



**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
LEGISLATIVE HEARING ROOM, 55 SECOND STREET, FRIDAY HARBOR, WA**

1 Council Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 09:05 AM. Present: Council Members
2 Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller and Christine Minney; County Manager Mike Thomas, and Clerk
3 to the Council Sally Rogers.

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5 **Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Fuller requested to switch items on the agenda for an
6 earlier time for the presentation from Faith Van De Putte, Agricultural Resources
7 Coordinator. Chair Wolf added an Executive Session to the agenda.

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9 **09:05 AM Public Access Time:** Sara Davies (via telephone), Heather Stansbury,
10 and Steve Ulvi addressed comments to the Council.

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12 **09:21 AM Employee Introductions:** Mason Wiley, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney was
13 introduced by Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira.

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15 **09:22 AM PUBLIC HEARING(S): Public Testimony Accepted**

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18 1. To adopt an Ordinance Regarding a San Juan County Safety Committee –
19 Angie Baird, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.

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

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

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

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29 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt an Ordinance**
30 **establishing a San Juan County Safety Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION**
31 **CARRIED.**

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33 2. To Adopt an Ordinance Updating the San Juan County Code (SJCC) Title 18
34 Unified Development Code (UDC) to align with the Adopted 2036
35 Comprehensive Plan Update, David Williams, Sophia Cassam, Planner III.

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

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

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

44 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to make changes as discussed,**
45 **for this Ordinance Updating the San Juan County Code (SJCC) Title 18 Unified**
46 **Development Code (UDC) to align with the Adopted 2036 Comprehensive Plan**
47 **Update. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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49 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the changes agreed**
50 **upon during deliberations of an Ordinance Updating the San Juan County Code**
51 **(SJCC) Title 18 Unified Development Code (UDC) to align with the Adopted 2036**
52 **Comprehensive Plan Update, with revisions. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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54 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt an Ordinance Updating**
55 **the San Juan County Code (SJCC) Title 18 Unified Development Code (UDC) to**
56 **align with the Adopted 2036 Comprehensive Plan Update, as amended. ALL**
57 **AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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59 **10:38 AM** **Discussion/Action:** To request approval to start a paid Intern Program,
60 Angie Baird – Director of Human Resources & Risk Management and
61 Nadine Varsovia - Executive Administrative Assistant • County Manager.

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63 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve a San Juan County**
64 **Internship Program funded up to \$65,000.00. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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66 **10:58 AM** **Discussion/Action:** To request approval for a new lease for employee
67 rental - Angie Baird – Director of Human Resources & Risk
68 Management.

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70 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the County Manager**
71 **to sign a lease for employee rental (Tucker Rental unit). ALL AYES; MOTION**
72 **CARRIED.**

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74 **11:04 AM** **Presentation:** A report on the results of the Farmer/Rancher Listening
75 Sessions, Faith Van De Putte, Agricultural Resources Coordinator.

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77 Ms. Van De Putte gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions.

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79 **11:58 AM** **Discussion:** 1/10th of 1% sales tax for affordable housing made
80 possible by RCW 82.14.530. Mark Tompkins - Health &
81 Community Services Director.

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83 Mr. Tompkins gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions.

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85 **12:50 PM** **RECESS**

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87 **1:30 PM** **Discussion:** San Juan County Council to discuss the appointment of a
88 Vice Chair and Chair for the Snohomish, Whatcom, Island, Skagit, San
89 Juan (SWISS) Executive Board / Organization.

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92 **1:40 PM** **Discussion/Action:** Equipment Rental & Revolving (ER&R) and County
93 Road Administration Board (CRAB) report, Colin Huntmer- Director of
94 Public Works / County Engineer • Public Works, Van Every- Director of
95 ERR Fleet Services • Fleet Services
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97 Mr. Huntmer and Mr. Every gave a presentation regarding the equipment rates and a
98 Resolution Adopting the 2023 Rental Rates for County Road Equipment to Council
99 and answered their questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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101 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve a Resolution**
102 **Adopting the 2023 Rental Rates for County Road Equipment. ALL AYES;**
103 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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105 **2:00 PM** **COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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107 **Legislative Update:** Council discussed the information and communications
108 regarding house and senate bills of interest to the County.

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110 **Ms. Minney:** Attended the Legislative Steering Committee in Olympia.

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112 **Mr. Thomas:** Updated the Council on the Senate Capital Budget.

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114 **Council Updates:**

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116 **Ms. Minney:** Attended the following: IOSA Board Meeting, Board of Health Meeting,
117 Lucy-B Van unveiling, Legislative Steering Committee in Olympia, Contracts Class
118 with Jon Cain, Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting, and WSA Virtual Assembly.
119 Upcoming meetings: SWISS Regional Meeting, a conference in Colfax for
120 superintendents, teaching and stewardship and a land managers meeting on Orcas
121 Island.

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123 **Ms. Wolf:** Attended the following: Clean Water Advisory Meeting, U.S. Banking
124 System Webinar, SWISS Executive Committee Meeting, and DNR Kelp and Eelgrass
125 Workshops.

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127 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Lummi Nation House of Tears Carvers event on
128 Lopez Island, Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting, met with the Lopez Island Sheriff's
129 deputies & detective, Roni Becker of Senior Services on Lopez Island, orientation
130 from Joe Valentine of North Sound BHASO, San Juan Island Visitor's Bureau Board
131 meeting, orientation of the NWRC, Meet Your Newly Elected Officials held on Lopez
132 Island, met with Barbara LaBRash Human Services Manager, and met with Debbie
133 Young the Commissioner who sits on the Washington Transportation Commission,

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135 Upcoming meetings: San Juan Island National Monument 10th Anniversary,
136 proposed to Council of a WSF presentation regarding ferry service in the islands on
137 April 18, 2023. Planning discussion for the upcoming Washington Transportation
138 Commission Meeting to be held in Friday Harbor in June.

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140 **County Manager Update:** Mike Thomas discussed with Council the upcoming
141 Agenda for March 27, 2023; an update on ARPA Funds, presentation from Brendan
142 Cowan, DEM, Sheriff for a presentation on the 411 Program, a proposal for
143 establishing an Arts Commission with Brandon Cadwell, and a re-authorization of the
144 EDC. Upcoming meeting: Washington County Risk Pool Conference.
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146 **2:45 PM CLOSED SESSION/EXECUTIVE SESSION**
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148 Council Chair Wolf announced that the Council would be holding a Closed Session to
149 discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)
150 and an Executive Session to Evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee
151 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) estimated to last 30 minutes in total and followed
152 by adjournment.
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154 [Present: Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas and Human Resources Director
155 Angie Baird.]
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157 The session ended at 3:15 PM for a total session time of 30 minutes. **No action was**
158 **taken.**
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160 **3:15 PM ADJOURN**
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163 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
164 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**
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168 Christine Minney, District 1
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172 Cindy Wolf, District 2
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176 Jane Fuller, District 3
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180 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council
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182 By: _____
183 Sally Rogers Date:
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186 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on November 27, 2023.