



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 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 presented.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the San Juan County Council April 21, 2025, and April 22, 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, May 20, 2025, as presented. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller absent.)

Recognition:

Director of Superior Court Services Linnea Anderson presented a Statewide Recognition awarded to Judge Kathryn Loring that was recognized by the Superior Court Judge's Association.

New Employee Introductions:

- Public Works Director Colin Huntmer introduced Anu George – Public Works Project Manager
- Public Works Operations Manager Jerry Hays introduced the following:
 - Alex Fisher – Public Works, Lopez Equipment Operator
 - Paul Somers – Public Works, Lopez Equipment Operator
 - Brian Julian – Public Works, Orcas Equipment Operator
 - Sergio Trujillo – Public Works, San Juan Island Equipment Operator
- Information Services Manager Norman Varsovia introduced EJ Varsovia – IT Computer Systems Specialist
- County Manager Jessica Hudson introduced Tillery Williams – Deputy County Manager

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48 **Public Comments:** None.

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50 **09:19 AM PUBLIC HEARINGS – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED**

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52 1) To consider a Resolution Authorizing a Multi-Year Lease of the Public Works Yard on
53 Decatur Island to the Orcas Power and Light Cooperative, Colin Huntemer – Director,
54 Department of Public Works.

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56 Present: Council Members McVeigh and Paulsen, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk
57 to the Council Sally Rogers.

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59 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the resolution. Mr. Huntemer
60 presented the resolution and answered Council’s questions.

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62 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: Scott
63 Phillippi, Dawni Cunningham, Jennifer Gastenow, Ramey, Patrick Gastenow, Andrew Grenville,
64 Charlie Conway, Alan Mizuta, Dennis Jenkins, Kendra Lamb, George Lamb, Sara Gardener,
65 Paul Johnson, Ann Mizuta, Mark Wall, Isaac Martin, Ken Firee (in person), Elizabeth Romson.
66 Peter McGona, Brian Grant (via teleconference.)

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

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71 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to continue this public hearing to the**
72 **next scheduled Council meeting, June 3, 2025. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller absent.)**

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74 2) To consider an Ordinance Regarding Siting an Essential Public Facility for San Juan
75 County Operations on Shaw Island, Mackenzie Sims – Capital Project Manager,
76 Facilities Department and Colin Huntemer – Director of Public Works.

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78 Present: Council Members McVeigh and Paulsen, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk
79 to the Council Sally Rogers.

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81 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance. Ms. Sims and
82 Mr. Huntemer presented the ordinance and answered Council’s questions. Senior Deputy
83 Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain was invited to join the discussion.

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85 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: Lynn
86 Bahrych, Kyle Loring and Ray Glaze (in person).

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

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91 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to continue this public hearing to the**
92 **next scheduled Council meeting, June 3, 2025. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller absent.)**

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94 **12:00 PM Recess**

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95 **12:45 PM** **Discussion/Action:** 2nd touch, to set a public hearing for June 10, 2025, at 9:15
96 a.m. to consider a Resolution Vacating Fairgrounds Road on San Juan Island,
97 Colin Huntemer – Director, Department of Public Works.
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99 Mr. Huntemer presented the resolution and requested to set a public hearing. After discussion.
100 Council took the following action:
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102 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to schedule a public hearing on June**
103 **10, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. to consider Resolution Vacating Fairgrounds Road on San Juan**
104 **Island. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller absent.)**
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106 **12:50 PM** **Discussion/Action:** To consider a Resolution Opposing the Inclusion of New
107 Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Off the Coast of Washington State in the 2024–
108 2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Kari
109 McVeigh – Council Chair.
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111 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to adopt a Resolution Opposing the**
112 **Inclusion of New Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Off the Coast of Washington State in the**
113 **2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. Vote: 2:0:0**
114 **(Ms. Fuller absent.)**
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116 **12:52 PM** **New Business:** County Manager Jessica Hudson briefed Council of proposed
117 changes with WSU Extension program’s form leadership to regional rather than a local director.
118 Ms. Hudson will come back to future Council meeting with an update.
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120 **12:55 PM** **Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:**
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122 **Mr. Paulsen:** Attended an Opportunity Council meeting.
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124 **Ms. McVeigh:** Attended a Town Council meeting.
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126 **Ms. Hudson:** Attended a brown bag lunch with the San Juan Island Visitor’s Bureau and a Land
127 Bank Commission meeting. For our two executive recruitments; have had first round interviews
128 for the Public Defender position and the job posting for our Director of Community Development
129 position is closing on May 25th.
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131 **Ms. Rogers:** Upcoming meetings; June 3, 9, 10, and July 1, 2025.
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133 **Committee Appointment/Reappointments:**
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- 135 • Climate and Sustainability Committee: Reappointment of Adrian Kilpatrick for a 3-year term
136 starting 5/20/2025- 5/20/2028.
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- 138 • Eastsound Planning Review Committee: Reappointment of Jason Bradshaw for a 2-year position
139 starting 5/20/2025-5/20/2027
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141 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the committee**
142 **appointments and reappointments as read by the Council Clerk. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller**
143 **absent.) Motion Carried.**

144 **1:00 PM Executive Session:**

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- 146 • To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW
- 147 42.30.110(1)(i);
- 148 • To consider site selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant
- 149 to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)
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151 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session,
152 to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and
153 to consider site selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to RCW
154 42.30.110(1)(b) estimated 45 minutes in total to begin at 1:00 PM and end at 1:45 PM

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157 [Present: Council members Kari McVeigh and Justin Paulsen, Council County Manager Jessica
158 Hudson, Deputy County Manager Tillery Williams, Interim Director of Department of Community
159 Development Mark Tompkins, Interim Deputy Director of Department of Community
160 Development Kyle Dodd, Director of Public Works Colin Huntemer, and Deputy Prosecuting
161 Attorney Mason Wiley.]

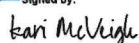
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163 **1:45 PM** Chair McVeigh reconvened the regular session to extend the Executive Session
164 for 20 more minutes to end at 2:05 PM.

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166 **2:05 PM** Chair McVeigh reconvened the regular session and adjourned the meeting.

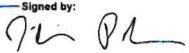
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168 **ADJOURN 2:05 PM**

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**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kari McVeigh
District 1

Signed by:


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Justin Paulsen
District 2

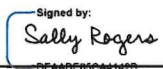
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Jane Fuller
District 3

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ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By:  12/30/2025

Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on July 1, 2025.