



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025**

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

**09:05 AM Call to Order & Flag Salute.**

Council Chair McVeigh called the meeting to order at 09:05 AM. Present: Council Members Jane Fuller (via Videoconference), Kari McVeigh, and Justin Paulsen, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

**Excused Absences:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the San Juan County Council March 11, 12, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 2:0:1 (Ms. Fuller was absent and has abstained.)**

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the San Juan County Council March 17, 18, 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, April 15, 2025, as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments:** none.

**09:15 AM PUBLIC HEARINGS – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED**

1) To consider an Ordinance Amending SJCC 2.10.090 to Add Additional Members to the San Juan County Law and Justice Council, by Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers on behalf of Amy Vira – Prosecuting Attorney and Judge Loring.

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

Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance. Ms. Rogers presented the ordinance.

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

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

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50 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt an Ordinance Amending SJCC**  
51 **2.10.090 to Add Additional Members to the San Juan County Law and Justice Council.**  
52 **ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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54 2) To consider an Ordinance Regarding Parks, Recreation, and Fair Advisory Boards  
55 Code Requirements; Amending SJCC 2.40.010, 2.40.020, 2.40.040, and 2.40.60; and  
56 Repealing SJCC 2.40.025 and 2.40.050. Brandon Andrews-Director, Department of  
57 Parks and Fair.  
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59 Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers  
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61 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance. Mr. Andrews  
62 presented the ordinance and answered Council's questions.  
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64 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered: none.  
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66 Chair McVeigh closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, Council  
67 took the following action:  
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69 **MOVED and AMENDED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt an Ordinance**  
70 **Regarding Parks, Recreation, and Fair Advisory Boards Code Requirements; Amending**  
71 **SJCC 2.40.010, 2.40.020, 2.40.040, and 2.40.60; and Repealing SJCC 2.40.025 and**  
72 **2.40.050. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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74 3) To consider an Ordinance Regarding Vacation Rental Permits in Eastsound  
75 Village Commercial and Lopez Commercial Designations, Amending Land Use  
76 Tables SJCC 18.30.465 and 18.30.750, and 18.40. 275, Sophia Cassam-Planner  
77 III, Department of Community Development.  
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79 Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers  
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81 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance. Ms. Cassam  
82 presented the ordinance and answered Council's questions.  
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84 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered: none.  
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86 Chair McVeigh closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, Council  
87 took the following action:  
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89 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt to consider an Ordinance**  
90 **Regarding Vacation Rental Permits in Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez**  
91 **Commercial Designations, Amending Land Use Tables SJCC 18.30.465 and 18.30.750,**  
92 **and 18.40.275. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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143 Mr. Huntemer gave a presentation and answered Council's questions. After discussion Council  
144 gave the direction to Mr. Huntemer to proceed and return to a future meeting. No action was  
145 taken to set a public hearing.  
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147 **12:10 PM** **Discussion/Action:** To adopt a Resolution Approving the 2025 to 2029 San Juan  
148 Transfer Station Lease and Landfill Management Agreement Between Town of  
149 Friday Harbor and San Juan County, Katie Fleming, Solid Waste Program  
150 Coordinator and Kendra Smith- Director, Department of Environmental  
151 Stewardship.  
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153 Ms. Fleming and Ms. Smith presented the resolution and answered Council's questions. After  
154 discussion, Council took the following action:  
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156 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution Approving the 2025**  
157 **to 2029 San Juan Transfer Station Lease and Landfill Management Agreement Between**  
158 **Town of Friday Harbor and San Juan County. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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160 **12:15 PM** **Recess**  
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162 **01:00 PM** **Discussion:** Coroner services update-Jessica Hudson – County Manager.  
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164 Ms. Hudson gave an update and answered Council's questions. Ms. Hudson made a  
165 recommendation to go with an internal staff option for Coroner services and invited Greg  
166 Sawyer- Director of Facilities to speak and answer any questions from Council. After  
167 discussion, Council gave direction for Ms. Hudson to proceed with drafting a resolution to  
168 appoint County staff for Coroner services for them to consider, and to come back at the  
169 upcoming meeting of May 13, 2025.  
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171 **01:20 PM** **Discussion:** ERR Project - Emergency Interisland Passenger Service to Shaw  
172 Island, Mark Tompkins HCS Director & Jessica Hudson, County Manager.  
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174 Mr. Tompkins and Ms. Hudson gave an update for the Emergency Rapid Response Project,  
175 and a briefing of restrictions of service to Shaw Island to Council and answered their questions.  
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177 **01:40 PM** **Discussion/Action:** Notice of Funding Availability for the Home Fund, Ryan Page  
178 - Affordable Housing Coordinator, Department of Housing and Community  
179 Development.  
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181 Mr. Page gave a presentation and answered Council's questions. After discussion, Council took  
182 the following action:  
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184 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the release of a Notice of**  
185 **Funds Available for the 2025 Home Fund application round . ALL AYES: MOTION**  
186 **CARRIED.**  
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188 **02:10 PM** **Discussion/Action:** Rental Subsidies, Ryan Page – Affordable Housing  
189 Coordinator, Department of Housing and Community Development.

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96 **09:40 AM** Discussion: Grants Overview and 1st touch, Grants Policy Update, Tara  
97 Anderson – Grants Administrator and Natasha Warmenhoven – Auditor.

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99 Ms. Anderson gave an overview and answered Council's questions.

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101 **10:20 AM** Discussion/Action: 1<sup>st</sup> Touch, 2025 First Budget Amendment and to set a public  
102 hearing for May 13, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. to consider ordinances revising the 2025  
103 budget, Molly Foote – Budget Analyst.

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105 Ms. Foote presented the budget amendments, and for consideration, three ordinances that  
106 revise the 2025 SJC budget for beginning cash balances, emergency appropriations, and  
107 supplemental appropriations. Ms. Foote answered Council's questions. After discussion,  
108 Council took the following action:

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110 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to set a public hearing for May 13, 2025,**  
111 **at 9:15 a.m., to consider ordinances; 1) Revising the San Juan County 2025 Budget for**  
112 **Beginning Cash Balances; Amending Ordinances 16-2023 and 20-2024, 2) Revising the**  
113 **San Juan County 2024 Budget for Emergency Appropriations; Amending Ordinances 16-**  
114 **2023, 20-2024, and \_\_\_-2025, 3) Revising the San Juan County 2025 Budget for**  
115 **Supplemental Appropriations; Amending Ordinances 16-2023, 20-2024, \_\_\_-2025, and**  
116 **\_\_\_-2025. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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118 **11:05 AM** Discussion/Action: 1st touch Lease with OPALCO for Decatur Property, Colin  
119 Huntmer – Director, Department of Public Works.

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121 Mr. Huntmer presented the proposal and answered Council's questions. General Manager of  
122 OPALCO Foster Hildreth was invited to speak and answer questions. After discussion, Council  
123 took the following action:

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125 **MOVED and AMENDED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to set a public hearing for**  
126 **May 13, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., to approve a lease with OPALCO for the Decatur property for**  
127 **the purposes of siting a solar array.**

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129 **MOTION WITHDRAWN by Mr. Paulsen, MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to**  
130 **set a public hearing for May 20, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., to approve negotiation of a lease with**  
131 **OPALCO for the Decatur property for the purposes of siting a solar array. ALL AYES:**  
132 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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134 **11:35 AM** Discussion: 1st touch Primitive Road, Colin Huntmer – Director, Department of  
135 Public Works.

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137 Mr. Huntmer gave a presentation and answered Council's questions. After discussion Council  
138 gave the direction to Mr. Huntmer to proceed and return to a future meeting with a resolution to  
139 consider.

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141 **12:00 PM** Discussion: 2nd touch and to set a 5/13/25 Public Hearing for Sale of Surplus  
142 Property on Waldron, Colin Huntmer – Director of Public Works.

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190 Mr. Page gave a presentation and answered Council’s questions. After discussion, Council took  
191 the following action:  
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193 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve funding for all applicants to**  
194 **the 2025 Senior and Disabled Rental Subsidy Program in the amount of \$119,955.90.**  
195 **ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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197 **02:25 PM** **New Business:** Ms. Fuller brought to Council’s attention that WSF’s updated  
198 schedules, the Spring schedule specifically, is not working so well for Lopez Island  
199 and would the Ferry Advisory Committee be communicating to WSF about the  
200 challenges with the schedules. There was discussion among Council members  
201 regarding the issues.  
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203 **02:15 PM** **Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:**  
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205 **Mr. Paulsen:** Attended the following, Fix Our Ferries Coalition in Olympia, and Behavioral  
206 Health Association Services Organization meeting, Housing Advisory Committee. Mr. Paulsen  
207 announced a new granddaughter and thanked a visiting student and guest attending today’s  
208 meeting.  
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210 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following, a visit to Odlin Park with Brandon Andrews – Director of  
211 Parks & Fair, and Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Legislative Steering  
212 Committee.  
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214 **Ms. McVeigh:** Attended the following, Town Council meeting, Noxious Weed Board meeting,  
215 Fair Board meeting, met with Jennifer Armstrong Executive Director of the Family Resource  
216 Center, and met with Amy Saxe-Eyler Director of San Juan Island Community Foundation.  
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218 **Ms. Hudson:** Updated that Erin Andrews Communications Coordinator has confirmed the Ferry  
219 Advisory Committee (FAC) survey was sent as a news flash, went to Deer Harbor and Waldron  
220 Island with Council member Paulsen and colleagues to visit Public Works sites, and has been  
221 on vacation.  
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223 **Ms. Rogers: Upcoming meetings;** April 21, 22, May 12, 13, 2025.  
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225 **Committee Appointment/Reappointments**  
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- 227 • Veterans’ Advisory Board: To consider an appointment for David Roseberry for a  
228 2- year term starting 4/15/2025 to 4/15/2027.
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- 230 • Fair Board: To consider an appointment for Jeri King, for a 1-year term starting  
231 4/15/2025 to 4/15/2026.  
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233 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the committee appointments**  
234 **and reappointments as read by the Council Clerk. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**  
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236 **ADJOURN 2:48 p.m.**

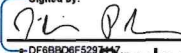
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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Signed by:  
  
Kari McVeigh  
District 1

Signed by:  
  
Justin Paulsen  
District 2

  
Jane Fuller  
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By:   
Sally Rogers  
Date: 12/30/2025

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on May 13, 2025.