



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025**

**Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**09:10 AM Call to Order & Flag Salute.**

Council Chair McVeigh called the meeting to order at 09:10 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 with no Council Updates to give more time for discussion under New Business.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the San Juan County Council July 1, 15, and August 4, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, August 19, 2025, as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence:** County Manager Jessica Hudson presented the following correspondence:

A letter from Barabra Schultheiss, Lopez Food Center, to request a support letter for a legislative capital grant application early in 2026.

Request to Federal Representatives to Generally Prohibit Masked Law Enforcement, was discussed and needs further edits, to be brought back to a future Council meeting.

**New Employee Introductions:**

Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira introduced Patrick Owens - Victim Advocate, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Deputy County Manager Tillery Williams introduced Paul Cognac - Public Defender.

**Public Comments:** Charlie Conway, Kendra Lamb, William Hurley, Jon Allen, Dennis Jenkins, Alan Mizuta, Andrew Grenville, Brian Grant, Chom Greacen, Katy Doran, Chri Greacen, Jennifer Woodbridge, Mark Wall, Debbie Warren, George Lamb, Jill Bliss, Fred Yockers, Dawni Cunnington offered comments.

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49 **10:10 AM PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED**

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2025 Second Budget Amendment to consider two ordinances;

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- Ordinance Revising the San Juan County 2025 Budget for Emergency Appropriations; Amending Ordinances 16-2023, 20-2024, 06-2025, 07-2025 and 08-2025,

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- Ordinance Revising the San Juan County 2025 Budget for Supplemental Appropriations; Amending Ordinances 16-2023, 20-2024, 06-2025, 07-2025, 08-2025 and \_\_\_\_-2025, Dr. Molly Foote – Budget Analyst, Auditors Office.

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

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63 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Ordinances. Ms. Foote  
64 presented the two ordinances, budget amendment information and answered Council's  
65 questions.

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

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

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72 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt an Ordinance Revising the San**  
73 **Juan County 2025 Budget for Emergency Appropriations; Amending Ordinances 16-2023,**  
74 **20-2024, 06-2025, 07-2025 and 08-2025. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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76 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt an Ordinance Revising the San**  
77 **Juan County 2025 Budget for Supplemental Appropriations; Amending Ordinances 16-**  
78 **2023, 20-2024, 06-2025, 07-2025, 08-2025 and \_\_\_\_-2025. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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80 **10:15 AM Discussion/Action:** To consider a Resolution to Accept a Statutory Warranty  
81 Deed for the Cherry Property, Orcas Island, Lincoln Bormann- Director, San Juan  
82 County Conservation Land Bank.

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84 Mr. Bormann presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion,  
85 Council took the following action:

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87 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution to Accept a**  
88 **Statutory Warranty Deed for the Cherry Property, Orcas Island, with the amended**  
89 **language. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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91 **10:30 AM Discussion/Action:** Public Facility Financing Assistance Program (PFFAP)  
92 Award Recommendations, Aiden Haines - Deputy Council Clerk, Council Office.

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94 Ms. Haines presented the recommended awards to Council and answered their questions.  
95 After discussion, Council took the following action:

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96 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the awards as presented and**  
97 **authorize the County Manager to execute agreements for the awards. ALL AYES,**  
98 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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100 **10:50 AM** **Discussion:** Update to Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Master Plan -  
101 Aiden Haines - Deputy Council Clerk, Council Office.  
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103 Ms. Haines gave an update to Council and answered their questions.  
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105 **10:40 AM** **Discussion:** Critical Areas Ordinance Update, Colin Maycock – Planner IV,  
106 Department of Community Development.  
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108 Mr. Maycock presented the update and answered Council questions. Mr. Maycock was given  
109 direction to proceed with amendments to include options, and feedback from the public  
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111 **11:15 AM** **Discussion/Action:** To approve a Resolution Adopting San Juan County  
112 Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Policy, Rhonda Pederson – Treasurer.  
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114 Ms. Pederson presented the resolution and EFT Policy and answered Council's  
115 questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:  
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117 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a Resolution Adopting San**  
118 **Juan County Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Policy. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**  
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120 **11:35 AM** **Discussion:** 1-year Department of Community Development Update, Mark  
121 Tompkins – Interim Director, Department of Community Development.  
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123 Mr. Tompkins presented the update and answered Council's questions.  
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125 **11:30 AM** **Discussion:** Lopez Island Sheriff substation update, Eric Peter- Sheriff and  
126 Jessica Hudson – County Manager.  
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128 Sheriff Eric Peter and Ms. Hudson provided an update and answered Council's questions.  
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130 **11:55 AM** **Discussion:** Potential Property Acquisition for Decatur Island Marine Facility,  
131 Colin Huntemer- Director, Department of Public Works.  
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133 Mr. Huntemer presented the purchase and sale agreement for the acquisition and gave  
134 presentation regarding the property. Council had discussion and Mr. Huntemer answered  
135 Council's questions.  
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137 **12:10 PM** **Discussion/Action:** To set a Public Hearing on September 9th, 2025, at 10:45  
138 a.m., to consider a Resolution Regarding Surplus Gravel on Waldron Island  
139 Rescheduling Public Bid for Sale of Surplus Personal Property, Colin Huntemer –  
140 Director, Department of Public Works.  
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142 **12:15 PM** **Recess**

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143 **01:00 PM** **Discussion/Action:** 2nd touch, to set a Public Hearing for September 23rd, 2025,  
144 at 9:15 a.m., to consider an Ordinance of the San Juan County Council Granting a  
145 Nonexclusive Franchise for Water Distribution/Transmission Facilities Authorizing  
146 Limited Use of the Public Road Rights-Of-Way in San Juan County, Washington,  
147 to Hannah Heights Owners Association, Jeff Sharp- Deputy County Engineer,  
148 Department of Public Works.  
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150 Mr. Sharp presented the ordinance, requested to set a public hearing and answered Council's  
151 questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:  
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153 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to set a public hearing for September 23,**  
154 **2025, at 9:15 a.m., to consider an Ordinance Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise for Water**  
155 **Distribution/Transmission Facilities Authorizing Limited Use of the Public Road Rights-**  
156 **of-Way in San Juan County, Washington, to Hannah Heights Owners Association. ALL**  
157 **AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**  
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159 **01:05 PM** **Discussion/Action:** State Department of Ecology Funding for Large On-Site  
160 Sewer Repair, Amanda Lynn – San Juan Community Home Trust Executive  
161 Director and Ryan Page – Affordable Housing Coordinator, Department of Health  
162 and Community Services.  
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164 Ms. Lynn and Mr. Page presented the request for submission of a grant application and  
165 answered Council's questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:  
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167 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller Move to approve the submission of a grant**  
168 **application by Health & Community Services in conjunction with the San Juan**  
169 **Community Home Trust to the Department of Ecology for repairs to the Large On-Site**  
170 **Sewage System at the Sun Rise neighborhood on San Juan Island.**  
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172 **01:25 PM** **Discussion:** County Transportation Overview, Jessica Hudson- County Manager.  
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174 Ms. Hudson gave a presentation to Council to lead the discussion. After discussion, Council  
175 gave direction to explore costs, County staff resources, other transportation forums and to come  
176 back with additional information at a future Council meeting.  
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178 **03:05 PM** **New Business:** Council member Paulsen invited Parks & Fair Director Brandon  
179 Andrews to join the conversation regarding ferry disruptions/cancellations during  
180 the County Fair. Council members discussed their disappointment of the response  
181 to Council member Paulsen's email to Washington State Ferries and discussed  
182 writing a letter to Washington State Ferries leaders.  
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184 **03:20 PM** **Clerk Updates:**  
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186 **Ms. Rogers:** Upcoming meetings; September 8, 9, 23, 29, 30, 2025.  
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188 **Committee Appointment/Reappointments**  
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- 190 • Solid Waste Advisory Committee: to appoint Rick Winnings, second 3-year term starting 8/19/2025-  
191 8/19/2028
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- 193 • Solid Waste Advisory Committee: Carolyn Moulton, first 3-year term starting 8/19/2025-8/19/2028
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- 195 • Solid Waste Advisory Committee: Barbara Starr, first 3-year term starting 8/19/2025-8/19/2028
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- 197 • Human Services Advisory Board: Trillium Swanson, first 3-year term starting 8/19/2025-8/19/2028
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- 199 • Housing Advisory Committee: Pat Castillo, first 4-year terms starting 8/19/2025 – 8/19/2029
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201 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the committee appointment**  
202 **as read by the Clerk. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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204 **02:41 PM Executive Session:**

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- 206 • To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
- 207 • To consider site selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to
- 208 RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)
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210 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session, to  
211 discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and  
212 To consider site selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to  
213 RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) estimated for 1 hour and 39 minutes in total to begin at 2:41 PM and end  
214 at 4:20 PM followed by adjournment.

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216 [Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, Deputy County Manager Tillery  
217 Williams, Interim Director Department of Community Development Mark Tompkins, Director of  
218 Public Works Colin Huntmer, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Jon  
219 Cain, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Mason Wiley and outside counsel Quinn Plant.]

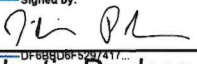
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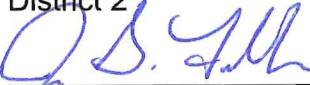
221 **ADJOURN 4:20 PM**

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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kari McVeigh  
District 1

Signed by:  
  
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Justin Paulsen  
District 2

  
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Jane Fuller  
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ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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*Sally Rogers* 12/30/2025  
By: DEAABE85CA1142B \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
Sally Rogers

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