



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL AND LOPEZ SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BODY  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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: Council Members Kari McVeigh, Jane Fuller and Justin Paulsen, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

**Excused Absences:** None.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the San Juan County Council August 8, 9, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, September 23, 2025, as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Employee Introductions:**

County Manager Jessica Hudson introduced Sev Jones – Director of Department of Community Development.

**Correspondence:**

**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the Letter to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, regarding OPALCO Tidal Energy Draft License application, Project No. 15368-000, as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation:**

Communication Coordinator Erin Andrews presented the proclamation, Chair McVeigh read the proclamation.

**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation, as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Comments:** None.

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50 **09:18 AM PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED**

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To Consider an Ordinance of the San Juan County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise for Water Distribution/Transmission Facilities Authorizing Limited Use of the Public Road Rights-of-Way in San Juan County, Washington, to Hannah Heights Owners Association, Colin Huntemer – Director, Department of Public Works.

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

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Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Ordinance. Mr. Huntemer presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

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Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: Richard Daly, Kyle Loring, Pamela Gross, Tim Action, and Charlie Anderson.

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

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**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to continue the public hearing to the next Council meeting, October 6, 2025. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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**10:10 AM Discussion:** 2026-2027 Biennium Budget Update, Natasha Warmenhoven-Auditor, Dr. Molly Foote – Budget Analyst, Auditor's Office, and Jessica Hudson-County Manager.

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Ms. Warmenhoven, Ms. Foote, and Ms. Hudson gave the budget update and answered Council's questions.

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**10:50 AM Discussion/Action:** To Consider an Ordinance for San Juan Island Conservation District Proposed Rates and Charges Adjustments, and to Set a Public Hearing for October 21, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., Paul Andersson – Executive Director, San Juan Island Conservation District.

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Mr. Andersson presented and proposed an Ordinance and requested to set a public hearing. After discussion, Council took the following action:

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**MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to set a public hearing for October 21, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., to consider an Ordinance Regarding the San Juan Islands Conservation District; Amending Rates and Charges, Repealing SJCC 3.36.020, and Amending SJCC 3.36.030, 3.36.040, and 3.36.050. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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**11:10 AM Discussion:** Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Annual Construction Program (ACP) 2nd touch, and to set a Public Hearing for October 21, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., Jesse Douglas-Seitz –Deputy Director, Department of Public Works.

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Mr. Douglas-Seitz presented the proposed draft TIP Resolution, draft ACP Resolution, draft

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97 Priority Array and requested to set a public hearing. After discussion, Council took the following  
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100 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to set a public hearing for October 21,**  
101 **2025, at 9:15 a.m., to consider a Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation**  
102 **Improvement Program 2026-2031, and a Resolution Adopting the 2026 Annual**  
103 **Construction Program. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**  
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105 **11:12 AM** **Discussion:** 2026 Legislative Priorities, Josh Weiss – Columbia Policy Advisors.  
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107 Mr. Weiss presented the draft 2026 Legislative Priorities and answered Council's questions.  
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109 **12:08 PM** **Discussion/Action:** 1st touch, Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Plan  
110 Approval, Richard Uri - Program Coordinator - Behavioral Health, Department of  
111 Health & Community Services.  
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113 Mr. Uri presented the plan and answered Council's questions.  
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115 **12:15 PM** **Recess**  
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117 **12:45 PM** **Discussion:** Re-introduce the Historic Preservation Grants Program, Sally Rogers  
118 – Clerk to the Council.  
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120 Ms. Rogers re-introduced the program and answered Council's questions.  
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122 **12:55 PM** **Discussion:** Advisory Boards, Committees, and Commissions, Tillery Williams –  
123 Deputy County Manager and Sally Rogers – Clerk of the Council  
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125 Mr. Williams and Ms. Rogers gave a presentation and answered Council's questions.  
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127 **01:18 PM** **Discussion/Action:** Cancel September 29 and September 30 Council Meetings,  
128 Jessica Hudson – County Manager.  
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130 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to cancel the September 29th and September**  
131 **30th Council meeting dates from the Council 2025 meeting calendar and to schedule an**  
132 **additional meeting for budget purposes between October 7, 2025, and November 2025.**  
133 **ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**  
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135 **01:50 PM** **Discussion/Action:** 2025 Home Fund Applications, Ryan Page – Housing  
136 Program Coordinator, Department of Health and Community Services.  
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138 Mr. Page presented the applications for funding approval and answered Council's questions.  
139 After discussion, Council took the following action:  
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141 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the Housing Advisory**  
142 **Committee recommendation for funding for 2025 applicants to the Home Fund in the**  
143 **following amounts - \$1,075,554 for the Argyle project sponsored by the San Juan**

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144 **Community Home Trust, \$1,075,000 for the Lydia Lane project sponsored by OPAL**  
145 **Community Land Trust, and \$283,424 in supplemental funding for the Crayfish Way**  
146 **project sponsored by the for Lopez Community Land Trust. ALL AYES, MOTION**  
147 **CARRIED.**

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149 **02:00 PM** Discussion/Action: Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) for the  
150 Argyle Project, Ryan Page- Housing Program Coordinator, Department of Health  
151 and Community Services.

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153 Mr. Page presented the request to submit the application and answered Council’s questions.  
154 After discussion, Council took the following action:

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156 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the submission of a grant**  
157 **application by Health & Community Services in conjunction with the San Juan**  
158 **Community Home Trust to the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) for**  
159 **the Argyle project on San Juan Island. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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161 **02:05 PM** Discussion/Action: Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update Timeline, Sophia  
162 Cassam- Planner III, Department of Community Development.

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164 Ms. Cassam presented the update and answered Council’s questions.

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166 **02:18 PM Recess**

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168 **RECESS SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING & CONVENE GOVERNING BODY OF**  
169 **THE LOPEZ SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (LSWDD)**

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171 To Consider a Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Governing Board Resolution  
172 Providing for the Submission to the Voters of Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District  
173 a Proposition Authorizing the Imposition of a One Year Property Tax Levy – Ric  
174 Carr, LSWDD District Manager.

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176 Mr. Carr presented the Resolution and answered the LSWDD Governing Body’s questions.  
177 After discussion, LSWDD Governing Body took the following action:

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179 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve a Lopez Solid Waste Disposal**  
180 **District Governing Board Resolution Providing for the Submission to the Voters of Lopez**  
181 **Solid Waste Disposal District a Proposition Authorizing the Imposition of a One Year**  
182 **Property Tax Levy. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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184 **02:23 ADJOURN LSWDD GOVERNING BODY MEETING & RECONVENE SAN JUAN**  
185 **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

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187 **02:23 PM Reconvene**

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189 **02:23 PM** New Business: Council member Fuller discussed an email sent on August 15<sup>th</sup>  
190 from the Climate Compass Entity regarding their input to the Comp Plan update

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191 and would like them to come to a future Council meeting with a presentation and  
192 that they were awarded State funding for their work. Council member Paulsen  
193 added that there were two entities that were awarded Commerce funds and to  
194 include both for the presentation.  
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196 **02:25 PM Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:**

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198 **Mr. Paulsen:** Attended the following: Hands Across the Water event on Salt Spring Island.  
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200 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Met with Decatur Island Alliance, Puget Sound Partnership  
201 meeting, Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Board of Directors meeting, WSAC  
202 Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) meeting, Lopez Island Hospital District meeting, and Land  
203 Bank Commission meeting.  
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205 **Ms. McVeigh:** Attended the following: Snohomish/Whatcom/Island/Skagit/San Juan (SWISS)  
206 Regional Partnership Quarterly meeting, Northwest Clean Air Agency meeting, Fair Board,  
207 Cross Border forum, Parks and Recreation meeting, and a Town Council meeting.  
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209 **Ms. Hudson:** Orientating Director of Department of Community Development, Sev Jones.  
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211 Attended the following: Fern Street Building opening on Orcas Island, and the 16th Annual  
212 Economics Luncheon, Beyond the Boundary: Shaping the Future of the Cross-Border Economy.  
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214 **Ms. Rogers:** Upcoming meetings; October 6, 7, 20, 21, 2025.  
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216 **Committee Appointment/Reappointments**

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- 218 • Agricultural Resource Committee: To appoint Nancy Larsen for a 4-year term starting 9/23/2025-  
219 9/23/2029
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  - 221 • Agricultural Resource Committee: To appoint Nathan Hodges for a 4-year term starting  
222 9/23/2025-2029
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  - 224 • Agricultural Resource Committee: To appoint Annie McIntyre for a 4-year term starting 9/23/2025-  
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227 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the committee appointment**  
228 **as read by the Clerk. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**  
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230 **02:41 PM Executive Session:**

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- 232 • To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140  
233 (140(4)(b) (CLOSED SESSION);
  - 234 • To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW  
235 42.30.110(1)(i).  
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238 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session, to  
239 discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (140(4)(b)  
240 (CLOSED SESSION), and to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant  
241 to RCW 42.30.110(1)(I ), estimated for 30 minutes in total to begin at 2:40 PM and end at 3:10  
242 PM.

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244 [Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, Deputy County Manager Tillery  
245 Williams, Director of Human Resources Matthew Bullock, and Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira.]  
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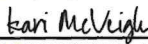
247 There was a technical issue with the recording for adjoining the meeting.

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249 At 3:10 the sessions were extended to last until 3:16. Chair McVeigh adjourned the meeting at  
250 3:16 PM. No action was taken

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252 **ADJOURN 3:16 PM**

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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Signed by:  
  
Kari McVeigh

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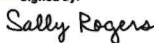
Signed by:  
  
Justin Paulsen

District 2



Jane Fuller  
District 3

271 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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273 By:   
274 Sally Rogers Date: 12/30/2025  
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277 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on October 7, 2025.