



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 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 09:05 AM. Present: Council Members Kari McVeigh and Justin Paulsen, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Excused Absences: Council Member Jane Fuller.

Approval of Agenda: County Manager Jessica Hudson proposed to add to new business later in the agenda to consider of a letter of support for the Puget Sound Partnership federal funding.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the San Juan County Council March 25, 31, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller absent.)

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as presented. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller absent.)

Proclamations:

Chari McVeigh read the Proclamation for May 1st: Law Day 2025 and invited District Court Administrator Mellissa Derksema to speak and acknowledge the proclamation.

Chair McVeigh read the Proclamation May: Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and invited Communications Coordinator Erin Andrews to speak and acknowledge the proclamation.

New Employee Introductions:

- Parks and Fair Director Brandon Andrews introduced Justin Jewett-Platts, Parks and Fair Department.
- County Manager Jessica Hudson introduced Matthew Bullock, Director of Human Resources.
- Assessor John Kulseth introduced Kellen O'Connor and Kristen Reitz-Green, Assessors Office
- Superior Court Administrator Jane Severin introduced Lindsay Dogey, Superior Court

Public Comments: Sean DeMeritt provided comments to Council.

09:20 AM Discussion: 2nd Touch, First Budget Amendment; Molly Foote- Budget Analyst, Auditor's Office.

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49 Draft Ordinances for review:

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51 ○ Ordinance Revising the San Juan County 2025 Budget for Beginning
52 Cash Balances; Amending Ordinances 16-2023 and 20-2024

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54 ○ Ordinance Revising the San Juan County 2024 Budget for
55 Emergency Appropriations; Amending Ordinances 16-2023, 20-2024, and ___-2025

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57 ○ Ordinance Revising the San Juan County 2025 Budget for Supplemental Appropriations;
58 Amending Ordinances 16-2023, 20-2024, ___-2025, And ___-2025.

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60 Ms. Foote presented the ordinances revising the budget and answered Council's questions.

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62 **09:30 AM** Discussion: 1st Quarter 2025 Financial Review, Molly Foote- Budget Analyst,
63 Auditor's Office.

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65 Ms. Foote presented the review and answered Council's questions.

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67 **10:00 AM** Discussion/Action: 2nd Touch, to set a public hearing for May 20, 2025, at 9:15
68 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Allocation of Revenues from the Sales
69 and Use Tax for Purposes of Financing Public Facilities; Amending SJCC Section
70 3.26.055, PFFAP funding for EDC, Aiden Haines – Council Administrative
71 Coordinator.

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73 Ms. Haines presented the ordinance to consider and requested to set a public hearing. After
74 discussion, Council took the following action:

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76 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to set a public hearing for**
77 **May 20, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Allocation of Revenues**
78 **from the Sales and Use Tax for Purposes of Financing Public Facilities; Amending SJCC**
79 **Section 3.26.055. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller absent.)**

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81 **10:20 AM** Discussion/Action: To Consider a Resolution Adopting Updated Attorney Fee
82 Schedule for Assigned Council Not Under Contract with San Juan County, Alex
83 Frix – Public Defender and Linnea Anderson – Director of Superior Court Services.

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85 Mr. Frix and Ms. Anderson gave an update, presented the resolution and answered Council's
86 questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

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88 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve a Resolution Adopting**
89 **Updated Attorney Fee Schedule for Assigned Council Not Under Contract with San Juan**
90 **County. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller absent.)**

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92 **10:30 AM** Discussion: Language Access Program Development, Erin Andrews-
93 Communications Coordinator and Kyra Jahanfar Program Coordinator -
94 Emergency Preparedness & Communications • Health & Community Services

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96 Ms. Andrews and Ms. Jahanfar gave a presentation and answered Council's questions.

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98 **10:50 AM** Discussion: Public Participation Plan for Critical Area Protections, Colin Maycock-
99 Planner IV, Department of Community Development.

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101 Mr. Huntemer gave a presentation and answered Council's questions. After discussion Council
102 gave the direction to Mr. Huntemer to proceed and return to a future meeting. No action was
103 taken to set a public hearing.

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105 **11:00 AM** New Business: County Manager Jessica Hudson presented a letter on behalf of
106 Environmental Stewardship, for Council to sign in support of funding at the federal level, for a
107 variety of Puget Sound items FY26, mostly through the Environmental Protection Act.

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109 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. McVeigh to authorize Environment staff to**
110 **submit the support letter to Congress from San Juan County Council. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms.**
111 **Fuller absent.)**

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113 **11:05 AM** Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:

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115 Mr. Paulsen: Met with Representative Larsen, has been in communication with Amy Drayer and
116 FAC members regarding upcoming meetings. Will be meeting with the Orcas Rising Group.

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118 Ms. McVeigh: Attended the following: Clean Water Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation
119 Committee, Town Council meeting, roundtable meeting with Representative Larsen regarding
120 Transportation, Northwest Regional Council (NWRC), and went on the 1st trip for passenger
121 boat service from Friday Harbor to Anacortes with San Juan Safaris.

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123 Future meeting: Traveling to Washington D.C. for annual Puget Sound Day on the Hill.

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125 Ms. Hudson: Had an internal quarterly labor management meeting with Local 1849 AFSCME,
126 and gave an update regarding the lease with Lopez Island Fire Station is not going to be
127 renewed and is exploring options, Ms. Hudson will return to a future Council meeting for an
128 update.

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130 Ms. Rogers: Upcoming meetings; May 12, 13, 20 and June 3, 2025.

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132 **Recess 11:20 – 11:55 AM**

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134 **11:55 PM** Public Comments: Judge Carolyn Jewett-Platts provided comments to Council.

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136 **Chair McVeigh adjourned the meeting at 12:01 PM.**

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138 **ADJOURN 12:01 PM**

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**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Signed by:


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Kari McVeigh
District 1

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Justin Paulsen
District 2

Excused

Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

Signed by:


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By: Sally Rogers
Date: 12/30/2025

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on May 20, 2025.