

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
March 10, 11, 12, 2008**

Monday, March 10, 2008 - Council Hearing Room, Legislative Building, FH

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR STAFF MEETING AND WORK SESSION

Council Chair Howard Rosenfeld called the staff meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Council members Rich Peterson, Gene Knapp, Bob Myhr and Alan Lichter; County Administrator, Pete Rose; Auditor, Milene Henley; Land Bank Director, Lincoln Bormann; Director CD&P, Ron Henrickson; Clerk to the Council, Laura Tuttle; Deputy Clerk, Valarie Graham; and interested members of the public were present.

Council schedules and agendas were reviewed, and Clerk Laura Tuttle reported that suggested donations for the Council coffee fund were being accepted at Maureen See's desk.

Moved by Myhr, seconded by Knapp, to excuse the absence of Kevin Ranker. (Reason: Council Business in Washington, D.C.)

The Council reviewed the Minutes and made some minor changes. Council member Lichter reported that he had finished the report on the Pagini Smart Growth and requested agenda time. Lichter noted the Council would have the report by the end of the week. CA, Pete Rose, reported that the Land Bank has an amended budget and suggested a public hearing on April 1, 2008. Chair Rosenfeld reported that the Town of Friday Harbor Council will also be meeting with David Moseley on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 and that 3 members will attend. Chair Rosenfeld also commented that he was impressed with how the FAC was functioning and why they will be nominating a Vice Chair after the number of members are finalized.

Bob Myhr reported on his trip to Olympia where he accompanied Deborah Hopkins, Executive Director, San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau to a state-wide gathering of visitors' bureaus. A dinner was held at the Governor's Mansion on Thursday evening and Myhr had an opportunity to discuss ferries with the Governor. Myhr reported that the Governor understands the need for a long range funding plan. Myhr also met with Larry Williams from CTED who was very helpful with the UGA issues here. On Friday morning, Myhr met with Andrew Austin from Representative Jeff Morris's office who was very helpful to the Lopez group dealing with Lopez Hill. Myhr also had the opportunity to speak with Eric Johnson, WSAC, and asked Mr. Johnson what his views were for San Juan County's lobbying efforts in the future and discussed Bill Vogel's replacement.

The Council discussed the logistics of the David Moseley visit and seating arrangements for the hearing room. Myhr will ride the ferry from Lopez Island to Friday Harbor with Moseley. Pete Rose, CA, will meet Moseley at the ferry terminal in Friday Harbor. Stan Matthews, Communications Program Manager, is working on a PowerPoint presentation to start the meeting. Chair Rosenfeld also reported that the State Board of Health is holding a meeting on May 14, 2008 at Rosario Resort and has asked the SJC BOH to join them.

Ron Henrickson, CD&P Director, reported the Friday Harbor UGA CDBG Infrastructure grant is under review but the Buck Property was not approved for the CDBG Affordable Housing Grant. Mr. Henrickson reported that the application didn't meet certain priorities. Myhr commented on the Lopez UGA that meetings were held to discuss boundaries and are waiting on sewer and water district comments due the end of March. Ron Henrickson was asked to reach out to the sewer district. Mr. Henrickson reported that outreach had happened and the sewer district came back saying no, they were not interested in having the County involved.

Chair Rosenfeld reported that applications had been received for vacancies on the Critical Area Ordinance Committee and asked Ron Henrickson for recommendations. Mr. Henrickson stated he had no recommendation and thought because the Council made the original appointments, they would want to make the new appointments.

Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank Director, reported the Land Bank has an amended budget for the Council to review. Mr. Bormann stated that the acquisition of the Coffelt property has caused the need for increased staff time for administration duties, including managing volunteers. Mr. Bormann also stated the Land Bank would like to hire a part-time person on Lopez for conservation purposes due to so much time going from island to island. Mr. Bormann also reported that on April 19, 2008, the Land Bank is participating in an Environment Summit at Lopez Center which will involve field trips and service trips to coincide with the Annual Earth Day. Mr. Bormann also

noted that David Dicks from the Puget Sound Partnership would be the keynote speaker and invited the Council to attend.

Milene Henley, Auditor, addressed the Council to ask for an increase to the Advance Travel Fund and noted it would be on the agenda for the following day.

The Fireworks Ban has to be in place before July 4, 2008 to take effect by July 4, 2009. Letters from Fire Chiefs and Sheriff Deputies are urging the Council to pass the ordinance before July 4, 2008.

Chair Rosenfeld discussed ICE, Immigrations & Customs Enforcement, who have detained citizens of SJC and suggested writing a letter to Senators and Representatives in Washington, D.C. Rosenfeld also felt that racial profiling was occurring and the concern that no one knows where the citizens were being detained. Alan Lichter commented that an undocumented male married to a citizen was detained and sent to detention. Gene Knapp stated the Council needs more information and hard facts. Myhr suggested having a top-ranking official from ICE come before the Council and explain what they are doing. Pete Rose, CA, questioned whether there is an impact on the community. Rosenfeld stated there is potential harm to the economy; delays in Anacortes could be an economic deterrent. Lichter suggested bringing in the Sheriff to discuss the issue.

Rich Peterson stated that the Stormwater Sub-committee is scheduling another meeting this week and more work is needed on the Ordinance before it is taken on the road show. Myhr reported that clarification is needed as to the number of members on the FAC. The RCW states only 5 members. Rosenfeld suggested clarification from the PA as to the number of members and wording in the Ordinance.

RECESS - At 11:35 a.m., Council Chair Rosenfeld recessed the meeting until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 - Council Hearing Room – Legislative Building, FH
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CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

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

The flag salute was conducted.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Moved by Myhr, seconded by Lichter, to excuse the absence of Kevin Ranker. (Reason: County Business in Washington, D.C.) Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN ACCESS TIME

Rick Karon addressed the Council to discuss recycling metal at the San Juan Solid Waste Disposal Site and asked what the Council's next step was going to be. Rich Peterson stated he had received a report from Ron Henrickson, Director CD&P, which explained why metal was being refused at the site. The report specified that the landfill was not large enough to accept metal. Mr. Karon suggested building a "z" wall for \$10K that a truck can back up to and mentioned that Skagit River Recycling was happy to take San Juan County's metal. Mr. Karon stated it was setting a bad example for everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/SCHEDULE CHANGES

The posted Council Agenda was revised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Myhr, to approve the Minutes of **March 3, 4, 2008**. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Lichter, seconded by Peterson, to approve the **Final Consent Agenda of March 11, 2008** as follows:

The County Council moved to:

A. Resolutions/Ordinances:

1. **Resolution 20- 2008** - Adopt a Resolution Increasing the Advance Travel Fund and Rescinding Resolution No. 64-1993.

B. Contracts/Agreements: (No items.)

C. Budget Items: (No items.)

D. Personnel: (No items.)

E. Appointments: (No items.)

F. Correspondence:

1. Approve and sign thank you card to Mr. Les Tonkin and Ms. Ann Williamson.
2. Approve and sign letter to Mr. Robert L. Lund in support of the Opportunity Council's application for a Housing Preservation Grant of \$100,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture & Rural Development.
3. Approve and sign letter to Messrs. Davis and Sherman of the San Juan Island National Historic Park, in thanks for considering the comments of the San Juan County Council re: the San Juan Island National Historic Park General Management Plan (GMP).

G. Miscellaneous: (No items.)

H. Bid Openings: (No items.)

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

ORD. NO. 8-2008- (Refer to PUBLIC HEARING at 11:00 a.m. for details of action taken.)

RES. NO. 20-2008 – A Resolution Increasing the Advance Travel Fund and Rescinding Resolution No. 64-1993.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

1. Ferry Advisory Committee Ordinance – Council Member Knapp asked for the introduction of the FAC ordinance and to schedule a public hearing. The Council agreed to a membership of 5 with 2 alternates. Knapp also requested that the Fireworks Ordinance come from the Prosecuting Attorney. Pete Rose suggested scheduling the Fireworks Ordinance as a discussion item far enough ahead of time and advertise in the paper and on the website and ask the PA to start the ordinance. Mr. Rose also suggested keeping the public fireworks show. Chair Rosenfeld suggested scheduling a public meeting.

2. Veterans' Advisory Board Assistance Application – Council Member Lichter advised the Council that the VAB had completed its Assistance Application and that it will be available at many locations. Lichter also noted that he had a meeting with Peter Delorenzi from the American Legion Post in Friday Harbor, and let Mr. Delorenzi know how appreciative the County is of the service the American Legion has given to veterans in need. Lichter also noted that the County and the American Legion will continue their partnership and the County will accept

applications through the Legion. Lichter also mentioned that the Senior Centers might be able to do some Veteran Assistance intakes for the County.

3. Turtleback Mountain – Council Member Knapp reported the Land Bank held a public meeting on Orcas Island the night before and 125 people showed up to discuss public uses of Turtleback Mountain. Knapp said the discussion was hot and heavy. The Land Bank decided the trails are only open to foot traffic at the present time.

4. Ferries – Chair Rosenfeld reported that the Wave2Go ferry passes now allow up to two cars per trip and there is talk about reduced fares for interisland traffic. Rosenfeld also stated there is rumor about a new pilot program involving flex-cars, where a person could walk on a ferry, pay for a vehicle and have a vehicle waiting on the opposite side. Rosenfeld stated it was an experimental program and not certain at this time.

DISCUSSION

10:30 a.m. – Discussion of Immigration Issues – Chair Rosenfeld reported that ferry passengers are being examined by Homeland Security and some members of the San Juans have been taken. Rosenfeld asked Sheriff, Bill Cumming, who and where are they taking these people. Bill Cumming responded that he had made calls to customs and they explained it is akin to the southern borders and customs has the same authority in Anacortes. People can come across the border to the islands and then take a ferry to Anacortes. Some people have been detected as illegal aliens, arrests have occurred and then been taken into INS custody, transported to various locations and deported back to their country of origin. Mr. Cumming also explained that there is no line of communication as to their plans and it is a need-to-know basis. Prosecuting Attorney, Randall Gaylord, encouraged the Council to have the field officer from Tukwila come up to the San Juans and have a town hall type of meeting and let the community participate.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11:00 a.m. - A public hearing was held to consider An Ordinance for San Juan County Travel and Meal Policy. Present: Full Council with exception of Ranker; Milene Henley, Auditor, Laura Tuttle, Clerk to the Council; Valarie Graham, Deputy Clerk to the Council; and interested members of the public. Milene Henley addressed the Council to discuss the substantial re-write of the Ordinance and noted that the Ordinance was amply reviewed by everyone in the County. Public testimony was opened at 11:23 a.m., Jack Cory questioned why the County pays for meals and Ms. Henley stated the assumption is, one can not eat as cheaply on the road as at home. Public testimony was submitted, and closed at 11:27 a.m. Deliberations were held and the following action was taken:

Moved by Myhr, seconded by Knapp, to adopt An Ordinance Amending Section 2.32 Of The San Juan County Code to Ensure Consistency With The San Juan County Charter and State Law and Updating The San Juan County Travel Policy. (With changes) Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Joyce Sobel, Family Resource Center Executive Director, addressed the Council to discuss A Proclamation for A Week of the Child. Chair Rosenfeld read the Proclamation to the audience and the following action was taken:

Moved by Myhr, seconded by Lichter, to proclaim April 13 – 19, 2008 be known as; The Week of The Young Child. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS – Chair Rosenfeld recessed the meeting until 1:30 PM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COUNCIL BRIEFING

County Administrator Council Briefing. Also present: Ron Henrickson, Director CD&P; Nancy Devaux, Home Trust and interested members of the public.

1. Discussion and Approval of Contract Approval for Friday Harbor UGA Infrastructure Study – Ron Henrickson addressed the Council to approve the contract for the Friday Harbor UGA Infrastructure Study for sewer, water and transportation needs for the UGA. Mr. Henrickson noted that small changes in insurance for sub-contractors had occurred and he asked the Council to approve the contract and authorize the County Administrator to sign it. Myhr questioned the \$155K contract amount. Mr. Henrickson stated that \$132K was

being funded by CD&P. Pete Rose, CA, noted that the \$132K was put in the budget last year and there was still 23K being reviewed. Mr. Henrickson noted that the CDBG grant for the 23K is under review. Nancy Devaux reported that she received a phone call from Claire Billings who runs the CDBG program and she reported that the CDBG program does want to fund them and mentioned another pot of funding monies they can apply for. Knapp asked what would happen if Home Trust didn't get the funds. Ms. Devaux stated they will keep applying because they have to get grant funds. Mr. Henrickson reported that the contract is necessary for the expansion of the UGA regardless of what happens with the grants. After further discussion, the following action was taken:

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Knapp, to Approve the Consultant Contract For Capital Facilities Analysis For the Expansion of the Friday Harbor Urban Growth Area. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION

1. Lottery vs. Phone-in for Permits – Pete Rose, CA, commented that some complaints had been received regarding the phone-in requests for permits. Mr. Rose also noted that he had spoken with Ron Henrickson and CD&P had recommended a lottery. Mr. Henrickson asked the Council to direct the CA to find out how to establish a lottery. Myhr stated that a lottery made more sense and seemed fair.

2. Lodging Tax Committee – Pete Rose, CA, asked the Council which elected official would be taking over the LTAC and noted that the next LTAC meeting was scheduled for March 27, 2008. Lichter asked Rosenfeld if he was relinquishing his role as Chair of LTAC due to the new appointment on the FAC. Rosenfeld stated he thought it was understood that he would be. Peterson noted that when Rosenfeld agreed to join FAC, he said he would take over LTAC. After further discussion, the following action was taken:

Moved by Lichter, seconded by Myhr, to appoint Rich Peterson as Chair of LTAC. Motion carried unanimously.

3. 2008 Core Initiatives – Pete Rose, CA, congratulated the Council on the selection of 2008 Core Initiatives and questioned who would be the owner of Trails and Affordable Housing, the two initiatives that had been added. Rosenfeld volunteered for Trails and Lichter moved to appoint Kevin Ranker as owner of Affordable Housing, Peterson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

4. Meeting with David Moseley – Pete Rose, CA commented on the very important meeting on ferries scheduled for the following day and recommended the Council consider the logistics of the room and to begin thinking of what type of outcome the Council will want and consider topics to avoid discussing. Myhr suggested a more open discussion with free form dialogue and that Moseley has to understand the ferries knit the communities together and ferries are an absolute necessity for our communities. Peterson thought Moseley might have his own agenda. Pete Rose suggested listening closely to Moseley's message. Rosenfeld stated a key point should be to ask what type of contingency plan WSF has for breakdowns. Pete Rose said the way to approach that topic would be to mention that WSF is so short of vessels and the system is very vulnerable to breakdowns, would they share their contingency plans with us.

5. Critical Area Ordinance Appointments – Shireene Hale, CD&P Senior Planner, addressed the Council to discuss appointing 2 new members to the CAO Committee. Ms. Hale recommended Patty Miller as a member who has attended most of the meetings. Lichter stated he had worked with Patty in the past and couldn't think of a better person. After further discussion the following action was taken:

Moved by Myhr, seconded by Lichter, to appoint Patty Miller to the CAO Review Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Myhr, seconded by Peterson, to appoint Susan Key to the CAO Review Committee. Motion failed.

Moved by Lichter, seconded by Rosenfeld, to appoint John Louton to the CAO Review Committee. Motion failed.

Moved by Myhr, seconded by Peterson, to appoint Susan Key to the CAO Review Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3:00 p.m. - A continued public hearing was held to consider the Vacation and Abandonment of County Road (Cormorant Bay Road) Right-of-Way and Acceptance of Dedication Deed. Present: Full Council with exception of Kevin Ranker; Pete Rose, CA; John VanLund, County Engineer; Karen Vedder, DPA; Jon Shannon, Director Public Works; and interested members of the public. John Van Lund addressed the Council and stated that at the last public hearing there had been legal questions asked that he was unable to answer and he asked Karen Vedder, DPA to join him. Gene Knapp stated that he had quite a few questions and began by asking why is the County going from an existing right-of-way to a right-of-way further away that has right angle turns and who is paying for it. If the owner couldn't pay, would it get built. John VanLund explained that the new road will provide for a safer intersection, parking area, and turn-around. Knapp asked if there was a written contract and stated that an oral agreement to build a road is not appropriate and a written agreement is needed. Jon Shannon suggested the owner post a performance bond so if the road isn't completed, the County would take the bond and complete the road. Knapp stated that if the property owner was of little means, this wouldn't be happening. Public testimony was opened, submitted by Bruce Tippery, Manager of South Cormorant LLC and Teri Williams, agent for the property owner, and closed. Deliberations were held and the following action was taken:

Chair Rosenfeld continued the public hearing until April 1, 2008.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSIONS

4:02 p.m. – Council Chair Rosenfeld announced that the Council would be holding an **executive session** estimated to last approximately 30 minutes, to discuss Personnel Evaluations pursuant to the provisions of RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session ended at 4:46 p.m. for an actual session time of 44 minutes. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT - Moved by Peterson, seconded by Lichter, to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. Motion carried. Council Chair Rosenfeld adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m. A Special Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 - Council Hearing Room, Legislative Building, FH

CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chair Rosenfeld called the special meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Council members Rich Peterson, Bob Myhr, Gene Knapp, and Alan Lichter; County Administrator, Pete Rose; Stan Matthews, Communications Program Manager; Ferry Advisory Committee Members, Patricia McKay, Robert deGavre, and Ed Sutton; Friday Harbor Town Council, Liz Illg, Carrie Brooks, and Kelley Balcomb-Bartok; David Moseley, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for WSF; Jayne Davis, Regional Operations Manager, WSF; Clerk to the Council, Laura Tuttle; Deputy Clerk to the Council, Valarie Graham; and interested members of the public were present.

ABSENCES

Moved by Myhr, seconded by Knapp, to excuse the absence of Kevin Ranker. (Reason: Illness) Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Rosenfeld introduced David Moseley, and Jayne Davis from WSF, and asked Mr. Moseley to give an opening statement.

David Moseley thanked the Town and County Council for the invitation and introduced himself and stated that his background included Public Administration and Management in City and State Government but had no maritime experience. Mr. Moseley stated the basic service that WSF has to focus on is vessels. Mr. Moseley stated his top 4 key priorities were to 1) build boats, 2) maintain existing boats, 3) work with the Joint Transportation Committee and the Transportation Commission in regards to terminals, vessels, financing and have very clear deliverables, 4) talk to communities and local governments that are served by the ferry system and work with WSF staff.

Stan Matthews, Communications Program Manager, presented a PowerPoint slide show about how the ferries are critical to the residents and government of San Juan County. For further information regarding the slide show,

contact Stan Matthews at 360-378-3870. A copy of the slide show is also available in the proceedings file in the Council office.

Chair Rosenfeld questioned what contingencies were in place in case of a breakdown. Mr. Moseley reported that there are no extra boats to fill in when an unfortunate situation such as a breakdown occurs. Mr. Moseley stated the first new vessel would come into service in approximately 14 months but the vessel it is replacing has to be returned to Pierce County because Pierce County has loaned a ferry for the Port Townsend/Keystone route. Mr. Moseley reported that it would be 1 ½ to 2 years before a vessel will be available that won't replace one going away. Ed Sutton asked when the first 144-car ferry was scheduled to be available. Mr. Moseley reported that would be available in the fall of 2010. Bob Myhr complimented Mr. Moseley on his key 4 priorities but voiced concern about a ferry coming available in just 14 months. Chair Rosenfeld also questioned WSF as to statistics for walk on passengers and passengers and vehicles returning to Anacortes. Mr. Moseley responded that this information would be great to have and are counting on the FAC to provide those statistics. Rich Peterson reported that Public Works has the capability to put counters at the terminals to monitor walk on and vehicle passengers. Gene Knapp questioned the future of passenger-only ferries. Mr. Moseley reported the Legislature has directed the WSF system will not be in the passenger-only ferry business. The future of passenger-only ferries will reside in County Governments. Alan Lichter questioned whether a process could be established to allow WSF and SJC to discuss issues before decisions are made. Mr. Moseley completely agreed that every mechanism should be used and if anyone has any specific suggestions on how to do it better, he'd like to hear them. Carrie Brooks requested the FAC contact the Town Council when meetings are occurring and also mentioned the 2009 Centennial 4th of July celebration and voiced concern relating to the service impacts. Jayne Davis reported that the Planning Director and Service Manager already have this on their radar to add service hours for the July 4th weekend and will be looking to add service hours for 2009. Chair Rosenfeld reported that parking in Anacortes is a deterrent to leaving a car because of the expense and asked if there could be a contingency plan especially during a service impact to lower the cost of parking to encourage walk on passengers. Pete Rose, CA, informed Mr. Moseley and Ms. Davis that SJC is the only county in the State that is not formally covered by an RTPPO or MTPO and the County is starting the process through the EDC and Public Works. Mr. Moseley asked Mr. Rose what type of improved transportation services are you anticipating out of that. Mr. Rose responded that on the mainland end, it would be capacity and on the island end, it would be logistics. Chair Rosenfeld asked about the Capron Funds that were taken away 2 years ago by the Legislators and given to the WSF. We brought this to our Legislators' attention that because that is our state highway money and the WSF is our state highway could that money be shifted to SJC to do some good. Mr. Moseley thanked Rosenfeld for bringing this to his attention and noted that he was not aware of this. Mr. Moseley asked for time to get more acquainted with the details and to have some conversations about that. Kelley Balcomb-Bartok stated that was a concern for the Town as well. Kelley also wanted to bring up the parking issue and suggested scaling down the parking fees during the summer months which would encourage passengers to walk on and there would be less ferry waits without as many cars. Chair Rosenfeld brought up the subject about the spot checks in Anacortes at the ferry terminal and wondered what WSF thought of it. Jayne Davis reported that WSF found out about the first one in the same way that SJC did. Bob Myhr reported that the Council has a meeting scheduled with ICE next week and would be willing to share the information with WSF. Pete Rose suggested contacting the Attorney General's office to find out the legalities. Ms. Davis thought that was a good idea and said she would follow up. Chair Rosenfeld questioned the possibility of using a BC ferry for the international run and asked if WSF was doing anything with the Feds in relation to the Jones Act. Mr. Moseley stated it was very difficult to modify the Jones Act. Mr. Moseley cautioned the Council that it would require amendments to the Jones Act and it would be a tough road. Rosenfeld stated he had heard about an emergency exemption and the whole purpose of the Jones Act is to encourage American ship building and we are doing that, we are building new boats, but until we get them built, we have an emergency, so if we could get an exemption for a year and a half, that would help. Mr. Moseley stated it was worth looking into. Rosenfeld questioned whether one of the diesel steel electric ferries could be used strictly for commercial purposes and whether different Coast Guard regulations would apply without paying passengers onboard. Mr. Moseley reported that the Secretary has made a decision about the steel electrics and they are moving forward with building new boats and didn't think it was an issue open for reconsideration. Rosenfeld quoted the passing of Bill 2798 which provides lower fares for commuters who live on ferry served islands, the Wave2Go tickets can now be used for two vehicles at a time and a pilot program that involves flex-car where you pay a vehicle price but walk on the ferry and have a car waiting on the other side. Kelley Balcomb-Bartok suggested food service on the San Juan route and a children's play area which would provide great public relations for WSF. Jayne Davis reported that the children's play area is not that far off but the food service is something that would have to be worked out. Bob Distler stated that forecast, level of service, and operational strategies together form the size and shape of the ferry system. The floor was opened to the public and one of the suggestions was an overnight commercial run. Moseley thought it was a good idea and gave out

his email address which is moseled@wsdot.wa.gov. Robert deGavre complimented the WSF staff the FAC work with and discussed the aging fleet of WSF and questioned why ferries have to be built in Washington State. Deborah Hopkins, Executive Director of the San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau, reported on the upcoming Winter Olympics in 2010 and how the San Juan, Sidney BC route would be affected. Ms. Hopkins also reported on SJC being selected as a Scenic Byway which is also going to bring more visitors to the islands. Ms. Hopkins also suggested coming up with an idea to find out where the ferry passengers come from, maybe something as simple as asking for a zip code when people are boarding. Jack Cory reported that there are some residents that moved here to get away from doing more, and not to encourage more tourism. David Moseley wanted the Council and citizens to know how thrilled he was to have this opportunity and felt the more dialogue and meetings we can have together, we will succeed and work through this.

ADJOURNMENT - Moved by Lichter, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Council Chair Rosenfeld adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m. A Staff Meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2008, and the next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Howard Rosenfeld, Chair
District 3, Friday Harbor

ATTEST: Clerk of the Council

Gene Knapp, Vice-Chair
District 5, Orcas East

By: _____
Valarie Graham, Deputy Clerk

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

Rich Peterson, Member
District 2, San Juan North

Alan Lichter, Member
District 4, Orcas West/Waldron

Bob Myhr, Member
District 6, Lopez/Shaw