



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

**Decatur Island School, 825 Decatur Head Road, Decatur 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. Fuller to approve the San Juan County Council August 5, 19, 26, 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, September 9, 2025, as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Correspondence:**

- Letter of Response to Washington State Ferries

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the letter to Washington State Ferries. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

-Hands Across the Water, September 19-21

After Council's discussion, the decision was to have the letter sent and signed by Council member Paulsen only, rather than full Council.

**Public Comments:** Rob Grant, Robert Zarate, Julia Garrat, George Lamb, Brady Smith, Dawni Cunningham, provided comments to Council.

**10:53 AM Public Hearings – Public Testimony Accepted**

1) To Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Direct Sale of a Portion of Tax Parcel No. 152232006 on Decatur Island, Colin Huntemer – Director, Department of Public Works.

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

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49 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Resolution. Mr. Huntemer  
50 presented the Resolution and answered Council’s questions.

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

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

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57 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the**  
58 **Direct Sale of a Portion of Tax Parcel No. 152232006 on Decatur Island. ALL AYES,**  
59 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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61 2) To Consider a Resolution Regarding Surplus Gravel on Waldron Island; Rescheduling  
62 Public Bid for Sale of Surplus Property, Colin Huntemer – Director, Department of Public Works.

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

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66 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Resolution. Mr. Huntemer  
67 presented the Resolution and answered Council’s questions.

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

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

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74 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution Regarding Surplus**  
75 **Gravel on Waldron Island; Rescheduling Public Bid for Sale of Surplus Property. ALL**  
76 **AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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78 **10:57 AM** **Discussion/Action:** To consider a Resolution Accepting a Right of Way  
79 Easement for County Road Purposes on Decatur Island Near Intersection of  
80 Decatur Head Drive and Armitage Road, Colin Huntemer – Director, Department  
81 of Public Works.

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83 Mr. Huntemer presented the resolution and answered Council questions. After discussion,  
84 Council took the following action:

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86 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution Accepting a Right**  
87 **of Way Easement for County Road Purposes on Decatur Island Near Intersection of**  
88 **Decatur Head Drive and Armitage Road. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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90 **11:03 AM** **Discussion/Action:**  
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92 To set a Public Hearing for October 7, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., to set the County  
93 Revenues for the 2026-2027 Biennial budget, Jessica Hudson – County Manager  
94 on behalf of Molly Foote- Budget Analyst, Auditors Office.

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96 Ms. Hudson presented to set a date for the budget hearing request, after discussion, Council  
97 took the following action:  
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99 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to set a public hearing date to set the**  
100 **County Revenues for the 2026-27 Biennial budget on October 7, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. ALL**  
101 **AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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103 To set a Public Hearing for October 7, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., Department Budget  
104 Hearings for the 2026-27 Biennial Budget, County Manager on behalf of Molly  
105 Foote- Budget Analyst, Auditors Office.  
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107 Ms. Hudson presented to set a date for the budget hearing request, after discussion, Council  
108 took the following action:  
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110 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to set a public hearing date for**  
111 **Department Budget Hearings as part of the 2026-27 Biennial budget on October 7, 2025,**  
112 **at 9:15 a.m. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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114 **11:06 AM** Discussion: 1st touch, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Annual  
115 Construction Program (ACP), Jesse Douglas-Seitz – Deputy Director, Department  
116 of Public Works and Colin Huntemer –Director, Department of Public Works.  
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118 Mr. Douglas-Seitz gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions.  
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120 **11:36 AM** Discussion/Action: 2nd touch, to set a Public Hearing for October 7, 2025, at  
121 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Building Advisory Committee,  
122 Jessica Hudson – County Manager.  
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124 Ms. Hudson presented the Ordinance and requested to set a public hearing date. After  
125 discussion, Council took the following action:  
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127 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to set a public hearing date for October 7,**  
128 **2025, at 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Regarding Building Advisory Council;**  
129 **Amending SJCC 2.25.020 and 2.25.030. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**  
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131 **11:50 AM** Discussion: Emergency Rapid Response (ERR) Pilot final report, Jessica  
132 Hudson – County Manager.  
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134 Ms. Hudson gave a presentation and answered Council's questions.  
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136 **Recess 12:05 PM**  
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138 **12:35 PM** Discussion/Action: Environmental Stewardship Capital Improvement Programs  
139 (CIP) Clean Water, Solid Waste, and Marine – Kendra Smith- Environment  
140 Stewardship Director.  
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142 Ms. Smith presented the CIP Program and answered Council's questions. After discussion,

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143 Council took the following action:

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145 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to advance the Clean Water, Solid Waste,**  
146 **and Marine Program capital improvements projects into the County-wide Capital**  
147 **Improvements Program. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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149 **01:26 PM      New Business:**

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151 Council member Fuller asked Chair McVeigh for an update regarding the upcoming October  
152 meeting in Sidney with the Cross-border group.

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154 Council member Fuller requested to receive information on Reet Funds initiatives for next year  
155 and how funds are allocated. Chair McVeigh added to request information on other funding  
156 sources as well.

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158 **01:35 AM      Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:**

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160 **Mr. Paulsen:** Attended the following: Crescent Beach Preserve site visit, began engagement  
161 with Hadley Rodero at WSF regarding commercial providers for the WSF schedule/reservations

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163 Future meeting: Planning one hour session for Urban Growth Areas on Orcas Island ahead of  
164 the Planning Commission meeting. Islands Oil Spill Association (IOSA) Retreat and North  
165 Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (NSBHASO) Board Retreat.

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167 **Ms. Fuller:** Is participating in Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Legislative  
168 Steering Committee (LSC) updates to policies that will be released at the November Leaders  
169 Conference.

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171 Future meeting: Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Board of Directors meeting,  
172 and Snohomish, Whatcom, island, Skagit, San Juan (SWISS) Quarterly Meeting.

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174 **Ms. McVeigh:** Was appointed to National Association of Counties (NACo) Human Services  
175 and Education Committee.

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177 Attended the following: Clean Water Advisory Committee meeting, Climate and Clean Water  
178 Round Table meeting, Noxious Weed Board, and the Annual County Employee Appreciation.

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180 **Ms. Hudson:** Attended the following: Forest thinning project, and a Town Council meeting.  
181 Shared that the Director of Community Development Sev Jones is starting next week.

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183 **Ms. Rogers:** Upcoming meetings; September 23, 29, 30, and October 6, 2025.

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185 Committee Appointment/Reappointments presented as follows:

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187            San Juan Island Library Board of Trustees proposes the following:

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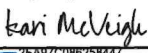
- 189 - San Juan Island Library to appoint John Aschoff to Position #1 from Position #5,
- 190 for a partial term starting 9/9/2025 to 12/31/2027.
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- 192 - San Juan Island Library to appoint Cheryl Kringle to Position #5, for a partial term
- 193 starting 9/9/2025 to 12/31/2025.
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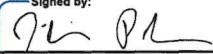
195 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the committee appointments**  
196 **as read by the Council Clerk. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

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198 **ADJOURN 1:59 PM**

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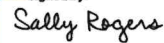
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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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 Justin Paulsen  
 District 2

  
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 Jane Fuller  
 District 3

219 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

221 Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_ 12/30/2025  
 222 By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
 223 DFAXBE69CA4142B... Sally Rogers Date:

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225 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on September 23, 2025.