



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 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 09:00 AM. Present: Councilmembers Jane Fuller, Kari McVeigh, and Justin Paulsen, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Council Administrative Coordinator Aiden Haines.

Excused Absences: None.

Approval of Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen that the agenda be approved with a minor amendment to add a brief discussion (New Business) for a legislative bill prior to the executive session. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Public Access Time: Toby Cooper provided comment to Council.

09:10 AM Discussion: Department of Emergency Management overview, Brendan Cowan – Director, Department of Emergency Management.

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

09:30 PM Discussion: Legislative Bill Comments, Josh Weiss – Lobbyist.

Mr. Weiss briefed Council and answered their questions.

9:50 PM New Business: Councilmembers discussed interest, support and testimony for HB 1923, Increasing the availability of passenger-only ferries by establishing the mosquito fleet act. Further discussion also included a broader interest and support for marine transportation.

10:00 AM - 11:15 PM Recess, Councilmembers attending the Economic Development Council (EDC) forum.

11:15 PM Discussion: Comprehensive Plan Element Review of Element 1 (Governance), Element 4 (Water Resources), Element 9 (Historic and Archeological Preservation) and Element 10 (Economic Development), Sophia Cassam-Planner III, Department of Community Development.

Ms. Cassam briefed Council and answered their questions.

12:15 Recess/Lunch

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49 **01:15 PM** **Discussion/Action:** Cancel the public hearing scheduled for March 18, 2025, at
50 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Vacation Rental Permits in
51 Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez Commercial Designations, Amending
52 Land Use Tables SJCC 18.30.465 and 18.30.750, and 18.40.275, and reschedule
53 the public hearing to April 15, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers
54 for Sophia Cassam-Planner III, Department of Community Development.
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56 Ms. Rogers presented the cancellation and rescheduling for the hearing. Council took the
57 following action:
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59 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to cancel the public hearing scheduled**
60 **for March 18, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Vacation Rental**
61 **Permits in Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez Commercial Designations,**
62 **Amending Land Use Tables SJCC 18.30.465 and 18.30.750, and 18.40.275, and reschedule**
63 **the public hearing to April 15, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**
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65 **01:20 PM** **Discussion:** Bayhead Killebrew Culvert Replacement Update, Tyler Davis-
66 Environmental Project Manager, Department of Environmental Stewardship
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68 Mr. Davis presented the update to Council and answered their questions.
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70 **01:30 PM** **Discussion:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Emergency
71 Operations Center, Brendan Cowan-Director, Department of Emergency
72 Management
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74 Mr. Cowan gave a presentation and answered Council's questions.
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76 **01:34 PM** **Executive Session:**
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78 To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)
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80 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session,
81 to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)
82 estimated to last 1 hour in total to begin at 1:34 PM and end at 2:34 PM. followed by
83 adjournment.
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85 [Present: Full Council County Manager Jessica Hudson, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon
86 Cain, Public Works Director Colin Huntermer, and Director of Environmental Stewardship Kendra
87 Smith.]
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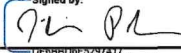
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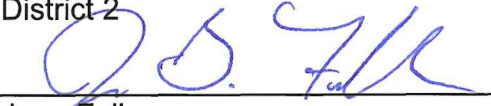
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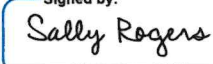
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Signed by:

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 April 15, 2025.