



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 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:** Approved as written.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the San Juan County Council April 14, 15, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 2:0:1 (Ms. Fuller excused.) Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as presented. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.) Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Correspondence:** Grant – PTD0873-007 Waldron Island -Deer Harbor Green CarShare Project.

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve correspondence in support of the grant application. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.) Motion Carried.**

**Retirement Recognition:**

Recognition for Nancy Vejvoda-Victim Advocate, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 14 years of service to San Juan County.

**Public Comments:** Kyle Loring (in person), Vickie Heater, Michael Riordan (via teleconference) provided comments to Council.

**09:15 AM Discussion/Action:** To set a public hearing for June 10, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Vacation Rental Permits in Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez Village Commercial Designations; Amending SJCC 18.40.275 and Land Use Tables Within SJCC 18.30.465 and SJCC 18.30.750. Sophia Cassam – Planner III, Department of Community Development.

Ms. Cassam presented the ordinance and requested to set the public hearing. After discussion, Council took the following action:

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50 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to set a public hearing for**  
51 **June 10, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Vacation Rental Permits**  
52 **in Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez Village Commercial Designations; Amending**  
53 **SJCC 18.40.275 and Land Use Tables Within SJCC 18.30.465 and SJCC 18.30.750. Vote:**  
54 **2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.) Motion Carried.**  
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56 **09:20 AM** **Discussion/Action:** 1st touch, draft Ordinance Regarding Infractions for Parking  
57 and Moorage; Amending SJCC 10.04.040 and SJCC 10.28.00 for revisions to San  
58 Juan County Code Title 10 Vehicles and Traffic, Colin Huntemer – Director,  
59 Department of Public Works.  
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61 Mr. Huntemer presented the ordinance and answered Council's questions. After discussion,  
62 Council took the following action:  
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64 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to set a public hearing for**  
65 **June 10, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Infractions for Parking**  
66 **and Moorage; Amending SJCC 10.04.040 and SJCC 10.28.00 for revisions to San Juan**  
67 **County Code Title 10 Vehicles and Traffic. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.) Motion**  
68 **Carried.**  
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70 **09:30 AM** **Discussion/Action:** Marine Stewardship Area Report, Marine Resources  
71 Committee (MRC) Youth Representation, and Commerce Comment Letter  
72 Regarding Endangered Species Act, Frances Robertson- Marine Program  
73 Manager/Cultural Coordinator and Katie Johnson- Grant and Project Coordinator,  
74 Department of Environmental Stewardship.  
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76 Dr. Robertson and Ms. Johnson gave a presentation and answered Council's questions. After  
77 discussion, Council gave direction to staff to proceed with updating the Marine Stewardship  
78 Report and come back to a future Council meeting.  
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80 Council gave direction to staff to proceed with amending the Marine Resources Committee and  
81 come back to a future Council meeting with proposal for amendments.  
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83 Dr. Robertson presented the correspondence for Council's support of the Endangered Species  
84 Act. After discussion, Council took the following action:  
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86 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the correspondence to**  
87 **Commerce regarding the Endangered Species Act. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.)**  
88 **Motion Carried.**  
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90 **09:45 AM** **Discussion/Action:** Northwest Clean Air Agency County Council board  
91 membership, Jessica Hudson – County Manager.  
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93 Ms. Hudson proposed Council appoint a San Juan County Council member for representation  
94 to the Northwest Clean Air Agency Board. After discussion, Council took the following action:  
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96 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. McVeigh to appoint Chair McVeigh, a San Juan**  
97 **County Council member for representation to the Northwest Clean Air Agency Board.**  
98 **Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.) Motion Carried.**  
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100 **09:50 AM** Discussion: To appoint a coroner pursuant to RCW 36.16.030, Jessica Hudson –  
101 County Manager  
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103 Ms. Hudson presented a resolution to appoint a coroner pursuant to RCW 36.16.030 and  
104 answered and answered Council's questions. After discussion, Council took the following  
105 action:  
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107 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. McVeigh to adopt a Resolution Appointing a**  
108 **San Juan County Coroner. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.) Motion Carried.**  
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110 **10:10 AM** Discussion: An amendment to the Washington State Department of Commerce  
111 Grant Agreement with San Juan County, Emergency Rapid Response Grant  
112 Program, Jessica Hudson – County Manager.  
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114 Ms. Hudson presented the request for amendment amended and answered Council's questions.  
115 After discussion Council took the following action:  
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117 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the grant amendment with**  
118 **the Washington State Commerce in the reducing of the grant award to \$850,000.00 and**  
119 **authorize that the document be routed for Council and County Manager for signatures.**  
120 **Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.) Motion Carried.**  
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122 **10:15 AM** Discussion/Action: Cancel the public hearing scheduled for May 20, 2025, at  
123 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Allocation of Revenues from the  
124 Sales and Use Tax for Purposes of Financing Public Facilities; Amending SJCC  
125 Section 3.26.055, and to reschedule the public hearing to June 3, 2025, at 9:15  
126 a.m., Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.  
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128 Ms. Rogers requested to cancel the public hearing and to reschedule the public hearing to June  
129 3, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.  
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131 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. McVeigh to Cancel the public hearing**  
132 **scheduled for May 20, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Allocation**  
133 **of Revenues from the Sales and Use Tax for Purposes of Financing Public Facilities;**  
134 **Amending SJCC Section 3.26.055, and to reschedule the public hearing to June 3, 2025,**  
135 **at 9:15 a.m. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.) Motion Carried.**  
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137 **10:20 AM** New Business: None.  
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143 **11:05 AM Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:**

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145 **Mr. Paulsen:** Attended the following: Behavioral Health Administration Service Organization  
146 (BHASO) Meeting, and meeting on Decatur Island with County staff to be part of the OPALCO  
147 event for siting an additional solar panel.

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149 **Ms. McVeigh:** Attended the following: OPALCO festival on San Juan Island, Veterans' Advisory  
150 Board (VAB) meeting, Puget Sound Partnership Day on the Hill in Washington D.C., and a  
151 Shaw Island brown bag luncheon.

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153 **Ms. Hudson:** Attended the following: Went to collective meetings on Decatur Island and Shaw  
154 Island, site visit to Jackson's Beach, audit exit interview for Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District  
155 (LSWDD) and attended a Town Council meeting. Deputy County Manager Tillery Williams has  
156 started and was present for an informal introduction.

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158 **Ms. Rogers:** Upcoming meetings; May 20 and June 3, 9, 10, 2025.

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160 **Committee Appointment/Reappointments**

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- 162 • **Fair Board:** To consider an appointment for Clifford DeLoreon, for partial term  
163 starting 5/13/2025 to 12/31/2025.
- 164 • **Eastsound Planning Review Committee:** To appoint Morgan Meadows for a 2-year  
165 term starting 5/13/2025 to 5/13/2027.
- 166 • **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC):** To appoint Anna Maria De Freitas for a  
167 3-year term starting 5/13/2025 to 5/13/2028.

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169 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the committee**  
170 **appointments and reappointments as read by the Council Clerk. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller**  
171 **excused.) Motion Carried.**

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173 **10:30 AM Executive Session:**

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175 To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

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177 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session,  
178 to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i),  
179 estimated 30 minutes in total to begin at 10:30 AM and end at 11:00 AM followed by  
180 adjournment.

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182 [Present: Council members Kari McVeigh and Justin Paulsen, Council County Manager Jessica  
183 Hudson, Deputy County Manager Tillery Williams, Interim Deputy Director of Department of  
184 Community Development Kyle Dodd, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira and Deputy Prosecuting  
185 Attorney Mason Wiley.]

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187 **ADJOURN 11:00 PM**

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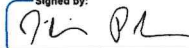
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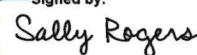
**COUNTY COUNCIL  
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Signed by:  
  
Kari McVeigh  
District 1

Signed by:  
  
Justin Paulsen  
District 2

Excused  
Jane Fuller  
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

Signed by:  
  
By: Sally Rogers  
12/30/2025  
Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on June 3, 2025.