

**MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
June 5, 2009**

**Friday, June 5, 2009 - Council Hearing Room, Legislative Building, Friday Harbor**

**10:00 AM      CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER**

Council Chair Peterson called the Staff Meeting/Work Session to order at 10:00 a.m. Council members Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Gene Knapp, Bob Myhr, Lovel Pratt, and Richard Fralick; County Administrator, Pete Rose; Clerk to the Council, Ann Larson; Deputy Clerks Lisa Brown and Maureen See; and interested members of the public were present.

**10:05 AM      JOINT MEETING WITH LEGISLATORS:** Representative Dave Quall and his legislative assistant, Rita Sullivan; Adam Lemieux, legislative liaison to Congressman Rick Larsen; and interested members of the public were present. Representative Jeff Morris arrived at 11:00 a.m.

Council Chair Peterson introduced the Legislators and thanked them for being present. Discussion took place regarding matters of mutual interest and the recent legislative session. Ferries, including a sustainable funding source especially for ferry construction and the Coast Guard exemption for touring watches; Odlin South, the rescue tug in Neah Bay; salmon recovery funding; and education finding; as well as federal stimulus funding and unfunded State mandates were discussed. Representative Quall had positive feedback regarding the manner in which efforts were conducted by the SJC Council in pursuit of legislative priorities for San Juan County. He said that he believes personal contact by Council members is more effective than sending a lobbyist, suggested the Council continue the teleconferences leading into and during the legislative session, and also appreciated the invitation to come and interact face-to-face with the Council. The Council thanked the Legislators for attending and Council Chair Peterson recessed the meeting for an informal lunch gathering at the Friday Harbor Elementary School

**12:00 PM      RECESS FOR LUNCH & FIELD TRIP:** Experience Food Project (EFP), Friday Harbor Elementary School. Present: Tom French, EFP Director; Andy Radzialowski, EFP Chef; Meaghan McCormick, Friday Harbor High School Cooking student; Michael Soltman, SJI School District Superintendent; Boyd Pratt, SJI School District Board Chair; Charlie Anderson & Pamela Gross, San Juan Island Community Foundation; Representative Dave Quall and his legislative assistant, Rita Sullivan; Representative Jeff Morris; and Adam Lemieux, legislative liaison to Congressman Rick Larsen; San Juan County Council and Staff; and interested members of the public were present.

The legislators, Council, staff, board members of the Community Foundation, and school district representatives met in the Library for a first grade lesson review, a curriculum component of the EPF program. Later they enjoyed pizza made in an outdoor mobile fire oven at the elementary school, prepared by EFP staff, FHHS students, and volunteers. Mr. French explained the program, goals, and collaborative efforts under way to include local agriculture and assistance from the SJI Community Foundation. He reviewed the educational and health benefits of the program to the students and the economic benefits to the school district and San Juan County. Mr. French answered questions from the legislators regarding the program and funding. It is Mr. French's goal to have this program expand state-wide by 2012. Mr. Anderson, SJI Community Foundation, reported on collaboration with, and opportunities for, other community and business segments, leveraging the program into a successful business model that can be duplicated elsewhere. Representative Morris inquired about having TVW come to make a recording to be aired for public awareness. Superintendent Soltman and School Board Chair Pratt also asked questions of the legislators regarding the legislative session and future possibilities regarding funding for schools.

**1:30 PM      CLOSED SESSION: Collective Bargaining**

At 1:30 Council Chair Peterson announced that the Council would be holding a **closed session** to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b); estimated to last approximately 30 minutes. Present: Pamela Morais, Human Resources Manager. The session concluded at 2:00 for a total closed session time of 30 minutes.

**2:00 PM DISCUSSION:** Woodman Bulkhead Appeal. Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney; Jon Cain, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; and interested members of the public were present.

Mr. Gaylord explained the appeal process on a Shoreline Hearings Board appeal. Mr. Cain briefed the Council on the details of the Woodman Bulkhead case, which had been approved on appeal to the Shoreline Hearings Board (SHB). Mr. Cain's recommendation to the Council was not to appeal the SHB decision. Ms. Pratt expressed concern regarding shoreline armoring and Council policy. Council discussion took place with Mr. Cain and Mr. Gaylord answering questions from the Council. A motion was made by Myhr, seconded by Pratt, to appeal the Shoreline Hearings Board decision, but failed with Knapp, Fralick, Rosenfeld, and Peterson opposed.

**2:20 PM WORKSHOP – Budget:** Milene Henley, Auditor; and interested members of the public were present.

Mr. Rose introduced his staff report with recommendations for the million dollar budget deficit, with sustainability measures for the 2010 budget. He explained that the draft ordinance was being written. Ms. Henley provided a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Rose and Ms. Henley answered questions from the Council.

**3:30 PM CLOSED SESSION: Collective Bargaining**

At 3:25 Council Chair Peterson announced that the Council would be holding a **closed session** to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b); estimated to last approximately 35 minutes. Present: Pamela Morais, Human Resources Manager. The session concluded at 4:00, for a total closed session time of 35 minutes.

**4:00 PM ADJOURN:** Council Chair Peterson adjourned the special meeting following the Closed Session.

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on Tuesday, June 16, 2009. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Lisa J. Brown, Deputy Clerk.**