



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025**

Waldron Island School, 1 School Road, Waldron Island, WA

10:30 AM Call to Order & Flag Salute.

Council Chair McVeigh called the meeting to order at 10:30 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 Minutes:

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the San Juan County Council May 13, 20, 30 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Vote 2:0:0 (Ms. Fuller excused) Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, July 1, 2025, as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Public Comments: Ruby Tiller Scruton, Vicki Heater, Fred Richardson, Susan Thistle, Joanne Coleman Wester and Michael Johnson provided comments to Council.

10:50 AM Discussion/Action: 2nd touch to set a public hearing for 8/5/2025, at 9:15 a.m., to consider a resolution regarding surplus gravel on Waldron Island; authorizing disposal of surplus personal property by public bid and authorizing a multi-year gravel extraction lease, Colin Huntemer – Director, Department of Public Works.

Mr. Huntemer presented the draft resolution, requested to set a public hearing and answered Council questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to set a public hearing for August 5, 2025, at 9:15 am to consider a resolution regarding surplus gravel on Waldron Island; authorizing disposal of surplus personal property by public bid and authorizing a multi year gravel extraction lease. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

11:00 AM Discussion/Action: Discussion/Action: Building Advisory Council (BAC) update and to appoint a Council liaison, Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

Ms. Hudson gave an update and answered Council's questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

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49 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen to appoint Council Member Paulsen as**
50 **the liaison for the Building Advisory Council. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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52 **Recess 12:00 PM**

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54 **11:15 AM Discussion:** 6-month Council priorities check in, Jessica Hudson – County
55 Manager.

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57 Ms. Hudson presented the Council priorities and answered Council's questions.

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59 **12:30 PM Discussion:** OPAL Pea Patch supplemental funding request, Ryan Page –
60 Housing Program Coordinator, Health and Community Services Department.

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62 Mr. Page presented the funding request as recommended by staff and answered Council's
63 questions. Mr. Page will come back to a future Council meeting on July 15, 2025, for approval
64 of funding for Council's consideration.

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66 **12:50 PM Discussion/Action:** Approve an amendment to Contract Number 25-62511-002
67 between San Juan County and Washington State Department of Commerce
68 reducing the grant amount award, Mark Tompkins – Director, Health & Community
69 Service Department.

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71 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve Amendment A to the**
72 **Washington State Department of Commerce Contract Number 25-62511-002. All Ayes,**
73 **Motion Carried.**

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75 **12: 55 PM New Business:** Council Member Paulsen spoke of the immigration issue related
76 to Orcas, the Sheriff issued a statement, and that the individual detained is
77 receiving funds for legal assistance from one of the local community funds. Chair
78 McVeigh commented regarding the Sheriff's statement.

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80 **1:00 AM Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:**

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82 **Mr. Paulsen:** Attended the following: Lummi and Haida ceremony on Orcas Island, and
83 Opportunity Council meeting.

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85 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Lummi and Haida ceremony on Orcas Island, Board of
86 Heath (BOH) meeting, Snohomish/Whatcom/Island/Skagit/San Juan (SWISS) Quarterly
87 meeting, Climate and Sustainability Advisory Committee business, conversation with Mark and
88 Jessica regarding the Lopez Senior Center, site visits; Lopez Sheriff Substation relocation,
89 Agate Beach/ Mackay Harbor Road, and has received the Washington State Ferry (WSF)
90 Passenger Only Study.

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92 **Ms. McVeigh:** Upcoming event: July 14, 2025, Governor Ferguson, public is invited 11:30 at
93 Brickworks.

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95 Attended the following: Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) Law and Justice Council

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96 meeting, Fair Board, Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB) meeting, and the Noxious Weed Control
97 Board meeting was cancelled.

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99 Future meeting: Going to National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference in Philadelphia.
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101 **Ms. Hudson:** Follow up to Council discussion regarding circus coming to the Fairgrounds, staff
102 is working on information regarding naming of locations in the island for Lummi and Haida
103 ceremony event.

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105 Attended the following: Town Council meeting, site visit to Obstruction Pass dock, and has
106 begun bargaining with the Local 1849 AFSCME units.

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108 **Ms. Rogers:** Upcoming meetings; July 15, August 4, 5, 19, 2025.

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110 Committee Appointment/Reappointments presented as follows:

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- 112 • Clean Water Advisory Committee – To reappoint Robert Eagan and Ann Jarrell for a 4-
113 year term, starting 7-1-2025 to 7-1-2029.
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 - 115 • Citizen's Salary Commission – To appoint William J. Hamlin to District #3, Position #5, for
116 a 4-year term, starting 7-1-2025 to 7-1-2029
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 - 118 • Marine Resources Committee to appoint Josph Ullmann for a 4-year term, starting 7-1-
119 2025 to 7-1-2029.

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121 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the committee appointments**
122 **and reappointments as read by the Council Clerk. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

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124 **1:20 PM** Site visit to the Public Works Gravel Pit on Waldron.

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126 Chair McVeigh announced the meeting would adjourn from the site visit to the gravel pit at 1:45
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129 **ADJOURN 1:45 PM**

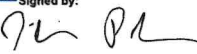
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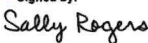
**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Signed by:

Kari McVeigh
District 1

Signed by:

Justin Paulsen
District 2


Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: 
Sally Rogers
Date: 12/30/2025

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on August 19, 2025.