



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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 Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the San Juan County Council January 27, and February 10, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, February 25, 2025, as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**New Employee Introductions:**

- County Manager Jessica Hudson introduced Joe Vlach, Risk and Safety Manager, Human Resources.
- Director of Health & Community Services Mark Tompkins introduced Paul Hamdorf, Program Coordinator – Emergency Preparedness.
- Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira introduced Kate Salazar – Victim Advocate, Prosecutor's Office.

**Public Comments:** Greg Hertel offered comments.

**09:15 AM Executive Session:**

- To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
- To evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)
- To consider site selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b);

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49 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session,  
50 to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i), to  
51 evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g), and to  
52 consider site selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to RCW  
53 42.30.110(1)(b); estimated to last 1 hour in total to begin at 9:15 AM and end at 10:15 AM. At  
54 10:15 AM, Chair McVeigh announced the need to extend the executive session for 20 additional  
55 minutes with a 5-minute break, to last until 10:40 AM.

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57 [Present: Full Council County Manager Jessica Hudson, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, and  
58 Lincoln Bormann.]

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60 **10:40 AM** Reconvene regular meeting.

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62 **10:40 AM Discussion:** 2<sup>nd</sup> touch Resolution to Convey a Statutory Warranty Deed to the  
63 National Park Service on Tax Parcels 340224001000 and 340224003000 of the  
64 Frazer Homestead Preserve Property on San Juan Island, Lincoln Bormann – Land  
65 Bank Director.

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67 Mr. Bormann presented the resolution and answered Council's questions.

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69 **10:45 AM Discussion:** 2<sup>nd</sup> touch Resolution to Convey a Conservation Easement Deed to the  
70 San Juan Preservation Trust on the Northshore Preservation Property on Orcas  
71 Island, Lincoln Bormann – Land Bank Director.

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73 Mr. Bormann presented the resolution and answered Council's questions.

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75 **10:50 AM Discussion:** 2<sup>nd</sup> touch Ordinance Regarding the San Juan County Conservation  
76 Land Bank Amending Section 2.120.020 of the San Juan County Code, Lincoln  
77 Bormann – Land Bank Director.

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79 Mr. Bormann presented the ordinance and answered Council's questions.

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81 **10:55 AM Discussion:** Coroner Services Update, Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

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83 Ms. Hudson gave the update and answered Council's questions.

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85 **11:15 AM Discussion:** Federal Budget Update, Jessica Hudson – County Manager

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87 Ms. Hudson gave the update and answered Council's questions.

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89 **11:50 AM Discussion:** Legislative Bill Update, Jessica Hudson – County Manager

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91 Ms. Hudson gave the update and answered Council's questions.

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93 **12:00 PM Recess**

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96 **01:00 PM Discussion/Action:** 2nd touch, Law and Justice Council to add additional members,  
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98 Amy Vira – Prosecuting Attorney and Judge Loring.  
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100 Ms. Vira and Judge Loring presented the ordinance and answered Council's questions. After  
101 discussion, Council took the following action:  
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103 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to set a public hearing on April 15, 2025**  
104 **at 9:15 a.m. to consider approval of an Ordinance Amending San Juan County Code**  
105 **2.10.090 to Add Additional Members to the San Juan County Law and Justice Council. All**  
106 **Ayes, Motion Carried.**  
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108 **01:05 PM Discussion/Action:** Approve Payment to Washington State Ferries, Orcas Landing  
109 improvements, Colin Huntemer – Director of Public Works.  
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111 Mr. Huntemer briefed Council of the payment for approval and answered their questions. After  
112 discussion, Council took the following action:  
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114 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve payment from the County**  
115 **Road Fund to Washington State Ferries as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**  
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117 **01:12 PM Discussion:** Update for MacKaye Harbor Road project, Colin Huntemer – Director of  
118 Public Works.  
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120 Mr. Huntemer briefed Council on the project and answered their questions.  
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122 **01:55 PM Discussion:** Emergency Rapid Response Request for Proposals, Jessica Hudson  
123 – County Manager and Mark Tompkins – Director of Health & Community Services.  
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125 Ms. Hudson and Mr. Tompkins briefed Council and answered their questions.  
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127 **02:05 PM New Business:** Council member Fuller discussed that the Northwest Region  
128 Representative Jeremy Harrison-Smith regarding Governor Ferguson's visit this summer.  
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130 Council discussed drafting a letter of support Broad Marine Transportation Funding and HB  
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133 **02:25 PM Council, County Manager and Clerk Updates**  
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135 **Mr. Paulsen:** Attended the following: Agricultural Resources Committee (ARC), North Sound  
136 Behavioral Health Administrative Organization (NSBHAO), and met with Orcas Coalition who is  
137 working with the Orcas Hospital District.  
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139 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Met with Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District (LSWDD) with  
140 County Manager Jessica Hudson, visit roads on Lopez Island with Public Works, Land Bank  
141 Commission meeting, and Legislative Steering Committee (LSC).

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142 To attend: The NACo Annual Legislative Conference.

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144 **Ms. McVeigh:** Attended the following: Public Facilities Assistance Program PFFAP, Clean  
145 Water Advisory Committee meeting, and an update on Hannah Heights water.


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147 **Ms. Hudson: Attended the following:** Two PFFAP meetings (committee and staff), LSWDD,  
148 Internal 32- Work Week Committee meeting, meetings for coroner services, meetings for  
149 recruitments/interviews for positions; Human Resources Director, Deputy County Manager, and  
150 Department of Community Development Director.


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152 **Ms. Rogers:** Upcoming meetings; March 11<sup>th</sup> Special meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> (Joint with Town), 17<sup>th</sup>,  
153 and 18<sup>th</sup>.


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155 **ADJOURN 2:42 p.m.**

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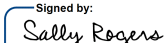
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174 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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178 Sally Rogers Date:

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