

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, July 1, 2009**

Wednesday, July 1, 2009 - Council Hearing Room, Legislative Building, Friday Harbor

9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Peterson called the Staff Meeting/Work Session to order at 9:02 a.m. Council members Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Gene Knapp, Bob Myhr, Lovel Pratt, and Richard Fralick; County Administrator, Pete Rose; Deputy Clerk Lisa Brown; and interested members of the public were present.

9:05 AM PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 59-2008, Ordinance 10-2009, Ordinance 8-2009, and revise the San Juan County 2009 Budget Appropriations to account for projected reductions in revenues and make minor changes in other funds – Milene Henley, Auditor. Present: Full Council; County Administrator, Pete Rose; Deputy Clerk, Lisa Brown; Auditor, Milene Henley; available Department Managers; and interested members of the public.

Mr. Rose explained the noticing process for the hearing, provided a summary of the rationale behind the amendments in the proposed Ordinance, reducing the 2009 Budget by \$933,121, and laid out options for the Council in this amendment and Phase 2. Ms. Henley reviewed reduced revenue and year-end projections and she and Mr. Rose answered questions from the Council. Mr. Peterson asked John Manning, Health and Community Services Director, to report regarding public health and a pandemic, and what he saw as the best reduced staffing scenario for the Health Department. Council Chair Peterson opened public testimony, which was submitted by Pierrette Guimond and closed. Mr. Peterson called on Charles Zalmanek, Assessor, to address issues regarding the Department of Revenue requirements and staffing in his office. Mr. Zalmanek explained the situation and requested deferral of reductions in his department to the second phase. He answered questions from the Council. During deliberations Sheriff Cumming arrived and answered questions related to funding a reserve Deputy, scheduled to return in September. Ms. Henley answered several additional questions and provided input related to these issues as well. During deliberations a discussion took place regarding the committee composition, ordered by the Department of Revenue to determine staffing in the Assessor's office. The following action then took place:

Moved by Pratt, seconded by Rosenfeld, to defer recommended reductions to the Assessor's office until Phase Two. Ms. Henley interjected information regarding several line items that she believed should remain in Phase One. Mr. Zalmanek also shared comments. **Ms. Pratt amended her motion to exclude the IS allotment, to defer \$21,977 until Phase Two. Mr. Rosenfeld accepted the amendment.** Further discussion took place. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Myhr inquired about the Council Staff reduction and discussion took place with Ms. Henley providing answers and figures. Mr. Myhr moved to change the Council budget reduction from \$35,188 to \$9,876. Mr. Rosenfeld seconded the motion. Council discussion took place and the motion failed with Fralick, Pratt, Knapp, and Peterson opposed.

Discussion took place regarding the Sheriff budget and funding for the reserve Deputy and the following motion was made:

Moved by Pratt, seconded by Rosenfeld, to change the reduction amount in the Sheriff Department budget from \$82,756 to \$54,293. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Fralick, seconded by Knapp, to adopt an Ordinance amending the San Juan County 2009 Annual Budget (Ordinance 59-2008, Ordinance 8-2009, Ordinance 9-2009) making revisions to the General Fund that reduces expenditure authority to address actual and predicted revenue shortfalls, as amended. Council discussion took place. **Motion carried unanimously.**

11:15 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Evaluation of qualifications of applicant(s)

At 11:15 Council Chair Peterson announced that the Council would be holding an **executive session** to evaluate qualifications of applicant(s) for public employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4), estimated to last approximately 45 minutes. Present: Pamela Morais, Human Resources Manager. The session ended at 12:00 p.m., for a total executive session time of 45 minutes.

12:00 PM **ADJOURN AND SIGN DOCUMENTATION:** Council Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Lisa J. Brown, Deputy Clerk.