



**MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024**

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

**9:13 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE.**

Council Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM. Present: Council Members Jane Fuller, Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers. (Late start due to technical issues.)

**Approval of Agenda:**

No changes.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the San Juan County Council September 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, October 22, 2024, as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Employee Introductions:**

- Elections Manager Camolyn Armstrong introduced Cortney Evans – Elections Specialist,
- Interim Deputy Director of Community Development introduced Darcie Neilsen – DCD Planning Manager,
- Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira introduced Katelyn Keel – Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

**Proclamation:** A Proclamation of the San Juan County Council Proclaiming October 2024 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in San Juan County, Washington, was read by Chair Fuller.

**Public Comments:** Nathan Kessler-Jeffrey, Scott Sluis, David Jenkins, Danny Sherard, Maria Michaelson, Elizabeth Herbert, and Glenn Hendrick. Katie Rissi offered comments in person; Amy Frost, Janet Baltzer and Marcy Montgomery offered comments via telephone conference.

**9:47 AM PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED**

To approve a Resolution Authorizing San Juan County Transportation Program (TIP) and a Resolution Adopting the 2025 Annual Construction Program, Jeff Sharp – Engineering

46 Manager and Public Works Deputy Director.

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48 Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the  
49 Council Sally Rogers.

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51 Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to consider approval of the Resolution. Mr.  
52 Sharp presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions.

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54 Chair Fuller opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: none.

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

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59 **MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve a Resolution Adopting the Six**  
60 **Year Transportation Improvement Program 2025-2030, and a Resolution Adopting the**  
61 **2025 Annual Construction Program. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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63 **10:55 AM** **Discussion/Action:** LTAC extension request from Friends of Lopez Island Pool  
64 (FLIP) to authorize the County Manager to amend contract 23CC.020 extending the term from  
65 December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025, Aiden Haines – Council Admin. Coordinator.

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67 Ms. Haines presented the extension request and answered Council's questions. After  
68 discussion, Council took the following action:

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70 **MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to authorize the County Manager to**  
71 **amend contract 23CC.020, extending the term from 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024, to 1/1/2025**  
72 **ending 12/31/2025. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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74 **11:08 AM** **Discussion/Action:** 1st touch, Ordinances setting the Property Tax Levies for 1)  
75 Current Expense, 2) County Roads and 3) Land Conservation, and to set a public hearing to  
76 adopt the ordinances on November 12, 2024, at 9:15 a.m., Jessica Hudson – County  
77 Manager.

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79 Ms. Hudson presented the ordinances and answered Council's questions. After discussion  
80 Council took the following action:

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82 **MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to set a public hearing to adopt the**  
83 **ordinances on November 12, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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85 **11:10 AM** **Discussion:** Cultural Access Initiative, Brandon Andrews – Director of Parks &  
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88 Mr. Andrews gave a presentation and answered Council's questions. After discussion Council  
89 took the following action:

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91 **MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to direct staff to develop an Ordinance**  
92 **imposing a local sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for Cultural Access**

93 **Initiative authorized by RCW 36.160. VOTE: 2:0 (Ms. Fuller abstained) MOTION**  
94 **CARRIED.**

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96 **12:00 PM** **Discussion:** Local State of Emergency Resolution, Chair Fuller.

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98 Council discussed the resolution, Chair Fuller briefed Council and answered their questions.  
99 The resolution will be brought back for adoption at the next regular Council meeting.

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101 **12:20 PM** **Recess**

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103 **1:00 PM** **Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:**

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105 **Ms. Minney:** Attended the following: Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) preparation  
106 with staff and two days of LTAC meetings (presentations and deliberations for funding), and  
107 Board of Health meeting.

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109 **Ms. Wolf:** Travel to Houston and Georgia.

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111 Briefed Council of new business for an interlocal agreement to be brought for approval  
112 regarding the administration of burn permits.

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114 Attended the following: Emergency Tow Vessel subcommittee meeting followed by a meeting  
115 with the Department of Ecology, Clean Water Advisory Committee meeting, Agricultural  
116 Resources Retreat meeting, and a field trip to Waldron Island with Public Works staff.

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118 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Lopez community Public Hunting Safety meeting, Ferry  
119 Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting, meeting with staff for emergency ferry funding, Parks and  
120 Recreation campaign meetings, Climate Sustainability Retreat, check-in via phone with  
121 Senator Lovelett regarding the upcoming legislative session, briefing with staff and Ms.  
122 Hudson for capital projects on Lopez Island, Law and Justice meeting, school districts of San  
123 Juan County Summit meeting, and Finance Committee meeting. Update for new applications  
124 in process for the Lopez Planning Review Committee.

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126 **Ms. Hudson:** Attended the following: Town Council meeting, and Noxious Weed Board  
127 meeting. Gave an update of time spent for Human Resources duties, interviews to fill vacant  
128 positions for Risk & Safety Manager and DCD Director. Attending Guild bargaining meetings.

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130 **Ms. Rogers:** Gave the dates of upcoming Council meetings, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>,  
131 and 5<sup>th</sup> 2024.

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133 **Advisory Committee Appointments:**

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135 • **Lopez Island Library** – to consider Ann Grech for a 5-year term starting 10/22/2024 -  
136 12/31/2029.  
137 • **Agricultural Resource Committee** – to consider Lauren Bigelow for a 4-year term starting  
138 10/22/2024 - 12/31/2028.

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140 **MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the appointments as**  
141 **presented by Clerk to the Council Ms. Rogers. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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**1:20 PM Executive (Closed) Session:**

**To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)  
(CLOSED SESSION)**

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Council Chair Fuller announced that the Council would be holding an Executive (Closed)  
Session to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)  
(b) (CLOSED SESSION)

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estimated to last 55 minutes in total to begin at 1:20 PM and end at 2:15 PM  
followed by adjournment. [Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and  
Chief Civil Deputy Kim Ott.]

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The session ended at 2:15 PM. No action was taken.

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**ADJOURN 2:15 PM**

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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Cindy Wolf  
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Jane Fuller  
District 3

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ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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Sally Rogers Date:

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Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on November 12, 2024.