



**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

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

9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE.

Council Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jane Fuller (via video conference), Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Approval of Agenda:

No changes.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the San Juan County Council October 22, 2024, meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney, to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, November 12, 2024, as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

New Employee Introductions:

- Linnea Anderson introduced Ash Nicholson – Courthouse Facilitator, Superior Court Services
- John Kulseth introduced the following:
 - Steven Hudson – Appraiser II Assessor's Office
 - Joe Hornbuckle – Appraiser II Assessor's Office
 - Liesl Mordhorst – Appraiser, Deputy Assessor

Public Comments: Nathan Kessler-Jeffrey, Paul Dossett, Danny Sherard, offered comments in person; Sharon Abreu, Nancy Stillger, Noris Canton and Darcy Leach offered comments via telephone conference.

9:20 AM PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED

- 1) To consider adopting an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for Land Conservation Futures for 2025. Jessica Hudson– County Manager.

46 Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.
47 Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to consider approval of the Ordinance. Ms.
48 Hudson presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

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

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

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55 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt an Ordinance of San**
56 **Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for Land Conservation Futures**
57 **for 2025. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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59 2) To consider adopting an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the
60 Property Tax Levy for County Roads for 2025. Jessica Hudson– County Manager.

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73 **County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for County Roads for 2025. ALL**
74 **AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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76 3) To consider adopting an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the
77 Property Tax Levy for Current Expense for 2025. Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

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90 **County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for Current Expense for 2025. ALL**
91 **AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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93 **9:30 AM** Discussion/Action: Resolution and Approval of the San Juan County Tribal
94 Engagement Framework. Kendra Smith – Director of Environmental
95 Stewardship and Frances Robertson – Marine Program Manager.
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97 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt a Resolution, San Juan County’s**
98 **Commitment to Tribal Engagement, and to approve the San Juan County Tribal**
99 **Engagement Framework. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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101 **9:50 AM** Discussion/Action: Washington State Department of Commerce Grant
102 Agreement with San Juan County, Emergency Rapid Response Grant Program
103 for \$1.5m transportation funding. Jessica Hudson – County Manager.
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105 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the grant agreement with the**
106 **Washington State Department of Commerce in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars and**
107 **authorize that the document be routed for Council and County Manager signatures.**
108 **ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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110 **9:55 AM** Discussion/Action: First touch, to consider approval to move 28.47 acres of
111 land from Farm and Agricultural current use to Farm and Agricultural
112 Conservation, for application LANDUSE-19-0242, and to set a public hearing for
113 December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. Colin Maycock – Planner IV, Department of
114 Community Development.
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116 Mr. Maycock presented LANDUSE-19-00242 and answered Council’s questions. After
117 discussion, Council took the following action:
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119 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to set a public hearing on LANDUSE-19-**
120 **0242 for December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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122 **10:00 AM** Discussion/Action: Second touch, to consider approval of the Planning
123 Commission’s recommendations for Docket code amendments to be added to
124 the Department of Community Development’s work plan, and to set a public
125 hearing for December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. Colin Maycock – Planner IV,
126 Department of Community Development.
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128 Mr. Maycock presented recommendations for Docket code amendments and work plan to
129 Council and answered their questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:
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131 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to set a public hearing on the proposed**
132 **code amendments to be added to the Department of Community Development’s work**
133 **plan, for December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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135 **10:35 AM** Discussion: 2024 Third Budget Amendment, second touch. Molly Foote –
136 Budget Analyst, Auditor’s Office.
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138 Ms. Foote presented the budget amendment and answered Council's questions.
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140 **10:45 AM** Discussion: 2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and 2025-2030 Six Year CIP,
141 second touch. Heather Lee – Chief Deputy Auditor, Auditor’s Office.
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143 Ms. Lee presented the CIP Plans and answered Council’s questions.
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145 **10:50 AM** Discussion: 2025 Budget Mid-Biennium Review, second touch. Molly Foote –
146 Budget Analyst, Auditor’s Office.
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148 Ms. Foote presented the 2025 Budget Mid-Biennium Review and answered Council’s
149 questions.
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151 **11:15 AM** Discussion: Cancelling Prior Years Unclaimed Accounts Payable Warrants,
152 second touch. Alyssa Slagle -Administrative Specialist IV, Auditor’s Office.
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154 Ms. Slagle presented the unclaimed prior years payable warrants and answered Council’s
155 questions.
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157 **11:20 AM** Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:
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159 Ms. Minney: Attended the following: Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting, Park
160 Board meeting, Fair Board meeting, SJL based trail project meeting, and an opportunity to visit
161 Waldron Island with Public Works staff and County Manager Jessica Hudson.
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163 Upcoming meeting: Annual Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Conference.
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165 Ms. Wolf: Attended the following: Ecosystems Coordination Board meeting, Marine Resources
166 Committee (MRC) meeting, Eastsound Planning Review Committee (EPRC) meeting, Fish
167 War movie showing and attended Veterans Day at the Orcas Island Legion.
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169 Ms. Fuller: Attended the following: Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
170 meeting with Marianna Henefeld and Katy Stanford, Northwest Regional Council and ongoing
171 meetings with staff.
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173 Upcoming meetings: Public Facilities Financing Assistance Program (PFFAP) meeting, FEMA
174 “Fix our Ferries” Summit, and Annual Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC)
175 Conference.
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177 Ms. Hudson: Attended the following: Washington State Department of Transportation
178 (WSDOT) meeting with Ms. Fuller, Marianna Henefeld and Katy Stanford, Town Council
179 meeting, meetings with staff, and AFSCME Union regarding the 32-hour work week and
180 visit to Waldron with Ms. Minney and Public Works staff.
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182 Briefed Council on second round of interviews for Risk & Safety Manager position.
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184 Ms. Rogers: Gave the dates of upcoming Council meetings, December 2nd, 3rd, 9th, and 10th
185 2024.
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188 **Advisory Committee Appointment:**

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190 **MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the reappointment for Steve**
191 **Snowden for a 3-year to the Board of Equalization. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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193 **11:40 AM RECESS**

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195 **12:30 PM Discussion:** 32-Hour Work Week 1-Year Report, Jessica Hudson, County
196 Manager and Erin Andrews, Communication Coordinator.

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198 Ms. Hudson and Ms. Andrews presented the report and answered Council’s questions.

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200 **1:20 PM Discussion/Action:** Cultural Access Initiative Review second touch, and to set a
201 public hearing for December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. Brandon Andrews- Parks and
202 Fair Director.

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204 Mr. Andrews gave a presentation and answered Council’s questions. After discussion Council
205 took the following action:

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207 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to set a public hearing for December 10,**
208 **2024, at 9:15 a.m. VOTE: 2:0 (Ms. Fuller abstained) MOTION CARRIED.**

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210 **2:00 PM Discussion:** Code Revision presentation of proposed reorganization, Amy Viar –
211 Prosecuting Attorney.

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213 Ms. Vira presented the proposed reorganization and answered Council’s questions.

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215 **ADJOURN 2:15 PM**

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219 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
220 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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224 Christine Minney
225 District 1

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228 Cindy Wolf
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232 Jane Fuller
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236 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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238 By: _____

239 Sally Rogers

Date:

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241 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on December 10, 2024.