

**MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
October 19, 2010**

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 - Council Hearing Room, Legislative Building, Friday Harbor

**10:00 AM CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Richard Fralick called the meeting to order at 10:00 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: Bill Wright, Wilma Munsey, Edie Dickinson, Sharon Kivisto, Peggy Bill, Hector Cyre, Laura Jo Severson

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

Ms. Gabriel reminded the Council that the next available date for public hearing is November 16.

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

**Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Myhr, to approve the reassignment of Tim Clark as a voting representative to a non voting representative on the Agricultural Resources Committee. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2010:**

**Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2010. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**Review Agendas:** Discussion was held about holding Council meetings on other islands. It was suggested that the 2011 Council Calendar should contain pre-planned meetings on other islands (including Shaw Island) as well as joint meetings with the Town of Friday Harbor.

**Review and Approve Consent Agenda:**

**A. Resolutions:**

**Ordinances:**

**B. Contracts/Agreements :**

**C. Budget Items:**

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

- Interfund Transfers for the month of September
- EFT #10132010 in the amount of \$5,031.58 for Parks 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Excise
- Warrants #85761-85802 in the amount of \$193,786.18 for Public Works
- Warrants #85668-85760 in the amount of \$88,652.76 for County Claims

**D. Personnel:**

**E. Appointments**

**F. Correspondence:**

**G. Miscellaneous:**

**H. Bid Openings:**

**Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve the Consent Agenda of October 19, 2010. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**Review Council Calendar Items:** No changes

**10:25 AM**

**COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Ferries/FAC/Intermodal:** Mr. Rosenfeld reported that the winter schedule has been finalized, and it contains the maximum service possible with stringent limitations. The committee continues to grapple with the public requests for better service, and the inability to actualize some of the requests. At Mr. Rosenfeld's suggestion, the Washington State Ferries will hold their next community meeting in the Legislative Hearing Room, utilizing live streaming and accepting questions from the public through email. Mr. Myhr urged Mr. Rosenfeld to hold the FAC meetings on the other ferry-served islands.

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

**General Government Subcommittee:** Mr. Knapp had nothing to report at this time.

**Legislative Priorities:** Ms. Pratt submitted a draft letter for Council approval that provides commend on the Cattle Point Rd. Realignment Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) including support for the DEIS recommended action Alternative B, the Hybrid Mid-Slope Realignment. After discussion, the following action took place:

**Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve the letter to Diane Spencer and Peter Dederich providing support for the recommendation of the Cattle Point Road Realignment Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**Additional Updates & Discussion Items:**

Mr. Myhr reported on the fiscal difficulties for the North Sound Mental Health organization which is facing a \$8 million budget reduction. The jail services program (on Whidbey Island) was temporarily restored through April, 2011.

**Additional Updates & Discussion Items:**

**10:45 AM**                    **DISCUSSION:** Adoption of Annual Road Plan  
John Van Lund, County Engineer

Mr. Van Lund opened the discussion on the Resolution adopting the 2011 Annual Road Program, explaining projects and types. After discussion, the following action took place:

**Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the resolution adopting the 2011 Annual Road Program with the amended template update. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**10:54 AM**                    **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:**

1. Continuation of Solid Waste Long-Range Funding and Service Levels Discussion – Jon Shannon, Public Works Director

Mr. Rose opened discussion in which the Council requested a balanced three-station budget. Mr. Shannon continued the discussion with some line item reductions, debt reduction strategies, adding a parcel tax, broadening the effect of recycling rates, and property liquidation to be taken against the deficit. The Council agreed to review debt reduction against property sale offset.

**11:29 AM**                    2. 2010 Fair Event Report – Dona Wuthnow, Parks Director,  
Rev Shannon, Fair and Events Manager

Ms. Wuthnow and Mr. Shannon discussed the San Juan County 2010 Fair Event Report. Discussion included revenue, expenses, participation statistics, unexpected costs, Lodging Tax funding, and the premium book.

**11:56 AM**                    3. Discussion of Taylor Property Conservation Easement (2<sup>nd</sup> Touch)  
Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank Director

4. Discussion of a Trail Easement on the Smith/Weil Property, San Juan Island – Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank Director

5. Discussion of Amendment to the Pratt Conservation Easement – Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank Director

**12:12 PM**                    **RECESS FOR LUNCH**

**1:03 PM**                    **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS (continued):**

6. Discussion of a Resolution Adopting the San Juan County 2011 Equipment Rental Rates and Authorizing the Equipment Rental & Revolving (ER&R) Fund/Fleet Manager to Purchase Approved Budget Items and/or Acquire Approved Budget Items through Bidding at Public Auctions – Pete Rose, County Administrator

Mr. Shannon, along with Mike Copas ER&R Manager, addressed questions from the Council. Mr. Myhr questioned the monthly ER&R rental fee of \$4,800 per month and the 15-year amortization for backhoes charged to solid waste. Mr. Shannon suggested that the amortization time could be changed next year.

After discussion, the following action took place:

**Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve the Resolution setting the 2011 Equipment Rental Rates, and authorize the ER&R Fund/Fleet Manager to purchase approved budget items and/or acquire approved budget items through bidding at public auctions. VOTE: 5-1 (Myhr opposed) MOTION CARRIED**

**1:25 PM**                      **DISCUSSION:** An Ordinance Amending the San Juan County Code 16.50, Current Use Program, Adding a Public Benefit Rating System for Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land, and Updating terminology to be consistent with the County Charter and State Law (2<sup>nd</sup> Touch) – Julie Thompson, Associate Planner; Karen Vedder, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Mr. Knapp recused himself from the discussion.

Ms. Pratt asked Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Karen Vedder's legal opinion as to whether Ms. Pratt should recuse herself from this discussion because her family owns property which was part of the current use farm/agricultural program. Ms. Vedder explained that this was a legislative matter, conflicts of interest did not apply, and that Ms. Pratt was free to participate. After discussion, the following action took place:

**Moved by Mr. Rosenfeld, seconded by Mr. Myhr, to move the draft ordinance amending the Open Space Plan and Public Benefit Rating System regarding Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land, and include a priority habitat section, to Public Hearing on November 30, 10:45, ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**2:10 PM**                      **2011 Preliminary Budget Department Presentations(continued)**

**Law & Justice: Superior Court, Clerk, Juvenile Court:**  
Don Eaton-Superior Court Judge, Joan White-Clerk, Tom Kearney-Juvenile Court Administrator

**2:30 PM**                      **Law & Justice – District Court:** Judge Stewart Andrew, Marion Melville, District Court Administrator

**3:00 PM**                    **Law & Justice: Prosecutor, Coroner, Law Library – Randall  
Gaylord, Prosecutor**

**3:30 PM**                    **ADJOURN AND SIGN DOCUMENTATION**

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on October 26, 2010. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.**