



**MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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:** Agenda approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the San Juan County Council November 4, 10, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, December 8, 2025, as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Comments:** Alexandra Gayek offered comments.

**09:05 AM Recess**

**RECESS SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING & CONVENE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOPEZ SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (LSWDD)**

To consider a Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Governing Body Resolution Adopting the 2026 Annual Budget for Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District – Ric Carr, District Manager, Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District.

Mr. Carr presented the Resolution and answered the LSWDD Governing Body’s questions. After discussion, LSWDD Governing Body took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Paulsen seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Governing Board Resolution Adopting the 2026 Annual Budget for the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**09:10 AM ADJOURN LSWDD GOVERNING BODY MEETING & RECONVENE SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

50 **09:15 AM PUBLIC HEARINGS – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED**

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- 52 1) To consider a Resolution Authorizing a Development Agreement of the Argyle Lots Property on  
53 San Juan Island for Affordable Housing Purposes, Ryan Page – Housing Program Coordinator,  
54 Mark Tompkins – Director of Health and Community Services.

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

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58 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Resolution. Mr. Page  
59 presented the Resolution and answered Council’s questions. Executive Director Home Trust  
60 Amanda Lynn was invited to speak.

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

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

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67 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution Authorizing a**  
68 **Development Agreement of the Argyle Lots Property on San Juan Island for Affordable**  
69 **Housing Purposes. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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- 71 2) To consider a Resolution of the County Council of San Juan County Adopting a Five-Year  
72 Homeless Plan, Ryan Page - Housing Program Coordinator, Department of Health and  
73 Community Services.

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

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77 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Resolution. Mr. Page  
78 presented the Resolution and answered Council’s questions.

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80 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: Neisha  
81 Quast, Abilgail d’Ambruoso.

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

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86 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution of the County**  
87 **Council of San Juan County Adopting a Five-Year Homeless Plan. ALL AYES, MOTION**  
88 **CARRIED.**

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90 **09:40 AM PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED (from 12/2/2025) PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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- 92 3) Continued Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance Updating and Amending the San Juan  
93 County Comprehensive Plan and Official Maps Pursuant to the State of Washington Growth  
94 Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Sophia  
95 Cassam – Planner III, Department of Community Development.
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97 Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

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99 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Ordinance. Ms. Cassam  
100 presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

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102 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: Barb Skotte,  
103 written comment from Robert Connell, Bill Barrett, Patrick Doherty, Kenzie Hollarn, Patricia  
104 Miller, David Robison, Warren Appleton, Magali Cota, Ki Corson, Glen Corsin, Richard Grout,  
105 and Josia French Feld.

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

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110 **MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to not approve the proposed Roche**  
111 **Harbor Master Planned Resort Office Map Amendment. VOTE: 2:0, (Paulsen opposed)**  
112 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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114 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt an Ordinance on the 2025**  
115 **Periodic Update of the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan as presented and to be**  
116 **modified. MOTION CARRIED.**

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118 **11:40 AM PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED (from 12/1/2025)**

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120 **4) To consider a Resolution Updating the 2026 Annual Capital Improvement Plan and**  
121 **Approving the 2026-2031 Six Year Capital Improvement Plan, Heather Lee – Chief**  
122 **Deputy Auditor, Auditors Office and Natasha Warmenhoven – Auditor.**

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

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126 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Resolution. Ms. Lee and  
127 Ms. Warmenhoven presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions.

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

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

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134 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution Updating the 2026**  
135 **Annual Capital Improvement Plan and Approving the 2026-2031 Six Year Capital**  
136 **Improvement Plan. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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138 **11:55 AM PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED (from 12/2/2025)**

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140 **5) To consider an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington, Adopting a Budget for**  
141 **the Year 2026 and Setting Forth the Estimated Revenues and Appropriations, Dr.**  
142 **Molly Foote- Budget Analyst, Auditors Office.**

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

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146 Chair McVeigh opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Ordinance. Ms. Foote and  
147 Ms. Warmenhoven presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

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149 Chair McVeigh opened public testimony. Public testimony offered by the following: Brooke  
150 Sullivan, Dr. Jessa Madosky, David Robison, and name inaudible, (Shaka Heryizian.)

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

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155 **MOVED and AMENDED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt an Ordinance of**  
156 **San Juan County, Washington, Adopting a Budget for the Year 2026 and Setting Forth**  
157 **the Estimated Revenues and Appropriations. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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159 **12:45 PM Recess**

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161 **01:15 PM Discussion:** 2nd Touch, 2025 Third Budget Amendment, Dr. Molly Foote- Budget  
162 Analyst, Auditors Office.

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164 Ms. Foote presented the Third Budget Amendment and answered Council's questions.

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166 **01:45 PM Discussion/Action:** To consider a Resolution Adopting the Criminal Justice  
167 Treatment Account Plan for State Fiscal Years 2026 – 2027, Richard Uri –  
168 Behavior Health Program Coordinator, Department of Health and Community  
169 Services.

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171 Mr. Uri presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion,  
172 Council took the following action:

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174 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution Adopting the**  
175 **Criminal Justice Treatment Account Plan for State Fiscal Years 2026 – 2027. ALL AYES,**  
176 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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178 **01:55 PM Discussion/Action:** To consider a Resolution Establishing a Cultural Access  
179 Review Board, Brandon Andrews – Director, Department of Parks and Fair.

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181 Mr. Andrews presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion,  
182 Council took the following action:

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184 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt Resolution Establishing a**  
185 **Cultural Access Review Board ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

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187 **01:50 PM Discussion/Action:** Approve Recommended Awards for the 2025 Historical  
188 Preservation Grant Program, Sally Rogers – Clerk to Council.

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190 Ms. Rogers presented the recommended awards to Council and answered their questions.

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191 After discussion Council took the following action:

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193 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to award funds to the applicants as**  
194 **presented by the clerk and to authorize the County Manager to execute contracts for the**  
195 **2025 Historical Preservation Grant Program.**

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197 **02:16 PM** **New Business:** Council Members discussed recent ferry disruptions.

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199 **02:30 PM** **Council, County Manager, and Clerk Updates:**

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201 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Sea Level Rise Workshops on Shaw Island and Lopez  
202 Island, conducted a Lopez Island Town Hall meeting, Lodging Tax Advisory (LTAC) recap  
203 meeting, Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Retreat, Island Trust Council meeting, Climate  
204 and Solar roundtable, was in touch with Dr. Tim Delate, CEO, UW Medicine Lopez Island  
205 Hospital regarding insurance coverage for self-insured Lopez Island Residents.

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207 Future meetings: Snohomish, Whatcom, Island, Skagit and San Juan Counties (SWISS.)

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209 **Mr. Paulsen:** Attended the following: Eastsound Planning Review Committee (EPRC) meeting,  
210 Island Oil Spill Association (IOSA) meeting, and Islands Trust Council meeting.

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212 **Ms. McVeigh:** Islands Trust meeting, deferred updates to next meeting.

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214 **Ms. Hudson:** Attended the following: Town Council meeting, participated with Kari on a panel  
215 discussion for Leadership San Juan.

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217 Requests of Council:

218 1) Consideration of adding a Council Special meeting for Monday, December 22, 2025, to  
219 follow up on conversations in executive and closed session to consider resolutions for  
220 approval. Council approved to have the Special meeting on Monday, December 22,  
221 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

222 2) Lift the hiring freeze, Ms. Hudson answered Council questions, after discussion, Council  
223 Members McVeigh and Paulsen approved to lift the hiring freeze for budgeted positions.  
224 Council Member Fuller held her position to not lift the hiring freeze and is in favor of lifting  
225 the freeze selectively.

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227 **Ms. Rogers:** Upcoming meetings; December 15, 16, 2025.

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229 **Committee Appointment/Reappointments**

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- 231 • Agricultural Resource Committee: To appoint Mads Hall for a 4-year term starting  
232 12/9/2025-12/9/2029
- 233 • Veterans Advisory Board: To appoint Kevin Holmes for a 2-year term starting 12/9/2025-  
234 12/9/2027
- 235 • Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: To appoint Mariko McKitrick for a 2-year term starting  
236 1/1/2026-1/1/2028

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238 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the committee appointment**  
239 **as read by the Clerk. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**  
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241 **02:52 PM Executive Session:**  
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- 243 • To evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW  
244 42.30.110(91)(g)
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- 246 • To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140  
247 (140(4)(b) (CLOSED SESSION);  
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249 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session, to  
250 evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g), and to  
251 discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (140(4)(b)  
252 (CLOSED SESSION) estimated for 28 minutes in total to begin at 2:52 PM and end at 3:20 PM.  
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254 [Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Director of Human Resources  
255 Matthew Bullock.]  
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257 No action was taken.  
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259 **3:20 PM** Chair McVeigh adjourned the closed session, reconvened the regular meeting and  
260 adjourned the meeting at 3:22 PM.  
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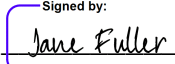
262 **ADJOURN 3:22 PM**  
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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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284 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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By:  2/11/2026  
Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on January 20, 2026