



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**

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

**09:00 AM Call to Order & Flag Salute.**

Council Chair McVeigh called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jane Fuller, Kari McVeigh, and Justin Paulsen, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the County Sally Rogers.

**Excused Absences:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to modify the agenda to add 5 minutes for new business, general Council information regarding some of the lobbying work.**

**Public Access Time:** Toby Cooper provided comment to Council.

**09:10 AM Discussion/Action:** Draft Land Capacity Analysis and Considerations, Sophia Cassam – Planner III and Leland Consulting Group.

Ms. Cassam – San Juan County Planner III, David Fiske and Andrew Oliver of Leland Consulting Group gave a presentation to Council.

**09:45 AM - 12:45 PM Recess,** Councilmembers attending the EDC Ferry Forum.

**12:45 PM Continued Discussion/Action:** Draft Land Capacity Analysis and Considerations, Sophia Cassam – Planner III and Leland Consulting Group.

After discussion, Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to direct the Department of Community Development to explore the options of expansion of UGA to area A, upzoning to what is identified as upzone area B, and considering spot modifications adjacent to the village commercial area, to address the housing capacity deficit in Eastsound as shown by the Land Capacity Analysis, Motion Carried.**

**01:00 PM Discussion:** Emergency Rapid Response funding discussion continued. Mark Tompkins-Health and Community Services Director and Jessica Hudson- County Manager.

Mr. Tompkins and Ms. Hudson briefed Council and answered their questions.

**01:30 PM Discussion:** Second touch to consider adoption of a Resolution providing for the

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48 submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of San Juan County at a Special  
49 Election to be held on April 22, 2025, for the approval or rejection of the formation  
50 of a Metropolitan Park District on Lopez Island pursuant to RCW Chapter 35.61.  
51 Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

52 Ms. Hudson presented the resolution and answered Council's questions.

53 **02:10 PM Discussion:**

- 54 • Second touch to consider a Resolution Authorizing a Multi-Year Lease of The Frazer  
55 Homestead Preserve Agricultural Area Property on San Juan Island for Agricultural  
56 Purposes. Lincoln Bormann - Land Bank Director.
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- 58 • Second touch to consider a Resolution Authorizing a Multi-Year Lease of The  
59 Beaverton Marsh Preserve Agricultural Area Property on San Juan Island for  
60 Agricultural Purposes. Lincoln Bormann - Land Bank Director.

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62 Mr. Bormann presented the resolutions and answered Council's questions.

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64 **02:20 PM Discussion/Action:** Fourth Amended Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement  
65 Services and Assistance between the County and the Town of Friday Harbor. Kim  
66 Ott – Chief Civil Deputy.

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68 Ms. Ott presented the agreement to Council and answered their questions.

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70 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to authorize the County Manager to**  
71 **execute a Fourth Amended Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services and**  
72 **Assistance between the County and Town of Friday Harbor, Motion Carried.**

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74 **02:25 PM New Business:** Mr. Paulsen briefed Council on the upcoming trip to Olympia, a  
75 group of about 7-8 community members to represent Orcas, Lopez and San Juan  
76 Islands for bringing aligned messages and priorities to present to the legislature,  
77 for ferry service, consistent ferry service, staffing on ferries and getting boats built.

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79 Ms. Fuller discussed coordination to connect the San Juan Islands community  
80 members with lobbyist Josh Weiss, legislatures and other groups from with ferry  
81 serviced communities.

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83 **02:35 PM Executive Session:**

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85 To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW  
86 42.30.110(1)(i).

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88 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session,  
89 to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)  
90 estimated to last 55 minutes in total to begin at 2:35 PM and end at 3:30 PM followed by  
91 adjournment.

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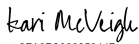
93 [Present: Full Council County Manager Jessica Hudson, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Senior  
94 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Mason Wiley, and Public  
95 Works Director Colin Huntmer.]  
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97 **Adjourn 3:30 PM**  
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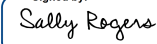
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Signed by:  
  
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Kari McVeigh  
District 1

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Justin Paulsen  
District 2

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Jane Fuller  
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By:  3/26/2025  
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Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on February 25, 2025.