



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**

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

09:23 AM Call to Order & Flag Salute.

Council Chair McVeigh called the meeting to order at 09:23 AM. Present: Councilmembers Jane Fuller, Kari McVeigh, and Justin Paulsen, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers. The meeting was started late due to technical issues.

Excused Absences: None.

Approval of Agenda:

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller that the agenda be approved with an amendment to add comment from Chair McVeigh regarding a line in one of the proposed budgets that talks about the FACs have no force and effect during the 2025-2027 biennium. Additionally, Councilmember Fuller requests to add New Business for discussion regarding the Governors' visit on July 14th. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Public Access Time: Gretchen Allison, Kyle Loring, (in person); Barnaby Zall, Faith VanDeputte, Matida Twigg, Thomas Bridge, Morgan Meadows, Chaloeem Gresham, Bill Bangs, and David Bill (via teleconference) provided comment to Council.

10:05 AM Discussion: County Wildfire Protection Plan, Paul Andersson – Executive Director, San Juan Islands Conservation District.

Mr. Andersson gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions.

10:35 AM Discussion/Action: Letter of Support, FY 2026 Congressional Directed Spending Request for OPAL Community Land Trust Pea Patch Campus Project, Justin Paulsen – Councilmember.

Councilmember Paulsen presented the support letter, after discussion Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a support letter from San Juan County Council to Senator Patty Murray, regarding Fiscal Year 2026 Congressional Directed Spending Request for OPAL Community Land Trust Pea Patch Campus Project. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

10:40 AM Discussion/Action: To consider a Resolution to Appoint a Local Health Officer, Mark Tompkins – Director, Department of Health and Community Services.

Mr. Tompkins presented the resolution to Council and answered their questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

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49 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a Resolution to Appoint a**
50 **Local Health Officer, All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

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52 **10:45 AM** **Discussion:** First touch, Sale of Surplus Property on Waldron Island, Colin
53 Huntmer – Director, Department of Public Works.

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55 Mr. Huntmer gave a presentation to Council for consideration of sale of surplus property
56 (to make gravel available for public sale from the County’s gravel pit on Waldron Island.) Mr.
57 Huntmer answered Council questions and was given direction to proceed.

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59 **11:00 AM** **New Business:** Councilmember Fuller briefed Council regarding the visit from
60 the Governor on July 14, 2025.

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62 **11:05 AM** **Discussion:** Legislative Bill Comments, Josh Weiss-Lobbyist.

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64 Mr. Weiss briefed Council on legislative session information and status of bills.

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66 **11:30 AM** **Recess**

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68 **12:00 PM** **Discussion:** Comprehensive Plan Element Review of Element 5 (Housing),
69 Element 7 (Capital Facilities), and Element 11 (Climate), Sophia Cassam - Planner
70 III, Department of Community Development and Angela Broderick – Climate and
71 Sustainability Coordinator, Department of Environmental Stewardship.

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73 Ms. Cassam gave a presentation, received Council input and answered their questions.

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75 **1:40 PM** **Discussion/Action:** Emergency Rapid Response Staff Recommendations for
76 Contracting, Mark Tompkins – Director of Health and Community Services and
77 Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

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79 Mr. Tompkins and Ms. Hudson presented the recommendations to Council and answered their
80 questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

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82 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to accept staff’s recommendations for**
83 **the three contracts for pilot projects utilizing Emergency Rapid Response dollars from**
84 **the Department of Commerce, and request that staff negotiate such contracts, All Ayes,**
85 **Motion Carried.**

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87 **2:40 PM** **Executive Session**

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89 To consider site selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant
90 to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

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92 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session,

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93 to discuss to consider site selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase
94 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); estimated to last 20 minutes in total to begin at 2:40 PM and
95 end at 3:00 PM.

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97 [Present: Full Council County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Lincoln Bormann.]
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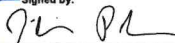
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Signed by:

Kari McVeigh
District 1

Signed by:

Justin Paulsen
District 2


Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By:  12/30/2025
Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on April 22, 2025.