to Authorize Re-Conveyance from San Juan County to the Conservation Fund for purposes of the Conservation Fund re-conveying the deed to the U.S. government to add to the San Juan Island National Historical Park – Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank Director

Mr. Bormann gave an historical overview of the Mitchell Hill Transaction which partnered the Washington Department of Natural Resources to the San Juan County Land Bank to the Conservation Fund to the National Park Service.

After discussion, the following action took place:

**Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve a Resolution to Acquire and Accept the Deed for the Mitchell Hill Property on San Juan Island and to Subsequently Convey the Deed to the Conservation Fund. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**12:00 PM RECESS FOR LUNCH**

**1:02 PM RECONVENE**

Ms. Pratt introduced a letter to the Department of Natural Resources (and others) supporting a recommendation for EPA Funding Sub-Award Structure for Council approval.

**Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve a letter which will be sent to five groups supporting a recommendation for EPA Funding Sub-Award Structure. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

Ms. Pratt opened discussion on the draft resolution addressing accountability and authority for the Action Agenda Oversight Group. Council members weighed in on the discussion.

**1:11 PM DISCUSSION: 2001 Legislative Priorities Update (2<sup>nd</sup> touch – Public Comment Taken)**

Ms. Pratt led discussion of 2011 Legislative Priorities. Some additions and changes were made by Council. Ms. Pratt suggested that a press release would be helpful in notifying the public.

Mr. Rose reported on a request from the Washington Recreation & Park Association (WRPA) asking for support for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition (WWRC) program. The following action took place:

**Moved by Mr. Rosenfeld, seconded by Ms. Pratt, to support the WWRC's letter to the Governor supporting grants in the Capital Construction Budget. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Rose called attention to a letter from Eric Johnson at Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) to Governor Gregoire offering ways to implement changes and efficiencies at the local level.

**1:27 PM**                    **DISCUSSION:** 2011 Destination Marketing Plan by the San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau – Deborah Hopkins, Director San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau

Ms. Hopkins introduced the 2011 San Juan County Destination Marketing & Visitor Services Plan and Budget by the San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau. After discussion, the following action took place:

**Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Pratt, to approve the 2011 San Juan County Destination Marketing & Visitor Services Plan and Budget, as a tentative draft budget. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**1:46 PM**                    **PRESENTATION:** Funding for Disposal of Derelict Vessels (WebEx) – Melissa Ferris, Program Manager, Derelict Vessel Removal Program, Aquatic Resources Division Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Ms. Ferris joined the meeting by WebEx and offered a PowerPoint presentation of the derelict vessel removal program. Program elements include: authority for removal and disposal, derelict vessel removal account; derelict vessel inventory, guidance, and assistance.

**2:08 PM**                    **ADJOURN AND SIGN DOCUMENTATION**

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on October 12, 2010. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.**