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**MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023**

**Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**09:02 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Council Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 09:02 AM. Present: Council Members Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller, and Christine Minney (via videoconferencing); County Manager Mike Thomas, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the San Juan County Council agenda as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Minutes: None.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Minney, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, of Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Ms. Fuller abstained from the items listed for the dates 12/19/2022 and 12/26/2022. Vote: 2:0:1 Motion carried.**

**Financial Items:**

**The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the weeks of December 19th and December 26th, 2022:**

- Warrant #261329 Prosecutor claims in the amount of \$838.78
- Warrant #261330-261334 Sheriff claims in the amount of \$5,692.46

**Plus Use Tax in the amount of \$20.63 for a total expenditure of \$5,713.09**

- Warrant #261335-261338 County Credit Card claims in the amount of \$4,868.58
- Warrant #261339 County Manager claims in the amount of \$192.50
- EFT #191227221 Parks claims in the amount of \$421.68
- EFT #191227222 IT claims in the amount of \$220.00
- EFT #191227223 IT claims in the amount of \$2,133.39
- EFT #191227224 Treasurer claims in the amount of \$1,000.00
- EFT #191229221 Auditor Credit Card claims in the amount of \$2,595.95
- Warrant #261531-261697 County claims in the amount of \$901,103.19

**Plus Use Tax in the amount of \$80.46 for a total expenditure of \$901,183.65**

**The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of January 2, 2023. Please note that these are 2022 expenditures:**

- EFT #190103231 IT claims in the amount of \$2,133.39
- Warrant #261811-261891 County claims in the amount of \$473,361.93

- 47 • Plus use tax in the amount of \$66.73 for a total expenditure of \$473,428.66
- 48 • Warrant #261892-261900 Fleet Services / ER&R claims in the amount of \$126,810.22.

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50 **The Auditor’s office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of**  
51 **January 2, 2023. Please note that these are 2023 expenditures:**

- 52 • Warrant #261709 Facilities claims in the amount of \$3,700.00
- 53 • EFT #190110231 IT claims in the amount of \$220.00
- 54 • Warrant #261901-291916 County claims in the amount of \$122,154.86

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56 **Approval of Correspondence:**

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58 • Council discussed the correspondence received from San Juan Island Museum of Art,  
59 Salt Spring Arts and Art Spring announcing a Cross Cultural Exchange between  
60 Southern Gulf Islands and San Juan Islands. A meeting notice will be needed upon  
61 Council Members confirming they are attending the future events.  
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- 63 • Requests for San Juan County Proclamation – Southern Resident Killer Whales.  
64 Council has received multiple requests for a proclamation from the County. Council  
65 discussed drafting a proclamation with coordination of County Staff, Dr. Frances  
66 Robertson and the Prosecuting Attorney.

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68 **09:12 AM**

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70 **Public Comments:** Ray Jackson (in person) Ben Bama, Iris Gravel, John Davidson, Heather  
71 Nicholson, Julian Dhekelia, Janet Alderton, (via telephone) provided comments to Council.

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73 **09:32 AM**

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75 **Review Away from Friday Harbor Meeting Places and Dates** Council  
76 proposed changes the 2023 San Juan County Council Calendar for some of the  
77 future Council meetings to be held on outer islands as follows; May 9<sup>th</sup>- Shaw  
78 Island Meeting, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Decatur Island Meeting and September 12<sup>th</sup> for the Lopez Island –  
79 September 12<sup>th</sup>..

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81 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to accept the Council Calendar as**  
82 **amended. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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84 **09:45 AM** **Regional Transportation and Ferry Update** Council discussed Washington  
85 State Ferry service issues, transportation options in the islands,

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88 **10:10 AM Break**

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90 **10:15 AM**

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92 **Move to approve a Letter of Support for Section 8 Project Based Vouchers**  
93 **to the Housing Authority of Skagit County:** Ryan Page, Affordable Housing Coordinator  
94 gave a presentation and answered Council’s questions.

95 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to endorse and sign a letter of support**  
96 **for Section 8 Project Based Vouchers to the Housing Authority of Skagit County. ALL**  
97 **AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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99 **10:38 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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101 **Legislative Update**

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103 **Ms. Minney:** Gave a briefing of legislative issues, current house bills from meetings attended  
104 with the Washington Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee, met with San  
105 Juan Island School Superintendent for support of legislative priorities. Spoke to the process of  
106 making testimonies and supporting legislative bills.

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108 **Ms. Fuller:** Was contacted by the Lopez Island School Board and teachers regarding  
109 legislative house bill regarding education for support and give testimony.

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111 **Ms. Wolf:** Was contacted by the Orcas Island School regarding legislative house bill regarding  
112 support for local education and give testimony. Discussed funding for climate change and  
113 other topics, solid waste and recycling testimonies. Ms. Wolf asked Mr. David Williams to  
114 comment on funding and legislative bills for climate change elements and building and land  
115 use planning.

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118 **Manager Update:**

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120 **Mike Thomas, County Manager:** Updated Council on two Capitol Funding requests Historic  
121 Courthouse Preservation Grant and PSAR funding for the North Shore Conservation  
122 Easement, the requests fell short of making the list for funding. Mr. Thomas stated it would be  
123 prudent for San Juan County to write to the legislature for funding consideration when there is  
124 a capitol budget discussion to expand the list to cover the County's projects.

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126 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to prepare and sign a letter to the 40<sup>th</sup>**  
127 **District Legislators regarding two grant opportunities made on the list but were below**  
128 **the Governor's cut for Historic Courthouse Preservation Grant and PSAR funding. ALL**  
129 **AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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131 **11:10 AM**

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133 **Council Updates**

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135 **Ms. Minney:** Working with Land Bank for new commissioner appointments and scheduling  
136 interviews for applicants, attending the Zylstra Trail event last Friday with Representative  
137 Larson.

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139 **Ms. Fuller:** Met with County staff in Friday Harbor to get acquainted, attended committee  
140 meetings; FAC. ARC and BOH, been meeting with Lopez and Shaw Island constituents, met  
141 with the Lopez Chamber.

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143 **Ms. Wolf:** Attended the Zylstra Trail event last Friday with Congressman Larson. Attended 1<sup>st</sup>  
144 finance committee meeting yesterday, a discussion regarding the unsafe and need to update  
145 County buildings was a topic of this meeting, Will be attending the National Association of  
146 Counties February 13<sup>th</sup> to February 17<sup>th</sup>. Updated Council on upcoming Elected Official Open  
147 House meetings on islands; San Juan, Orcas and Lopez.  
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149 County Manager Update

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151 **Mr. Thomas:** Mr. Thomas updated Council on upcoming HR trainings and projects for job  
152 descriptions analysis, a contract to look at the seismic study of the courthouse,  
153 planning for public outreach for the Zylstra Trail project, meeting with Ryan Page  
154 regarding the Argyle Lots recommendations to the HAC and standing meetings  
155 regarding sea level rise,  
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157 Council Clerk Update, Sally Rogers:

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159 Advisory Committee Appointments:  
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161 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to appoint Gary Franklin to the Planning**  
162 **Commission, Position #8. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**  
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164 **11:20**

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166 Chair Wolf continued the meeting for the field visit to the Operations Building at Beaverton  
167 Valley and announced the adjournment of the meeting at the end of the tour.  
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169 **12:00 PM ADJOURN**  
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ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on May 16, 2023.