



**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 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, Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf (via video conference), Deputy County Manager Mark Tompkins, and Council Administrative Coordinator, Aiden Haines.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the San Juan County Council December 9, 10, 16, 2024, meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the financial items listed on the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, December 23, 2024. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

9:05 AM Discussion/Action: To consider approval of the 2025 LTAC funding for a destination marketing services agreement for San Juan Islands Visitor's Bureau, Aiden Haines – Council Administrative Coordinator.

Ms. Haines gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to accept the award as recommended by LTAC and authorize the County Manager to execute a 1-year destination marketing services agreement between San Juan County and the Sand Juan Island Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$535,000. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

9:15 AM Discussion/Action: Approval of LTAC Coordinator Wage Support from LTAC Fund – Council Administrative Coordinator

Ms. Haines gave a presentation and answered Council's questions. After discussion Council took the following action:

45 **MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to reimburse San Juan County for staff**
46 **Lodging Tax Grant administration and support not to exceed \$30,389 in the year 2025.**
47 **ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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49 **9:20 AM** **Discussion/Action:** To consider a Resolution Ratifying the Collective Bargaining
50 Agreement Reached Between San Juan County and The San Juan County
51 Deputy Sheriffs' Guild 2025-2026. Mark Tompkins, Health and Community
52 Services Director

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54 Mr. Tompkins presented briefly and answered Council's questions. After discussion, Council
55 took the following actions:

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57 **MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to Move to approve a Resolution Ratifying**
58 **the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached Between San Juan County and The San**
59 **Juan County Deputy Sheriffs' Guild 2025-2026. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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61 **9:30 AM** **Discussion/Action:** To consider approval of a Resolution Adopting County
62 Staffing Levels and Pay and Benefit Plans for 2025. Mark Tompkins, Health and
63 Community Services Director.

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65 Mr. Tompkins gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions. After discussion,
66 Council took the following action:

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68 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to approve a Resolution Adopting County**
69 **Staffing Levels and Pay and Benefit Plans for 2025. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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71 **9:35 AM** **New Business:** Council members did not have any new business to bring up at
72 this time.

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74 **9:30 AM** **Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:**

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76 **Ms. Wolf:** Has sent in resignation for Salmon Recovery Council, Ecosystems Coordination
77 Board and Opportunity Council. Shared with Council that Governor Inslee has transmitted a
78 letter to the Canadian Consulate of Seattle for assistance of funding for Emergency Response
79 Town Vessel in Sidney.

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81 **Ms. Minney:** Council Member Minney did not have any updates since the last meeting on
82 December 16th.

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84 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Northwest Regional Board meeting, SWISS Quarterly,
85 Transportation subcommittee, and Legislative meetings, Ferry Advisory Committee meeting,
86 End of Year interview with CLN2, discussion with Representative Nance regarding ferries, and
87 Met with lobbyist Josh Weiss,

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89 **Mr. Tompkins:** No updates but extended his thanks to the departing Council members for
90 their service.

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Advisory Committee Appointments/Reappointments presented by Council

Administrative Coordinator:

- Veterans Advisory Board- To consider reappointing Bill Cumming for a 2-year term starting 1/1/2025 - 1/1/2027 Mr. Cumming is on his 7th term.
- Veterans Advisory Board- To consider appointing Angie Arreguin for a 2-year term starting 1/1/2025 - 1/1/2027
- Veterans Advisory Board- To consider reappointing Barry Neville for a 2-year term starting 1/1/2025 - 1/1/2027. Mr. Neville is on his 3rd term.
- Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District – To consider reappointing Ross MacDonald for a 4-year term starting 1/1/2025-1/1/2029
- Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District – To consider reappointing Pamela Stewart for a 4-year term starting 1/1/2025-1/1/2029.

The Council members discussed the importance of institutional knowledge that those who have sat on committees for a long time bring. Council decided to appoint Bill Cumming for a 1-year partial term with the condition that the Veterans Advisory Board is actively recruiting new members.

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve Bill Cumming for a 1-year partial term on the Veterans Advisory Board starting 1-1-2025 ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the other appointments as presented by Council Administrative Coordinator Ms. Haines. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

9:50 AM Executive Session:

To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 36.16.030.

Council Chair Fuller announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) estimated to last 20 minutes in total to begin at 9:50 AM and end at 10:10 AM. [Present: Full Council, Deputy County Manager Mark Tompkins, and Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira.]

The session ended at 10:10 AM. No action was taken.

10:10 AM Regular meeting reconvened.

10:15 AM Discussion/Action: To appoint an interim coroner pursuant to RCW 36.16.030, Amy Vira – Prosecuting Attorney.

Ms. Vira discussed the resolution with Council and asked for their feedback. After discussion, Council took the following action:

Moved by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to appoint Tamara Greene as the Interim Coroner

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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 presented to Council on January 21, 2025. Councilmember Fuller approved.