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**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 Min Jackson Administrative Assistant for the County Manager, to fill in for Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Approval of Agenda: No changes.

New Employee Introductions: Kendra Smith, Environmental Stewardship Director introduced Katie Johnson - Marine Coordinator, Kari Koski- Derelict Vessel Coordinator.

Proclamation: Dave Dunaway from Safe San Juans presented a Proclamation of the San Juan County Council Proclaiming October 2023 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in San Juan County, Washington.

Public Comments: None.

09:15 AM 2024-2025 Biennial Department Budget Presentation Hearings, continued

1. **Environmental Stewardship:** Kendra Smith, Director of Environmental Stewardship.

Ms. Smith presented Environmental Stewardship’s 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget and answered the Council’s questions.

2. **Land Bank:** Lincoln Bormann, Director of the Land Bank.

Mr. Bormann and Mr. Aaron Rock presented Land Bank’s 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget and answered the Council’s questions.

3. **Treasurer:** Rhonda Pederson, San Juan County Treasurer.

Ms. Pederson presented the Treasurer’s 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget and answered the Council’s questions.

4. **Department of Community Development:** Norm Gollub, Interim Director of Community Development.

46 Ms. Gollub presented the Department of Community Development’s 2024-2025 Preliminary
47 Budget and answered the Council’s questions.

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49 **12:10 PM Recess**

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51 **12:40 PM 2024-2025 Biennial Department Budget Presentation Hearings, continued**

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53 **5. San Juan County Noxious Weeds:** Jason Ontjes, Noxious Weeds Manager
54 Coordinator.

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56 Mr. Ontjes presented the Noxious Weed’s 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget and answered the
57 Council’s questions.

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59 **12:50 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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61 **Ms. Wolf:** Attended the following: The National Monuments meeting. Ms. Wolf led a
62 discussion regarding the Land Bank property, Watmough Bay Preserve on Lopez Island with
63 Council.

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65 **Ms. Minney:** Attended the following: Land Bank Commission meeting.

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67 **1:00 AM Discussion:** Sea Level Rise Vulnerability & Risk Assessment, Grant Carlton –
68 Management Analyst and Lindsey Sheehan – Environmental Science Associates
69 Project Manager.

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71 Mr. Carlton, Ms. Sheehan gave a presentation to the Council and answered their questions.

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73 **1:50 PM Discussion/Action:** To set a Public Hearing for November 7, 2023 to Consider
74 Proposed Ordinances of San Juan County, Washington, Setting the Property Tax
75 Levies for the County Road Fund, the Current Expense Fund, and the Land
76 Conservation Futures for the Year 2024, Mike Thomas – County Manager.

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78 **MOVED by Ms. Minney and seconded by Ms. Fuller to set a Public Hearing for**
79 **November 7, 2023 to Consider Proposed Ordinances of San Juan County, Washington,**
80 **Setting the Property Tax Levies for the County Road Fund, the Current Expense Fund,**
81 **and the Land Conservation Futures for the Year 2024. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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83 **1:55 PM Discussion:** Clean Water CIP & Service Charges, Kendra Smith – Director of
84 Environmental Stewardship.

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86 Ms. Smith presented the Clean Water Capital Improvement Program and Service Charges
87 2024-2029 to Council and answered their questions.

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89 **2: 25 PM Advisory Committee Appointment:** Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, new
90 appointment: Libi Geddes, Contributor Position, Orcas Island.

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92 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf and seconded by Ms. Fuller to appoint Libi Geddes, Contributor**
93 **Position, Orcas Island to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. ALL AYES, MOTION**
94 **CARRIED.**

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96 **2:30 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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98 **Ms. Wolf:** Future meeting: State Auditor Exit Interview. Attended the Federal issues and
99 relations meeting with WSAC.

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101 **Ms. Minney:** Attended the following: Noxious Weed Control Board meeting, and Washington
102 State Association of County By-Laws meeting. Next week will attend various meetings
103 including a group meeting on the mainland with other counties.

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105 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Meeting with the Director of the Department of Health &
106 Community Services and Mr. Page on housing issues for homeless youth, Northwest
107 Workforce Council, meeting with constituent, Lopez Island School District, and a group
108 interested in starting a Parks & Rec on Lopez Island,

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110 **Mr. Thomas:** Budget meetings, interviews for Fleet Services Manager, meeting with
111 consultant for sales tax forecast model to update the model, and reached out to a municipal
112 consultant lobbyist.

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114 **2:50 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)**

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116 Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) Chair Wolf called Executive Sessions to consider site
117 selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase, **and**, pursuant to RCW
118 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider the minimum price for sale of lease of real estate and estimated
119 these sessions to last 1 hour in total and followed by adjournment. [Present: Full Council,
120 County Manager Mike Thomas, and Human Resources Director Angie Baird.]

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122 Chair Wolf estimated the Executive Sessions to begin at 2:50 PM to go until 3:50 PM. The
123 session ended at 3:50 PM. No action was taken.

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125 **03:50 PM ADJOURN**

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COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Christine Minney
District 1

Cindy Wolf
District 2

Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: _____
Sally Rogers Date:

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