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**MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2023**

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

**09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Council Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller, Christine Minney, County Manager Mike Thomas, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

**Approval of Agenda:** Council Member Fuller requested a discussion with Colin Huntmer – Public Works Director and Jon Cain – Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney regarding a request for an easement on Lopez Island, Calle Aguila Road to be added at the end of the agenda.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the San Juan County Council, October 3, 2023 Consent Agenda as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Comments:** The following offered public comments to the Council: Victoria Parker, Steve Ulvi, Jennifer Armstrong, and Judy Scott.

**09:15 AM PUBLIC HEARING: Public Testimony Accepted**

To adopt an Ordinance Imposing a Local Sales and Use Tax of One One-Tenth of One Percent for Housing and Related Services as Authorized by RCW 82.14.530 and Adopting a New Article to Chapter 3.12 of the San Juan County Code. Ryan Page – Housing Program Coordinator.

**Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Chair Wolf opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance. Mr. Page presented the ordinance and answered Council's questions.

Chair Wolf opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: none.

Chair Wolf closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt an Ordinance Imposing a Local Sales and Use Tax of One One-Tenth of One Percent for Housing and Related Services as Authorized by RCW 82.14.530 and Adopting a New Article to Chapter 3.12 of the San Juan County Code. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

48 **09:45 AM** **Discussion:** Annual Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2nd touch,  
49 Public Works; Colin Huntemer – Public Works Director, Jeff Sharp – Deputy  
50 County Engineer, Mackenzie Sims – Project Manager.  
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52 Mr. Huntemer, Mr. Sharp and Ms. Sims presented the Six Year Transportation Program,  
53 the Annual Construction Program, Annual Priority Array, Annual Bridge Report, the Annual  
54 Marine Report and the Annual Complete Streets Report to the Council and answered their  
55 questions.  
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57 **10:36 AM** **Presentation:** Update from Washington State Ferries (WSF) on preliminary  
58 findings of the "Walk-On" study, Hadley Rodero - Community and External  
59 Relations Manager, Jason Rogers and Rachel Dean, Washington State Ferries –  
60 WSDOT Ferries Division.  
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62 Ms. Rodero, Mr. Rogers, and Ms. Dean gave a presentation to Council and answered their  
63 questions.  
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65 **11: 05 AM** **COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**  
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69 **Ms. Minney:** Discussion about joint meetings with the Town of Friday Harbor and a response  
70 to the request for future meetings, relayed to Council an invitation to the Chamber of  
71 Commerce luncheon that Ms. Minney cannot attend. Due to travel next week, will not be able  
72 to attend the monthly Board of Health meeting.  
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74 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: a phone meeting with Anna Maria De Freitas (Town  
75 Councilor) regarding the draft letter to WSF letter, met with Mr. Thomas and the Treasurer's  
76 Office for data on sales tax (and loss of sales and lodging tax), ongoing conversations with Mr.  
77 Thomas and Kendra Smith (Env. Stewardship) regarding Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District's  
78 agreement that needs to be extended, and the Lopez Village Planning and Review Committee  
79 meeting.  
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81 **Ms. Wolf:** Attended the following: Salmon Recovery Council, Transboundary Caucus, Climate  
82 and Sustainability Committee, and a Transportation meeting on Orcas Island.  
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84 **Mr. Thomas:** Provided the following updates: Budget meetings, and interviews for the Fleet  
85 Manager and DCD Director positions.  
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87 **Council Clerk Update:** Ms. Rogers provided the next scheduled meetings; 2023 October  
88 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
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90 **11:45 AM – 1:00 PM RECESS**  
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93 **01:00 PM** **2024-2025 Biennial Departments Budget Presentation Hearings, continued**

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95 **2. County Clerk/Clerk of Superior Court:** Lisa Henderson.

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97 Ms. Henderson presented the Clerks' Office and Superior Court's 2024-2025 Preliminary  
98 Budget and answered the Council's questions.

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100 **3. Health and Community Services:** Mark Tompkins, Director and Kyle Dodd, Deputy  
101 Director/Environmental Health Manager.

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103 Mr. Tomkins and Mr. Dodd presented Health and Community's 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget  
104 and answered the Council's questions.

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106 **4. Emergency Management:** Brendan Cowan, Emergency Management Director  
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109 Mr. Cowan presented Emergency Management's 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget and  
110 answered the Council's questions.

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112 **5. Council Office:** Sally Rogers, Clerk to the Council

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114 Ms. Rogers presented the Council Office 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget and answered the  
115 Council's questions.

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117 **3:00 PM** **Discussion:** Council Member Fuller led the discussion with Colin Huntmer –  
118 Public Works Director and Jon Cain – Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney regarding a request  
119 letter to the County for an easement on Lopez Island, Calle Aguila Road.

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121 Mr. Huntmer and Mr. Cain discussed the request and presented the aerial maps to Council  
122 and answered their questions.

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124 **03:45 PM ADJOURN** Chair Wolf adjourned the meeting.

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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Christine Minney  
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ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on December 5, 2023.