



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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 October 21, November 3, 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, November 25, 2025, as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

New Employee Introductions:

Auditor Natasha Warmenhoven introduced Sonora Tate - Customer Service Specialist and Brian Fleming Bleed - Temporary Position for Records Archivist.

Nick Walsh - Environmental Engineering Technician was introduced.

Public Comments: Magali Cota offered comments.

09:15 AM PUBLIC HEARINGS – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED

- 1) To consider an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for Land Conservation Futures for 2026, Jessica Hudson– County Manager.

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

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

Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: None.

Chair McVeigh closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, Council

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50 took the following action:

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52 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to adopt an Ordinance of San Juan**
53 **County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for Land Conservation Futures for**
54 **2026. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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56 2) To consider an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax
57 Levy for County Roads for 2026, Jessica Hudson– County Manager.

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

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61 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Ordinance. Ms. Hudson
62 presented the Ordinance and answered Council’s questions.

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64 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: None.

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

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69 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to adopt an Ordinance of San Juan**
70 **County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for County Roads for 2026. ALL**
71 **AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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73 3) To consider an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax
74 Levy for Current Expense for 2026, Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

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

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78 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Ordinance. Ms. Hudson
79 presented the Ordinance and answered Council’s questions.

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81 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: None.

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

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86 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to adopt an Ordinance of San Juan**
87 **County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for Current Expense for 2026. ALL**
88 **AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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90 4) To consider an Ordinance Updating and Amending the San Juan County
91 Comprehensive Plan and Official Maps Pursuant to the State of Washington Growth
92 Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A Revised Code of Washington (RCW),
93 Sophia Cassam – Planner III, Department of Community Development.

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97 Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.
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99 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Ordinance. Ms. Hudson
100 presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

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102 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: Thomas
103 Tucci, Glen Corsin, Kim Corsin, Warren Appleton, Bill Barret, Colin Williams, Matthew Allen,
104 Sharon Abreu, Kevin Sterling, Tyler Otten.

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

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109 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to continue the public hearing to the next**
110 **Council meetings, December 2, 2025, and December 9, 2025. ALL AYES, MOTION**
111 **CARRIED.**

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113 **12:45 PM Recess**

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115 **1:15 PM Discussion/Action:** To consider a Resolution Setting County Council's 2026
116 Legislative Priorities, Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

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118 Ms. Hudson presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion,
119 Council took the following action:

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121 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve a Resolution Setting County**
122 **Council's 2026 Legislative Priorities as amended. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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124 **1:35 PM Discussion/Action:** To consider a Resolution Adopting Updated Attorney Fee
125 **Schedule for Assigned Counsel Not Under Contract with San Juan County,**
126 **Jessica Hudson – County Manager.**

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128 Ms. Hudson presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion,
129 Council took the following action:

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131 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve a Resolution Adopting**
132 **Updated Attorney Fee Schedule for Assigned Counsel Not Under Contract with San Juan**
133 **County. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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135 **01:40 PM Discussion/Action:** To consider a Resolution Authorizing a Four-Year Interfund
136 **Loan from the Clean Water Utility Funds (3151 & 3157) to the Environmental**
137 **Stewardship Fund (0006) in the Amount of \$400,000, Kendra Smith – Director,**
138 **Department of Environmental Stewardship.**

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140 Ms. Smith presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion,
141 Council took the following action:

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143 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve a Resolution Authorizing a**
144 **Four-Year Interfund Loan from the Clean Water Utility Funds (3151 & 3157) to the**
145 **Environmental Stewardship Fund (0006) in the Amount of \$400,000. ALL AYES, MOTION**
146 **CARRIED.**

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148 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the allocation of the required**
149 **annual interest payments on the interfund loan originating from Fund 001 to Fund 006 to**
150 **pay the loan debt to Funds 3151/315. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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152 **01:50 PM Discussion/Action: Final Review of the Draft 2026-2027 Biennium Budget**

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154 Ms. Foote and Ms. Warmenhoven presented to Council the Draft 2026 Annual Budget and
155 proposed Council to consider an annual budget instead of a biennial budget. After discussion
156 and questions for Council answered, Council took the following action:

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158 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to direct the Auditor's Office and staff to**
159 **present a one-year balanced budget for the year 2026 on December 1, 2025, Public**
160 **Hearing. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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162 **03:30 PM Discussion/Action: 1st touch, 2025 Third Budget Amendment, Dr. Molly Foote –**
163 **Budget Analyst, Auditors Office.**

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165 Ms. Foote presented the amendment and requested to set a public hearing. After discussion,
166 Council took the following action:

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168 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to set a Public Hearing on December 16,**
169 **2025, at 9:15 a.m., to consider two ordinances amending the 2025 budget. ALL AYES,**
170 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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172 **03:45 PM Discussion/Action: To set a Public Hearing on December 16, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.,**
173 **to consider a Resolution Regarding Surplus Gravel on Waldron Island Public Bid**
174 **for Sale of Surplus Personal Property, Colin Huntmer – Director, Department of**
175 **Public Works.**

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177 Mr. Huntmer requested to set a public hearing, after discussion, Council took the following
178 action:

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180 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to set a Public Hearing on December 16,**
181 **2025, at 9:15 a.m., to consider a Resolution Regarding Surplus Gravel on Waldron Island**
182 **Public Bid for Sale of Surplus Personal Property. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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184 **03:50 PM Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:**

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186 **Mr. Paulsen: Attended the following: Annual Washington State of Counties Association Leaders**
187 **Conference.**

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189 Future meeting: Director of Department of Community Development will be joining Council

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190 member Paulsen in an upcoming Eastsound Review Planning Review Committee (EPRC)
191 meeting.

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193 **Ms. Fuller**: Attended the following: Annual Washington State of Counties Association Leaders
194 Conference. Had a short meeting with Representative Rick Larsen.

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196 **Ms. McVeigh**: Attended the following: Fair Board meeting, Northwest Clean Air Agency Board
197 meeting, and toured the Compass Health building.

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199 **Ms. Hudson**: Orientating Director of Department of Community Development, Sev Jones.

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201 Attended the following: Town Council meeting.

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203 **Ms. Rogers**: Upcoming meetings; December 1, 2, 9, 15, 16, 2025.

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205 **Committee Appointment/Reappointments**

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207 • Orcas Island Library District: to appoint Lois Krahn for a 5-year term starting 1/1/2026- 1/1/2031,

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209 • Human Services Advisory Board: to appoint Contessa Downey for a 3-year term starting
210 11/25/2025-11/25/2028,

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212 • San Juan Island Library Board of Trustees propose to appoint Cheryl Kringle for a 5-year term
213 starting 12/31/2025-12/31/2030.

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215 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the committee appointment**
216 **as read by the Clerk. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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218 **04:15 PM Executive Session:**

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220 • To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140
221 (140(4)(b) (CLOSED SESSION);

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223 • To evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW
224 42.30.110(91)(g)

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225 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session, to
226 discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (140(4)(b)
227 (CLOSED SESSION), and To evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW
228 42.30.110 (1)(g), estimated for 45 minutes in total to begin at 4:15 PM and end at 5:00 PM.

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230 [Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Director of Human Resources
231 Matthew Bullock.]

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233 No action was taken.

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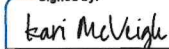
235 Chair McVeigh adjourned the closed session, reconvened the regular meeting and adjourned
236 the meeting at 5:00 PM.

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ADJOURN 5:00 PM

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Signed by:


Kari McVeigh
District 1

Signed by:


Justin Paulsen
District 2



Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By:  12/30/2025
Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on December 16, 2025.