

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
Monday, October 1, 2, 2007**

**Monday, October 1, 2007 - Council Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Bob Myhr called the special meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Council members Kevin Ranker, Rich Peterson, Howard Rosenfeld, Gene Knapp, and Alan Lichter; County Administrator, Pete Rose; Auditor, Milene Henley; Clerk to the Council, Laura Tuttle; Deputy Clerk, Valarie Graham; and interested members of the public were present.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS**

**10:00 a.m.** – The Council met for a Staff Meeting and Work Session.

**RECESS** - At 11:45 a.m., Council Chair Myhr recessed the meeting until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 2, 2007.

**Tuesday, October 2, 2007 - Council Hearing Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Bob Myhr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Council members Kevin Ranker, Rich Peterson, Howard Rosenfeld, Gene Knapp, and Alan Lichter; County Administrator, Pete Rose; Auditor, Milene Henley; Clerk to the Council, Laura Tuttle; Deputy Clerk, Valarie Graham; and interested members of the public were present. The flag salute was conducted.

**CITIZEN ACCESS TIME**

Edie De Chadenedes addressed the Council expressing her appreciation for the storm water utility meeting held at the Mullis Center, Friday Harbor, Monday, October 1, 2007.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/SCHEDULE CHANGES**

The posted Council Agenda was revised due to Public Meeting time constraints.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Rosenfeld, seconded by Lichter, to approve the Minutes of **September 24, 25, 2007**. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Lichter, seconded by Ranker, to approve the **Final Consent Agenda of October 2, 2007** as follows:

**A. Resolutions/Ordinances:**

1. **Resolution 41 – 2007 - Resolution Granting Pizzica and Burns Timber Open Space Application No. 06TOS006 On Lopez Island**

**B. Contracts/Agreements:**

1. Approve the amended contract between the San Juan County Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program and the Department of Early Learning (SJC Agreement No. 07HC36A), for a term effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, to provide additional State funds in the amount of \$162,596.00. Total funding is limited to \$494,000. No local match is required.
2. Approve the Contract by and between the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and San Juan County (SJC No. 07HC55) with the Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) for funding for both treatment and prevention of substance abuse. It funds Assessments, Outpatient

and Inpatient Treatment, Community Outreach and Case management. Total value is \$514,082 (state and federal funds, with approximately 10% in matching funds required – no new budget authorization for 2007 required). Term of contract is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

3. Approve the contract amendment by and between the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and San Juan County to provide an Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP) for children from birth to 3 years in San Juan County. The value of this contract is \$16,500 (includes state and federal funds, with no local matching funds required - no new budget authorization for 2007 required.) The period of the contract is from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009.

**C. Budget Items:** (No items.)

**D. Personnel:** (No items.)

**E. Appointments:** (No items.)

**F. Correspondence:** (No items.)

**G. Miscellaneous:**

1. Approve the Council Input to LTAC for Its Recommendations Back to the Council  
(Regarding policy decisions in revision of the Lodging Tax Ordinance)

**H. Bid Openings:** (No items.)

Motion carried.

#### COUNCIL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

**1. Senate and Legislative Presentation Update** – Kevin Ranker updated the Council on his trip to Olympia, Thursday, September 25, 2007, and was joined by King County Executive, Ron Sims; Executive Director, People for Puget Sound, Kathy Fletcher; Coast Guard Representatives and members from the shellfish industry. A presentation was given to a group of Senators and House Representatives regarding the status of Washington State Oil Spills Prevention Programs and the current strategy for moving forward. The Oil Spill Advisory Council is moving forward on two fronts. First, Senator Cantwell introduced legislation as part of the Coast Guard Re-Authorization Act which originally included funding of 1.7 Million and 1 Million for the WA State Oil Spill Advisory Council, year-round funding for the Neah Bay rescue tug and also 1 Million for a contingency tug which is most important for areas like the San Juan Islands. Unfortunately, the funding for the Oil Spill Council and the contingency tug has been stripped from the Coast Guard Re-Authorization Act, leaving federal funding only for the year-round Neah Bay rescue tug, which funds will expire May, 2008 and are not appropriated until June, 2008. We are working closely with the Governors office and the legislature to find State funds for the Oil Spill Council work and the contingency tug. The Oil Spill Advisory Council did a pretty thorough analysis on how to fund these things without impacting the general population of Washington State. One was an increase of barrel tax, which hasn't had an increase since 1991. Ranker feels very confident in securing the Neah Bay rescue tug monies.

**2. Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council makes appointments to the Ecosystem Coordinating Board** – Ranker reported six County appointments to the Ecosystem Coordination Board which will be the governing body for the Puget Sound Partnership. The members include: County Executive Ron Sims, King County; County Commissioner Steve Bauer, Kitsap County; County Councilmember Kevin Ranker, San Juan County; Gary Rowe, Skagit County Administrator; Dan Wrye, Pierce County; County Commissioner Steve Tharinger, Clallam County.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

**10:15 a.m.** - A public meeting was held for the County Council to consider its position on Referendum 2007-1 of Ordinance 20-2006 (storm water utility services.) Present: Full Council; County Administrator, Pete Rose; Clerk to the Council, Laura Tuttle; Deputy Clerk, Valarie Graham, and interested members of the public. Chair Myhr opened the meeting for public comment. Ray Bigler of San Juan Island told the Council it should not take a position in the referendum. Tina Whitman, Friends of the San Juans, urged the County to get moving on dealing with Storm water management and coordinating the programs in its different departments. Peter Kilpatrick said that he supported the county's efforts to deal with storm water runoff and felt the fee structure was set up through a good citizen-based process that was "well done and comprehensive." Gordy Petersen criticized the ordinance for not incorporating all the citizen committee's recommendations. He further stated that the storm water utility fees collected could not be accurately tracked. Milene Henley, Auditor, responded that the storm water utility fees can be tracked; that Jon Shannon, Director, Public Works, keeps very specific records. Following public comments, Council debated the issue. Council voted 5-1, with Peterson opposed, to reaffirm support for the

Storm Water Utility funding ordinance being challenged in the November election. The Council asked County Administrator, Pete Rose, to draft an appropriate resolution of support which they will formally adopt at its next meeting. (See sign-up sheet #1 for public speakers in proceedings file)

**RECESS** – at 11:45 a.m., Council Chair Myhr recessed the meeting until 1:00 p.m. October 2, 2007.

#### DISCUSSION

**1:00 p.m. Ferry Advisory Committee Briefing to Council** – Present: Alex MacLeod, John Whetten, Ferry Advisory Committee. Alex McLeod briefed the Council on the need for the Council to become more directly involved in ferry issues, that more government presence, public presence, and user presence are needed for full and effective representation. Mr. Myhr expressed his concern about what the Washington State Ferry System is doing strategically and economically and suggested putting some time on upcoming agendas to discuss this very important issue.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COUNCIL BRIEFING

County Administrator Council Briefing. Also present: Milene Henley, County Auditor; John Manning, Director Health and Community Services; John Van Lund, County Engineer Public Works and interested members of the public.

- 1. Budget Briefing on Restricted Funds and General Government Debts** – Milene Henley, Auditor, gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation to the Council regarding what constituted restricted funds and general government funds. She mentioned that restricted funds are mostly handled by the Auditor's office. The 1051 Veteran's Relief funds are awarded by the Legion, paid by the Auditor. The 1111 Dog License funds are used to reimburse livestock losses and the balance funds humane societies. Ms. Henley also spoke about the Lodging Tax, Crime Victims, Affordable Housing and Criminal Justice. For further information presented by Ms. Henley, please see the Budget Presentation located in the proceedings file.
- 2. Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program – Grant Award** – John Manning addressed the Council to share good news. There was a \$149,000 increase in grants to allow better pay to qualified individuals who provide daycare. The legislature also passed a 9% increase for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program including teachers, hot meals, referral screening and parent participation. Mr. Manning stressed this is a great program for San Juan Island.
- 3. Discuss Adoption of Resolution to Authorize the County Administrator to Sign and Amendment to Moreland Drainage Easement for Beneficial Use** – John Van Lund addressed the Council with a diagram showing the flow of water to be detained in a collection pond. When the water is directed by a swale into the pond you get a filtering effect and a settling effect instead of water shooting into the harbor. Question is, does the Council want to give permission to County Administrator, Pete Rose, to sign an Amendment. After discussion the following action took place:

**Moved by Ranker, seconded by Knapp, to have Pete Rose sign Resolution No. 42-2007, Amendment to Moreland Drainage Easement for Beneficial Use – Orcas Island.**

**3:15 p.m. Veteran's Advisory Committee (VAC) Report** – Alan Lichter briefed the Council on establishing a veterans' advisory board. The board shall make decisions for indigent veterans and families of indigent veterans. The board shall consist of 8 people. Ranker pointed out the full County Council has to appoint the board and wants it advertised to the public. Myhr asked to discuss the resolution for Veterans' Advisory Board at the next Council meeting.

**3:30 p.m. Agricultural Resource Committee Letter to Senator Cantwell** - Pete Rose asked the Council to authorize ARC to send a letter to Senator Cantwell to press the Farm Bill Finance Committee to ensure increased Farm Bill funding. The following action took place:

**Moved by Ranker, seconded by Rosenfeld, to authorize the Agricultural Resource Committee Letter to Senator Cantwell.**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Moved by Lichter, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Motion carried. Council Chair Myhr adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m. A Special Meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2007, and the next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Bob Myhr, Chair  
District 6, Lopez/Shaw

ATTEST: Clerk of the Council

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Howard Rosenfeld, Vice Chair  
District 3, Friday Harbor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Valarie Graham, Deputy Clerk

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Kevin M. M. Ranker, Member  
District 1, San Juan South

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Rich Peterson, Member  
District 2, San Juan North

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Alan Lichter, Member  
District 4, Orcas West/Waldron

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Gene Knapp, Member  
District 5, Orcas East