



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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:** Approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the San Juan County Council January 13, 14, and 21, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, February 11, 2025, as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments:** Roger Ellison, Greg Hertel, Theora Moench, and Eva Schulte offered comments.

**09:10 AM Action:** Cancel a public hearing that was set for 2/11/2025, to consider adoption of a Resolution to Submit a Ballot Proposition for an April 22, 2025, Special Election Regarding the Formation of a Metropolitan Park District on Lopez Island and Providing for the Election of Initial Commissioners. The resolution was adopted on 2/10/2025. Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

Chair McVeigh proposed to Council to cancel the public hearing, after discussion, Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to cancel the public hearing that was set for 2/11/2025, to consider adoption of a Resolution to Submit a Ballot Proposition for an April 22, 2025, Special Election Regarding the Formation of a Metropolitan Park District on Lopez Island and Providing for the Election of Initial Commissioners. (The resolution was adopted on 2/10/2025). All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**9:15 AM PUBLIC HEARINGS – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED**

- 1) To consider adoption of a Resolution to Dispose of Surplus County Property by Public Auction, John Roach-Fleet Director.

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

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51 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the resolution. Mr. Roach  
52 presented the resolution and answered Council's questions.

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54 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered: none.

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

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59 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve a Resolution to Dispose of**  
60 **Surplus County Personal Property by Public Auction. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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62 2) To consider a Resolution Authorizing a Multi-Year Lease of The Frazer Homestead  
63 Preserve Agricultural Area Property on San Juan Island for Agricultural Purposes. Lincoln  
64 Bormann - Land Bank Director.

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

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68 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the resolution. Mr. Bormann  
69 presented the resolution and answered Council's questions.

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71 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered: none.

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73 Chair McVeigh closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, Council  
74 took the following action:

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76 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve a Resolution Authorizing a**  
77 **Multi-Year Lease of The Frazer Homestead Preserve Agricultural Area Property on San**  
78 **Juan Island for Agricultural Purposes. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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80 3) To consider a Resolution Authorizing a Multi-Year Lease of The Beaverton Marsh  
81 Preserve Agricultural Area Property on San Juan Island for Agricultural Purposes. Lincoln  
82 Bormann - Land Bank Director.

83  
84 Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

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86 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Resolution. Mr. Bormann  
87 presented the resolution and answered Council's questions.

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89 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered: none.

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91 Chair McVeigh closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, Council  
92 took the following action:

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96 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve a Resolution Authorizing a**  
97 **Multi-Year Lease of The Beaverton Marsh Preserve Agricultural Area Property on San**  
98 **Juan Island for Agricultural Purposes. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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100 **09:25 AM** Discussion/Action: 1<sup>st</sup> touch and setting a public hearing a public hearing for  
101 March 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider approval of a Resolution to Convey a  
102 Statutory Warranty Deed to the National Park Service on Tax Parcels  
103 340224001000 and 340224003000 of the Frazer Homestead Preserve Property  
104 on San Juan Island, Lincoln Bormann – Land Bank Director.  
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106 Mr. Borman presented the resolution and requested to set a public hearing. After discussion,  
107 Council took the following action:  
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109 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to set a public hearing a public hearing**  
110 **for March 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider approval of a Resolution to Convey a**  
111 **Statutory Warranty Deed to the National Park Service on Tax Parcels 340224001000 and**  
112 **340224003000 of the Frazer Homestead Preserve Property on San Juan Island. ALL**  
113 **AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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115 **09:40 AM** Discussion/Action: Vacation Rental Permits in Eastsound and Lopez  
116 Commercial Land Use Designations, and setting a public hearing for March 18,  
117 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider adoption of an Ordinance Regarding Vacation  
118 Rental Permits in Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez Commercial  
119 Designations: Amending Land Use Tables Within SJCC 18.30.465 and SJCC  
120 18.30.750, and SJCC 18.40.275 Sophia Cassam – Planner III.  
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122 Ms. Cassam briefed Council and requested to set a public hearing. After discussion, Council  
123 took the following action:  
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125 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to set a public hearing for March 18,**  
126 **2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider adoption of an Ordinance Regarding Vacation Rental**  
127 **Permits in Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez Commercial Designations:**  
128 **Amending Land Use Tables Within SJCC 18.30.465 and SJCC 18.30.750, and SJCC**  
129 **18.40.275. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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131 **10:05 AM** Discussion: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 Financial Review, Molly Foote – Budget Analyst.  
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133 Ms. Foote presented the financial review and answered Council's questions.  
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135 **11:10 AM** Discussion/Action: 1<sup>st</sup> touch, and setting a public hearing for March 18, 2025, at  
136 9:00 a.m. to consider approval of a Resolution to Convey a Conservation  
137 Easement Deed to the San Juan Preservation Trust on the Northshore Preserve  
138 Property on Orcas Island, Lincoln Bormann – Land Bank Director.  
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140 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to setting a public hearing for March 18,**  
141 **2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider approval of a Resolution to Convey a Conservation**  
142 **Easement Deed to the San Juan Preservation Trust on the Northshore Preserve Property**

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143 **on Orcas Island. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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145 **11:30 AM** **Discussion/Action:** 1<sup>st</sup> touch, and setting a public hearing for March 18, 2025, at  
146 9:00 a.m. to consider adoption of an Ordinance Regarding the San Juan County  
147 Conservation Land Bank Amending Section 2.120.020 of the San Juan County  
148 Code, Lincoln Bormann – Land Bank Director.

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150 Mr. Bormann presented the ordinance and requested to set a public hearing. After discussion,  
151 Council took the following action:

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153 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to set a public hearing for March 18,**  
154 **2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider adoption of an Ordinance Regarding the San Juan County**  
155 **Conservation Land Bank Amending Section 2.120.020 of the San Juan County Code. ALL**  
156 **AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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158 **11:35 AM** **New Business:** County Manager Jessica Hudson discussed draft letters for  
159 support regarding HB 1652 and SB 5519 Reducing environmental impacts  
160 associated with the operation of certain ocean-going vessels.

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162 County Manager Jessica Hudson briefed Council of adding structured agenda  
163 items for legislative bill review, Monday meetings will include updates from Josh  
164 Weiss – State Lobbyist and Ms. Hudson will fill in on Tuesdays or dates where Mr.  
165 Weiss is unavailable.

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167 **11:40 AM** **Council Updates**

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169 **Mr. Paulsen:** Attended the following: Coalition of citizens in Olympia on February 6, 2025, to  
170 Carry The message for support for funding for Washington State Ferries and initiatives for  
171 Passenger ferries, the coalition represented ferry served communities.

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173 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Coalition of citizens in Olympia on February 6, 2025, to carry  
174 The message for support for funding for Washington State Ferries and initiatives for passenger  
175 ferries, the coalition represented ferry served communities, Washington State Association of  
176 Counties (WSAC) Board of Directors, WSAC Legislative Steering Committee (LSC), a meeting  
177 with County Manager Jessica Hudson and Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District and gave input  
178 to RFP for Emergency Rapid Response (ERR) funding.

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180 **Council discussion:** Ms. Fuller and Ms. McVeigh discussed support to San Juan County  
181 School District.

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183 **Ms. McVeigh:** Thank you to the Sheriff’s Department on providing an update for the sanctuary  
184 status for the County.

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186 Attended the following: Northwest Workforce Council, Fair Board, Finance Committee, Veteran’s  
187 Advisory Board.

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189 Has applied to the Housing Advisory Board through Washington State Association of Counties

190 (WSAC) and is waiting to hear if she is accepted.

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192 **12:00 PM Recess**

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194 **1:00 PM County Manager and Clerk Update:**

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196 **Ms. Hudson:** Thank you to the Road crew during the snow event, personnel update; Joe Vlach  
197 Risk and Safety Manager has started employment, have had 2<sup>nd</sup> round interviews for the Human  
198 Resources Director position and have upcoming first round interviews for the Deputy County  
199 Manager position.

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201 Attended the following: Town Council meeting, and visited Lopez for two separate meetings with  
202 Council member Paulsen and Council member McVeigh to tour a Public Works site, meeting  
203 with Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District, and viewed the CBS interview regarding the 32 Hour  
204 Work Week.

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206 **Ms. Rogers: Upcoming meetings;** February 25<sup>th</sup> March 12<sup>th</sup> (Joint with Town), 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**Committee Appointment/Reappointments**

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- 210 • Fair Board: To consider reappointments for Barbara Bevens and Rebecca Shanks, each
- 211 for a 4- year term starting 2/11/2025 to 2/11/2029.
- 212 • Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC): To consider appointments for Becki Day, Amy
- 213 Frost, and reappointment for Nancy Stillger. Nancy Stillger & Becki Day's terms starting
- 214 2/11/2025 to 2/11/2027. Amy Frost's term starting 2/11/2025 to 2/11/2028.
- 215 • Agricultural Resources Committee (ARC): To consider appointment for Andrew Munson
- 216 for a 4-year term starting 2/11/2025 to 2/11/2029.
- 217 • Lopez Village Planning Review Committee (LVPRC): To consider appointment for Bill
- 218 Evans for a 3-year term starting 2/11/2025 to 2/11/2028
- 219 • Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC): To consider appointments for Pete Moe &
- 220 Kathy Morris for 3-year terms starting 2/11/2025 to 2/11/2028.

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222 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the committee**  
223 **appointments and reappointments as read by the Council Clerk. All Ayes, Motion**  
224 **Carried.**

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226 **1:10 PM Executive Session:**

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- 228 • To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW
- 229 42.30.110(1)(i)
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- 231 • To evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110
- 232 (1)(g)
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Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session,

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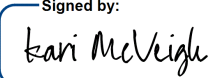
236 to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)  
237 and to evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g),  
238 estimated to last 1 hour and 5 minutes in total to begin at 1:10 PM and end at 2:15 PM followed  
239 by adjournment.

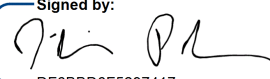
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241 [Present: Full Council County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira.]  
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243 **ADJOURN 2:15 p.m.**  
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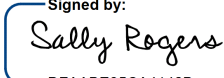
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Jane Fuller  
District 3

265 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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Sally Rogers  
Date: 3/31/2025

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272 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on March 18, 2025.