



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
TUESDAY, JUNE 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 presented.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, June 10, 2025, as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None.

09:05 AM Discussion: 2025 Legislative Session Recap, Representative Alex Ramel, Representative Debra Lekanoff, and Senator Liz Lovelett.

Representative Debra Lekanoff, Representative Alex Ramel, and Senator Liz Lovelett provided recaps of the 2025 Legislative Session.

9:50 AM PUBLIC HEARINGS – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED

- 1) To consider an Ordinance Regarding Vacation Rental Permits in Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez Village Commercial Designations; Amending SJCC 18.40.275 and Land Use Tables Within SJCC 18.30.465 and SJCC 18.30.750. Sophia Cassam – Planner III, Department of Community Development.

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. Cassam presented the ordinance and answered Council’s questions.

Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered: Sean DeMeritt.

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

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt an Ordinance Regarding Vacation Rental Permits in Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez Village Commercial Designations; Amending SJCC 18.40.275 and Land Use Tables Within SJCC 18.30.465

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50 **and SJCC 18.30.750. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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52 2) To consider a Resolution Vacating Fairgrounds Road on San Juan Island, Colin
53 Huntemer – Director of Public Works.

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

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

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60 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered: None.

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

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65 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution Vacating**
66 **Fairgrounds Road on San Juan Island. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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68 3) To consider an Ordinance Regarding Infractions for Parking and Moorage Amending
69 SJCC 10.04.040 and SJCC 10.28.00, Colin Huntemer – Director of Public Works.

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

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

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76 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered: None.

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

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81 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt an Ordinance Regarding**
82 **Infractions for Parking and Moorage Amending SJCC 10.04.040 and SJCC 10.28.00. ALL**
83 **AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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85 **10:05 AM** **Discussion/Action:** To consider approval of a RCO Applicant
86 Resolution/Authorization from San Juan County Conservation Land Bank to
87 authorize an application to Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
88 regarding aid in financing for Project #25-1087 Coho preserve, Lincoln Bormann –
89 Director, Conservation Land Bank.

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91 Mr. Bormann presented the resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion,
92 Council took the following action:

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94 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a Washington State**
95 **Recreation and Conservation Office Applicant Resolution Authorization for Project #25**
96 **1087. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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97 **10:10 AM** Discussion/Action: To consider approval of a RCO Applicant
98 Resolution/Authorization from San Juan County Environmental Stewardship to
99 authorize an application to Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
100 regarding aid in financing for project 2025-2027 Salmon Recovery Project #25-
101 1266P, San Juan LE BN 25-27, Sam Whitridge – Marine Program Coordinator,
102 Department of Environmental Stewardship.
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104 Mr. Whitridge presented the resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion,
105 Council took the following action:
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107 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a Washington State**
108 **Recreation and Conservation Office Applicant Resolution Authorization for Project #25**
109 **-1266P, San Juan LE BE 25-27. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**
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111 **10:25 AM** Discussion/Action: Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on a Petition for the
112 Formation of a Lopez Island Park and Recreation District, to set a public hearing
113 for July 15, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., Sally Rogers – Clerk to the Council.
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115 Ms. Rogers presented the resolution, requested to set a public hearing, and answered Council's
116 questions. Elections Manager Camolyn Armstrong was invited for discussion and to answer
117 questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:
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119 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a Resolution Calling for a**
120 **Public Hearing on a Petition for the Formation of a Lopez Island Park and Recreation**
121 **District, a to set a public hearing for July 15, 2025, at 9:15 am. The public hearing is to**
122 **consider approval of a Resolution Calling for an Election to Form a Lopez Island Park**
123 **and District Recreation District. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**
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125 **10:35 AM** Discussion: Lopez Sheriff Substation update, Jessica Hudson-County Manager,
126 and Eric Peter-Sheriff.
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128 Ms. Hudson and Sheriff Peter provided an update to Council and answered their questions.
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130 **11:00 AM** Discussion/Action: Resolution Amending the San Juan County Travel and Meal
131 Policy, Jessica Hudson – County Manger.
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133 Ms. Hudson presented the resolution for amendments. Chief Deputy Auditor Heather Lee was
134 invited to join the discussion and answer Council's questions. After discussion, Council took the
135 following action:
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137 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a Resolution Amending the**
138 **San Juan County Travel and Meal Policy as presented and modified. ALL AYES: MOTION**
139 **CARRIED.**
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141 **11:25 AM** New Business: None
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143 **11:25 AM** Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:

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Mr. Paulsen: Attended the following: Eastsound Review Planning Review Committee (EPRC) meeting, and NorthStar Symposium put on by Skagit County.

Ms. Fuller: Thanked Council Members McVeigh and Paulsen on getting updated and coverage while she was gone.

Upcoming event: Invitation is anticipated for Council to Spirit of Peace Ceremony on June 16, 2025, Orcas Island.

Ms. McVeigh: Had a meeting with Mark Buford (Northwest Clean Air Agency). Has been approached by residents of Cape San Juan regarding fox photographers.

Upcoming event: July 14, 2025, Governor Ferguson, public is invited 11:30 at Brickworks.

Ms. Hudson: Public Defender's last day was Friday June 6th and we have an interim set up, we will miss Alex Frix and acknowledge his service. Mr. Cognac has been hired to fill the Public Defender position; he will be starting on August 18th.

Had the first round of interviews, six candidates, for the Director of Community Development position on Thursday.

Changes to Washington State indigent defense caseload standards, by interim order, will need give further updates at a future meeting.

Ms. Rogers: Upcoming meetings; July 1, 15, August 4, 5, 2025.

12:05 PM Executive Session

To consider the minimum price for sale or lease of real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c).

Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session, To consider the minimum price for sale or lease of real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c) estimated 15 minutes in total to begin at 12:05 PM and end at 12:20 PM.

[Present: Full Council, Council County Manager Jessica Hudson, Deputy County Manager Tillery Williams, Director of Public Works Colin Huntmer, Facilities Director Greg Sawyer, and Senior Deputy Prosecuting Jon Cain.]

12:20 PM Chair McVeigh reconvened the regular session and adjourned the meeting at 12:20 PM.

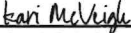
Note: There was a technical issue with video/audio portion of the meeting to reconvene and adjourn the meeting.

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191 **ADJOURN 12:20 PM**


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**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Signed by:

Kari McVeigh
District 1

Signed by:

Justin Paulsen
District 2


Jane Fuller
District 3

211 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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213 By:  12/30/2025
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215 Sally Rogers Date:
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217 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on July 15, 2025.