



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 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 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 May 12, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.)**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, June 3, 2025, as presented. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.)**

**Proclamation:** Chair McVeigh read the Proclamation Recognizing June 2025 as Pride Month in San Juan County.

**Public Comments:** Shayne Smith, Shannon Weiss, and Joy Hughes provided comments to Council.

**09:20 AM PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED FROM MAY 20, 2025,  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED**

To consider an Ordinance Regarding Siting an Essential Public Facility for San Juan County Operations on Shaw Island, and a Resolution Regarding Planning for County Property at 1385 Blind Bay Road, Mackenzie Sims – Capital Project Manager, Facilities Department.

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

Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance and resolution. Ms. Sims presented the ordinance and resolution and answered Council's questions.

Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: Kyle Loring and Lynn Bahrych. Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain was invited to speak and answer Council's questions.

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

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53 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to adopt an Ordinance Regarding**  
54 **Siting an Essential Public Facility for San Juan County Operations on Shaw Island, siting**  
55 **the EPF at TPN 262932006000 and authorizing the application of the site-specific land use**  
56 **designation change to DCD, Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.)**

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58 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to adopt a Resolution Regarding**  
59 **Planning for County Property at 1385 Blind Bay Road. Vote: 2:0:0, (Ms. Fuller excused.)**

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61 **09:40 AM PUBLIC HEARINGS – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED**

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63 1) 2025 First Budget Amendment, Molly Foote – Budget Analyst:

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65 To consider adoption of the following three ordinances:

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- 67 • Ordinance Revising the San Juan County 2025 Budget for Beginning Cash Balances; Amending  
68 Ordinances 16-2023 and 20-2024
- 69 • Ordinance Revising the San Juan County 2025 Budget for Emergency Appropriations; Amending  
70 Ordinances 16-2023, 20-2024, and \_\_-2025
- 71 • Ordinance Revising the San Juan County 2025 Budget for Supplemental Appropriations;  
72 Amending Ordinances 16-2023, 20-2024, \_\_-2025, And \_\_\_-2025

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

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77 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance. Ms. Foote  
78 presented the ordinances and answered Council's questions.

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

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

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85 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to adopt an Ordinance Revising the**  
86 **San Juan County 2025 Budget for Beginning Cash Balances; Amending Ordinances 16-**  
87 **2023 and 20-2024, Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.)**

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89 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance. Ms. Foote  
90 presented the ordinances and answered Council's questions.

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

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97 took the following action:

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99 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to adopt an Ordinance Revising the**  
100 **San Juan County 2024 Budget for Emergency Appropriations; Amending Ordinances 16-**  
101 **2023, 20-2024, and \_\_-2025, Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.)**

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103 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance. Ms. Foote  
104 presented the ordinances and answered Council's questions.

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

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

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111 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to adopt an Ordinance Revising the**  
112 **San Juan County 2025 Budget for Supplemental Appropriations; Amending Ordinances**  
113 **16-2023, 20-2024, \_\_-2025, And \_\_\_-2025. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.)**

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115 2) To consider an Ordinance Regarding Allocation of Revenues from the Sales and Use Tax  
116 for Purposes of Financing Public Facilities; Amending SJCC Section 3.26.055, PFFAP  
117 funding for EDC, Aiden Haines – Council Administrative Coordinator.

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119 Ms. Haines presented the ordinance and answered Council's questions. After  
120 discussion, Council took the following action:

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122 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to adopt an Ordinance Regarding**  
123 **Allocation of Revenues from the Sales and Use Tax for Purposes of Financing Public**  
124 **Facilities; Amending SJCC Section 3.26.055. Vote: 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused.)**

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126 **10:10 AM** **Discussion:** End of Session Update, Josh Weiss- Lobbyist, Columbia Policy  
127 Advisors.

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129 Mr. Weiss gave the update and answered Council's questions.

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131 **10:45 AM** **Discussion:** State Budget Adoption and Impacts, Jessica Hudson – County  
132 Manager and Tillery Williams – Deputy County Manager.

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134 Ms. Hudson and Mr. Williams briefed Council and answered their questions.

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136 **11:00 AM** **New Business:** County Manager Jessica Hudson updated Council of potential  
137 modifications revising leadership to the WSU Extension Office to a regional  
138 director from the current local leadership. Ms. Hudson requested direction from  
139 Council for further discussion with WSU representatives to be present at a future  
140 meeting for discussion of the proposed changes. Council Member McVeigh would  
141 like to the leadership to stay the same as currently is, and Council Member  
142 Paulsen will leave the decision to Ms. Hudson.

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144                   **New Business continued:** Council Members Paulsen and McVeigh discussed  
145                   Cross-border meetings. Mr. Paulsen has been meeting with constituents and  
146                   informal group who have been working with a group on Salt Spring Islands  
147                   interested creating an event sometime in September, for engagement between  
148                   local levels for re-establishing good relations between our northern neighbors and  
149                   potentially bringing some form of a resolution affirming support of engagement.  
150                   Ms. McVeigh attended an event earlier this year with San Juan County Economic  
151                   Development Council (Victoria Compton) regarding cross-border relations and  
152                   economics who have organized a formal group of local and state representatives.  
153                   Council Members agreed to give Ms. Compton’s contact information for people to  
154                   connect and coordinate cross-border discussions, interests and information.  
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156   **11:10 AM     Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:**  
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158   Mr. Paulsen: Attended the following: Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting, met with Rep.  
159   Alex Ramel, and Opportunity Council Board meeting.  
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161   Upcoming meeting: To attend North Star Symposium in Skagit County

162   Ms. McVeigh: Had a Conversation with Kari event at the Luminous Studio, met with Rep. Alex  
163   Ramel, and attended a Veterans’ Advisory Board meeting.  
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165   Ms. Hudson: Had a meeting with Matthew Allen Executive Director at Roche Harbor Resort,  
166   traveled to Rosario Resort to see ongoing work at this property, and went to a goodbye  
167                   gathering  
168   for Public Defender Alex Frix. Recruitment updates: success for Deputy Public Works Director  
169   and having first round interviews for the Department of Community Development Director  
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172   Ms. Rogers: Upcoming meetings; June 9, 10, July 1, 15, 2025.  
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174   **11:23 AM     Executive Session:**  
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176   To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).  
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178   Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session,  
179   to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i),  
180   estimated 52 minutes in total to begin at 11:23 AM and end at 12:15 PM followed by recess at  
181   12:15 p.m.  
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183   [Present: Council members Kari McVeigh and Justin Paulsen, Council County Manager Jessica  
184   Hudson, Director of Human Resources Matthew Bullock, Director of Public Works Colin  
185   Huntemer, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira and Senior Deputy Prosecuting Jon Cain.]  
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187   **Recess        12:15 PM**  
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189 **1:00 PM** Chair McVeigh reconvened the regular session for a Council site visit to 532  
190 Shelter Rd, Friday Harbor, for an Island Oil Spill Association (IOSA) Response  
191 Drill, followed by adjournment at 1:30 PM.  
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193 **ADJOURN 1:30 PM**  
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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Signed by:  
  
Kari McVeigh  
District 1

Signed by:  
  
Justin Paulsen  
District 2

Excused  
Jane Fuller  
District 3

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215 **ATTEST: Clerk to the Council**

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218 By:  12/30/2025  
219 Sally Rogers Date:  
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221 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on July 15, 2025.