



**SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023
LEGISLATIVE HEARING ROOM, 55 SECOND STREET, FRIDAY HARBOR, WA**

1 **09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

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

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7 **Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Fuller requested an item be removed from the Consent Agenda, a
8 letter of commitment for a Climate Planning Grant, and instead be added to this agenda as its
9 own item for discussion. Chair Wolf moved the letter for approval for this agenda as a
10 correspondence item for discussion and approval.

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12 **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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14 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the Consent Agenda as**
15 **amended of Tuesday, November 7, 2023. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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17 **Approval of Correspondence:** Approval for letter of commitment for Climate Planning Grant.

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19 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a letter of commitment to**
20 **Commerce for Climate Planning Grant. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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22 **Public Comments:** Deborah Strasser, Michelle Loftus (in person.)

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24 **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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26 **9:25 AM** To consider approving a Resolution for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement
27 Program 2024-2029, Colin Huntemer – Director of Public Works.

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

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31 Chair Wolf opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the resolution. Mr. Huntemer
32 presented the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2024-2029 and answered
33 Council's questions.

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35 Chair Wolf opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: Guard
36 Sundstrom, Steve Hudson, Becky Sundstrom, Rex Guard, Adam Eltinge, Lisa Guard, Michelle
37 Loftus, Steve Ulvi, Marilyn O'Conner, Gay Wilmerding, Ron Whalen, Jeff Gillette, John Wilson,
38 Jennifer Rigg, Emily Geyman (in person), James McCubbin, Robyn Davis, Sandy Sundstrom
39 (via telephone conference.)

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41 Chair Wolf closed public testimony with the right to reopen and continued the hearing to
42 November 27, 2023.

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45 **10:45 AM** To consider approving a Resolution for the 2024 Annual Construction Program,
46 Colin Huntemer – Director of Public Works.

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

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50 Chair Wolf opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the resolution. Mr. Huntemer
51 presented the 2024 Annual Construction Program and answered Council's questions.

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

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55 Chair Wolf closed public testimony with the right to reopen and continued the hearing to
56 November 27, 2023.

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58 To consider adopting an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax
59 Levy for Land Conservation Futures for 2024, Mike Thomas – County Manager.

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

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

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

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68 Chair Wolf closed public testimony with the right to reopen and continued the hearing to
69 November 27, 2023.

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71 To consider adopting an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax
72 Levy for County Roads for 2024, Mike Thomas – County Manager.

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

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

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

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81 Chair Wolf closed public testimony with the right to reopen and continued the hearing to
82 November 27, 2023.

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84 To consider adopting an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax
85 Levy for Current Expense for 2024, Mike Thomas – County Manager.

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

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

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

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94 Chair Wolf closed public testimony with the right to reopen and continued the hearing to
95 November 27, 2023.

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97 **11:30 AM** **Discussion:** 2023 Third Quarter Financial Review, Molly Foote – Budget
98 Analyst.

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100 Ms. Foote presented the budget 2023 Third Quarter Financial Review to Council and
101 answered their questions.

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103 **12:00 PM** **Discussion:** 2023 Budget Third Amendment Second Touch, Molly Foote –
104 Budget Analyst.

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106 Ms. Foote presented the 2023 Budget Third amendment to Council and answered their
107 questions.

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109 **12:05 PM** **Discussion:** 2024-2025 Biennial Budget Second Touch Molly Foote – Budget
110 Analyst.

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112 Ms. Foote presented the 2024-2025 Biennial Budget to Council and answered their questions.

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114 **12:20 PM** **Discussion:** 2023 Grants Report, Libby Concord – Grant Coordinator

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117 **12:50 PM** **RECESS**

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120 **1:50 PM** **Discussion Action:** Population Projection for 2045 Comprehensive Plan
121 Update. To set a public hearing for December 12, 2023 to adopt the resolution.
122 Colin Maycock, AICP, Department of Community Development.

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124 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to set a public hearing to adopt a**
125 **resolution, Population Projection for 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update for December**
126 **12, 2023, at 9:15 AM. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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128 **2:15 P.M.** **Discussion:** Draft contract for Local Health Officer, Mark Tompkins – Director of
129 Health of Community Services.

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131 Mr. Tompkins presented the draft contract to Council and answered their questions.

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133 **2:25 PM** **Discussion:** 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) 2025 CIP, Six Year CIP
134 2024-2029, second touch, Natasha Warmenhoven – County Auditor.

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136 Ms. Warmenhoven presented the CIP Plans to Council and answered their questions.

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138 **2:35 PM** **COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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140 **Ms. Minney:** Several meetings with constituents and answered many emails. Attended the
141 following: Washington State Association of Counties by-laws meeting, Noxious Weed Control
142 Board meeting, and the courthouse haunted tour (for the County's 150th Anniversary).
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144 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Participated in the 2-day Growth Management Act trainings
145 in Olympia, received many voice messages and emails regarding the Destination Management
146 Plan.
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148 Future meetings: Lopez Island School District community group meeting, and meeting at the
149 Lopez Island School regarding fentanyl presentation.
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151 **Ms. Wolf:** Attended the following: Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meetings/presentations,
152 EcoSystems Coordination Board meeting, Federal Issues Committee meeting, Halloween
153 celebrations on Orcas Island/Lucy B. toothbrush handouts, official opening of the Orcas Ferry
154 Landing Improvements,
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156 Future meetings: WSAC Conference in Spokane.
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158 Mr. Thomas: Budget meetings, meeting with Norm Golub (interim DCD Director), meet with
159 staff on creating a policy framework and communications, meeting with Grant and group of
160 NOAA funding, and prep meeting for Guild negotiations.
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162 **Ms. Rogers:**
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164 • **Advisory Committee Appointments/Reappointments:**

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166 ○ Board of Health, request to reappoint Kyle Davis
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168 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to re-appoint Kyle Davis to the Board of**
169 **Health. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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- 171 ○ Agricultural Resources Committee, request to appoint Wendy McClure (Position #3
172 Lopez Island).
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174 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to appoint Wendy McClure to the**
175 **Agricultural Resources Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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- 177 • Review Council Calendar Items: Next scheduled meetings; November 27th, November
178 28th, December 4th, and December 5th.
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180 **3:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**
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182 Chair Wolf announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session to discuss with
183 legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), **and** to evaluate
184 the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) estimated to last 1
185 hour in total to begin at 3:00 PM and end at 4:15 PM followed by adjournment.
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187 [Present: Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Senior
188 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, and Human Resources Director Angie Baird.]
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190 The session ended at 4:15 PM. No action was taken.

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192 **ADJOURN 4:15 p.m.**

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Christine Minney
District 1

Cindy Wolf
District 2

Jane Fuller
District 3

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210 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

211 By: _____
212 Sally Rogers Date:

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214 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on January 23, 2024.