



**MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

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

**09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE.**

Council Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller, Christine Minney, County Manager Mike Thomas (via video conference), Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers and Aiden Haines, Administrative Coordinator.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Fuller raised to Council to remove the reappointment of Pete Moe for a fifth term to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee from the agenda. Council discussed the reappointment to remain on the agenda for further consideration at the end of this meeting.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, February 6, 2024, as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the San Juan County Council January 16, 22, 23 2024, meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Comments:** Vickie Edwards (in person) and Angela Anderson (via tele-conference) provided comments to the Council.

**9:15 AM PUBLIC HEARING(S) – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED**

1) To Adopt an Ordinance Amending the San Juan County Personnel Policy Manual, Angie Baird – Director of Human Resources.

**Present:** Full Council, Director of Human Resources Angie Baird, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers and Aiden Haines, Administrative Coordinator.

Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to consider approval of the resolution. Ms. Baird presented the ordinance and answered Council's questions.

Chair Fuller opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: none.

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

**MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to adopt an Ordinance Amending section 9.050 vacation policy, of the San Juan County Personnel Policy Manual. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

2) A Resolution Authorizing the Direct Sale of a Conservation Easement at the Cady Mountain Addition Property on San Juan Island.

**Present:** Full Council, Director of the Land Bank Lincoln Borman, Senior Deputy Prosecutor Jon Cain, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers and Aiden Haines, Administrative Coordinator.

Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to consider approval of the resolution. Mr. Bormann and Mr. Cain presented the resolution and answered Council's questions.

Chair Fuller opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: none.

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

**MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to adopt Resolution Authorizing the Direct Sale of a Conservation Easement at the Cady Mountain Addition Property on San Juan Island. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**9:30 AM**      **Discussion/Action:** Northwest Clean Air Agency proposal for San Juan County membership, Mark Buford Executive Director, Northwest Clean Air Authority. Kyle Dodd – HCS Manager of Environmental Services.

Mr. Dodd and Mr. Buford gave the presentation and answered the Council's questions. After discussion the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve staff to proceed with a letter of interest to join the Northwest Clean Air Authority. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**10:35 AM**      **Discussion/Action:** Clarification of Vacation Payout. Staff: Mike Thomas.

Mr. Thomas presented the item to Council and answered their questions. Director of Human resources offered information to Council and answered their questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to authorize the Council Chair to sign an amended contract for consistency with the San Juan County Personnel Policy section 9.040 (7). ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**10:40 AM**    **Discussion/ Presentation/Action:** Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) vendor presentation, Angie Baird, Director of Human Resources and Sertrice Shipley/Mattingly Solutions.

Ms. Baird and Ms. Shipley gave the presentation and answered the Council's questions.

**11:00 AM**    **Discussion:** Budget update, Molly Foote – Budget Analyst and Natasha Warmenhoven – Auditor.

Ms. Foote presented the budget update answered the Council's questions. Mr. Thomas offered information and answered Council's questions.

**11:25 AM**    **Discussion/Action:** Public Facilities Financing Assistance Program (PFFAP) project date extension requests from Fisherman Bay Sewer District for the Weeks Point Way sewer mainline replacement project, there have been delays in permits issued and additional requirements for construction. The project was awarded two grants: \$68,871.00 in 2019 and \$40,000.00 in 2020. **The request is, for the County Council to authorize the County Manager to amend agreements Nos.19AD-013 in the amount of \$69,871.00 and 21CC-014 in the amount of \$40,000.00, to extend each of the contracts project completion dates to the date of June 30, 2024.** Clerk to the Council, Sally Rogers.

Ms. Rogers presented the request for extension answered the Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to authorize the County Manager to amend agreements Nos.19AD-013 in the amount of \$69,871.00 and 21CC-014 in the amount of \$40,000.00, to extend each of the contracts project completion dates to the date of June 30, 2024. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**11:30 AM**    **Discussion:** Draft letter to Legislators in support of State funded Passenger - Only Ferry Service in San Juan County, Council Chair Fuller.

Council discussed the letter, Chair Fuller confirmed with Council members Minney and Wolf their agreement to sign and submit the letter.

**11:35 PM**    **Discussion:** Chair Fuller brought forward discussion regarding a request from Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) for Local Elected Officials to sign a letter to the Governor and Transportation Chairs to commit more funding for the state ferry system.

Council discussed the letter and took into consideration to sign as individual elected officials.

**11:50 AM**    **New Business:**

Ms. Wolf:

>BOLDT Decision - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary,

>County staff work plan update for homelessness or emergency shelter,

>Stewardship potential for County of tidelands and eelgrass meadow near Indian Island.

**12:05 PM RECESS**

**1:00 PM Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:**

Legislative Update from Ms. Minney: HB 2023 update and response (election materials to be translated into Spanish) and update from attending the WSAC Legislative Steering Committee,

Mr. Fuller shared that enrichment bills for schools in the legislative session have died, special education bill is still alive.

**Council Updates:**

Ms. Wolf: Attended the following: EPRC meeting, Common Good Workshop, and Agricultural Resources annual meeting.

Future meeting: NACo Legislative Conference in Washington DC.

Ms. Minney: Attended the following: First quarter business meeting for WSAC Board of Directors, LSC in Olympia and Land Bank Commission interviews, and Community Collaborations Committee.

Future meetings: Two more sessions for LSC meetings and Tribal Training.

Ms. Fuller: Attended the following: Met with Cameron Caldwell/Senator Cantwell's rep., ongoing conversations with Josh Weiss, communications with Toby Cooper regarding article on passenger only ferries, joined with Lopez Island School Advocacy Working Group for meeting with Lopez Town Hall, and Climate Sustainability Advisory meeting.

Future meetings: Meeting with the Town of Friday Harbor.

Mr. Tompkins: Has been meeting with Mr. Thomas for transition and continuity of County Manager business.

**Committee Appointments and Reappointments, for Council's consideration, by the Clerk to the Council:**

- **Ferry Advisory Committee**, reappointment of Ken Burtness for a third term.
- **Housing Advisory Committee**, reappointment of Anne Bertino & Farhad Ghatan for their second term.
- **Board of Health**, appointment of Richard Geffen, for a first term.
- **Land Bank Commission**, appointment of Anne Marie Shanks and Tim Clark each for a first term.

**MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the slate of volunteers as read by the Clerk to the Council. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

- **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**, appointment for Justin Hagge and reappointment of Pete Moe for a fifth term.

**MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to appoint Justin Hagge to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.** (Pete Moe was not re-appointed.)

**ADJOURN (time approximate) 1:40 PM**

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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Christine Minney  
District 1

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Cindy Wolf  
District 2

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Jane Fuller  
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on February 27, 2024.