



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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:** Approved as amended, to approve and add correspondence for a letter to state representatives regarding health insurance coverage in San Juan County.

**Proclamation:** Presented by Communications Coordinator Erin Andrews, a Proclamation Recognizing November 2025 as Native American Heritage Month In San Juan County and November 28 as National Native American Heritage Day. Chair McVeigh read the proclamation and invited Environmental Stewardship Project Coordinator Dr. Frances Robertson to speak.

**Public Comments:** Faith VanDePutte, Ben Straub, Beth Tate, David Checkley, Jay Kimball, and Toby Cooper provided comments.

**09:25 AM Discussion:** Friends of the San Juans Comprehensive Plan Engagement, Eva Schulte – Executive Director, Friends of the San Juans and Jennifer Armstrong – Executive Director, Joyce L. Sobel Family Resource Center.

Ms. Schulte and staff gave a presentation and answered Council's questions.

**09:50 AM Discussion:** Madrona Institute COMPASS Final Report, Chom Greacen, Faith Van De Putte and Claudia Costa – Madrona Institute.

Ms. Greacen, Ms. VanDePutte and Ms. Costa gave a presentation and answered Council's questions.

**10:00 AM Discussion:** Superior Court Services Department Budget Work Session, Linnea Anderson – Director, Superior Court Services.

Ms. Anderson presented the department budget and answered Council's questions.

**10:15 AM Discussion:** Environmental Stewardship Department Budget Work Session, Kendra Smith- Director, Department of Environmental Stewardship.

Ms. Smith presented the department budget and answered Council's questions.

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49 **10:35 AM** Discussion: County Administration Departmental Budget Work Session, Jessica  
50 Hudson – County Manager.

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52 Ms. Hudson presented the department budget and answered Council's questions.

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54 **10:45 AM** Discussion: Facilities Department Budget Work Session, Greg Sawyer – Director,  
55 Facilities Department.

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57 Mr. Sawyer presented the department budget and answered Council's questions.

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59 **11:00 AM** Discussion/Action: Continued Council Budget Work Session, Jessica Hudson-  
60 County Manager.

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62 Ms. Hudson presented the department budget and answered Council's questions.

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64 **11:05 AM** Discussion/Action: Lodging Tax Annual Grant Award Recommendations, and  
65 Extension Request, Aiden Haines - Deputy Council Clerk.

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67 Ms. Haines presented the award recommendations to Council and answered their questions.  
68 After discussion, Council took the following action:

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70 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to accept the recommendations as**  
71 **presented on behalf of the LTAC and authorize the County Manager to execute**  
72 **agreements for these grants. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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74 Ms. Haines presented the request for an extension to extend the term of contract number  
75 24CC.059 from 12/31/2025 to 6/30/2026.

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77 After discussion, Council directed Ms. Haines to return to a future Council meeting with more  
78 information.

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80 **11:25 AM** Discussion: San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau Contract, Aiden Haines – Deputy  
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83 Ms. Haines presented the contract and answered Council's questions. After discussion, Council  
84 took the following action:

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86 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to direct staff to proceed with San Juan**  
87 **Island Visitors Bureau contract with the changes as presented. ALL AYES, MOTION**  
88 **CARRIED.**

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90 **11:35 AM** Discussion: Council discussion of Islands Trust Agenda Topics, Councilmember  
91 Fuller and Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

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93 Ms. Hudson presented the topics to Council for discussion and answered their questions.

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95 **11:50 AM** **Recess**

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**12:45 PM** Discussion: 2026-27 Biennium Budget Review Including Decision Packages, Dr. Molly Foote – Budget Analyst, Auditor’s Office.

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100 Ms. Foote presented the review and decision packages and answered Council’s questions.

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**02:05 PM** Discussion: 2nd touch, Grant Policy Update, Tara Anderson – Grants Administrator, Auditors Office.

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Ms. Anderson presented the update and answered Council’s questions.

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**02:27 PM** Executive Session:

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To evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g).

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Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session to evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) estimated for 43 minutes in total to begin at 2:27 PM and end at 3:10 PM.

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[Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson]

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No action was taken.

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Chair McVeigh adjourned the closed session, reconvened the regular meeting and adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM.

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**ADJOURN 3:10 PM**

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ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Justin Paulsen  
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143 Sally Rogers

Date:

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145 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on December 9, 2025.