

**MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
October 20, 2009**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2009 - Council Hearing Room, Legislative Building, Friday Harbor**

**10:02 AM      CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Council members Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, (Mr. Knapp joined meeting at 10:15 AM), Bob Myhr, Lovel Pratt, and Richard Fralick; County Administrator, Pete Rose; Clerk to the Council, Ingrid Gabriel; Deputy Clerk, Maureen See; and interested members of the public were present.

**Citizens Access:** Bill Wright expressed concern that the County Department of Ecology (DOE) grant for the Shoreline Update would be insufficient and sought information from the Council on the Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) process for comparison purposes.

**10:06 AM      Clerk Update & Administrative Matters**

**Clerk Update:** Ingrid Gabriel, Clerk, reported to Council that Alan Lichter, Chair of the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB) had requested that the Council office phone number be used as a contact number for veterans seeking information about the Board's services and activities. Ms. Gabriel asked the Council for direction.

**Review and Approve Minutes:** Mr. Myhr moved to approve Minutes of October 12, 2009. Mr. Fralick seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review and Approve Consent Agenda:** Ms. Pratt moved to approve October 20, 2009 Consent Agenda without the NOAA Proposed Vessel Rule correspondence. Mr. Myhr seconded.

A. Resolutions/ Ordinances: (no items)

B. Contracts/Agreements :

C. Budget Items :

Approve 2009 Warrants signed by Auditor and County Administrator:

- Warrants #69759 in the amount of \$1,759.65 for County Claims
- Warrants #70063-70121 in the amount of \$543,200.24 for Public Works
- Warrants #70136-70142 in the amount of \$2,603.42 for Medical reimbursement
- EFT #10142009 in the amount of \$5,893.07 for Public Works
- EFT #10202009 in the amount of \$4,764.64 for Parks Claim
- Warrants #69941-70062 in the amount of \$89,022.25 for County Claims

D. Personnel:

E. Appointments:

F. Correspondence: (no items)

G. Miscellaneous: (no items)

H. Bid Openings: (no items)

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Review Council Calendar Items:** Mr. Peterson announced that the scheduled October 21, 2009 Board of Health (BOH) meeting was canceled. Council discussed attending Workshops and Field Trips Scheduled on Updates to

Wetland, Stream and Marine Shoreline Regulations. Mr. Peterson directed Clerk to advertise the Workshops and Field Trips as Special Meetings.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Coastal Counties Caucus Partnership (CCC):** Mr. Myhr updated Council CCC meeting held Friday, October 16th. Next meeting of the CCC to be held in November at WSAC Conference.

**Ferries/FAC/Intermodal:** Mr. Rosenfeld reported concerns that there is almost no compliance by WSF staff with touring watch logs. It is likely that touring watches will be discontinued after the winter schedule transition. If discontinued, mail delivery and morning service will become an issue.

**10:20 AM PRESENTATION:** Salmon Recovery/Lead Entity Program Quarterly Report - Barbara Rosenkotter, Lead Entity Coordinator for Salmon Recovery

Ms. Rosenkotter reported that the salmon recovery program is focused on protection, restoration and recovery. She noted that assessments/information will feed into the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and Marine Stewardship Plan.

Mr. Rose asked about match funding. Ms. Rosenkotter answered that funding derived from local in-kind, private foundations, volunteer efforts and federal funding. Total funding from 2001 to the present was \$7.7 million with no direct County financial contribution other than a couple of matching funds from Public Works.

**10:56 AM PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance Adopting Personnel Rules for County Employees During a Pandemic or Threatened Pandemic - Karen Vedder, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (Present: Full Council; Pete Rose, County Administrator; Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk; Maureen See, Deputy Clerk; no members of the public were present.)

Karen Vedder presented proposed Ordinance reflecting two changes requested by Council: that the definition of "threatened pandemic" be isolated to include only Canada, the United States and Mexico; revising language for gender neutrality.

Mr. Myhr moved to approve Ordinance. Mr. Knapp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**10:58 AM County Administrator:**

- 1. San Juan County Historic Barn Inventory Report** - Sandy Strehlou, Project Director; Boyd Pratt, Architectural Historian

Sandy Strehlou presented update on program's success. Boyd Pratt presented exhibit and photos that showed barns' locations and primary findings of barn survey.

Ms. Strehlou said they will submit a final report that will be available on-line through the library.

- 2. H1N1 Virus Situation Update** – John Manning, Health and Community Services Director; Brendan Cowan, Director of the Activated Incident Command Structure

Mr. Manning reported that the H1N1 virus (swine-flu) is wide-spread and prevalent throughout Washington and incidents are growing statewide. However, no hospitalizations have been reported in San Juan County. The primary monitoring is taking place through tracking absenteeism in schools. Health and Community Services received 200 doses of live attenuated vaccines and are expecting more Wednesday with 300 additional doses currently in the pipeline.

Mr. Cowan responded to questions regarding EMS and fire agencies Phase I response to public access to the fire station. Mr. Manning discussed slowing the spread of the virus, vaccination plans and vaccine availability. Mr. Manning estimated that the cost of addressing the pandemic would be \$118K (\$75k in grant funds are

anticipated) and expects to request an emergency appropriation from Council in November of about \$43K. Mr. Manning indicated that flu is not arriving as quickly as anticipated.

Mr. Manning said communication with schools regarding absenteeism is efficient. Reporter Sharon Kivisto asked about press releases. Mr. Cowan directed her to the County website and 211 by telephone for updated information.

**11:45: COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES (continued):**

**Ferries:** Ms. Pratt returned discussion to ferry schedule noting that the school athletics program will be impacted if participants cannot return at normal hours. Mr. Rosenfeld said the issue of late ferry is now an action item for Washington State Ferries (WSF).

**Puget Sound Partnership:** Mr. Fralick reported that the first meeting of the Puget Sound Partnership Steering Committee is scheduled for Wednesday October, 28<sup>th</sup> on San Juan Island.

**Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB):** Mr. Peterson addressed VAB request and Council agreed that the administrative tasks of the VAB needed to be directed away from the Council office for reasons of both confidentiality and lack of staff time. Jack Cory addressed Council and suggested assigning a central County number with voice mail. Mr. Rose agreed to pursue it.

**NOAA Proposed Vessel Rules:** Mr. Rosenfeld suggested continued focus on NOAA Proposed Vessel Rules despite extended deadline for comments until January 15, 2010, and recommended stepping up local enforcement by making it a priority. Mr. Rosenfeld agreed to draft a letter.

**Whidbey Naval Air Station:** Mr. Fralick moved to approve a thank you letter to Captain Gerral David of the Whidbey Naval Air Station for his State of the Station Briefing. Mr. Myhr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**11:51 PM ADJOURN AND SIGN DOCUMENTATION**

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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Rich Peterson, Chair  
District 2, San Juan North

ATTEST: Clerk of the Council

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingrid Gabriel, Clerk

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Richard Fralick, Vice-Chair  
District 4, Orcas West/Waldron

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Lovel Pratt, Member  
District 1, San Juan South

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Howie Rosenfeld, Member  
District 3, Friday Harbor

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Gene Knapp, Member  
District 5, Orcas East

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Bob Myhr, Member  
District 6, Lopez/Shaw