



**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 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 9:00 AM. Present: Council Members Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller, Christine Minney, Interim County Manager Mark Tompkins, Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers and Aiden Haines, Administrative Coordinator.

Approval of Agenda: no changes.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the San Juan County Council February 27 2024 and March 5, 2024, meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, March 12, 2024, as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Correspondence:

- Letters of support from Council to legislatures for the Pea Patch Campus Project on Orcas Island.
- Letter of support from Council to Rep. Rick Larsen for Eastsound Sewer and Water District's Wastewater Treatment Facilities Upgrade.
- Letter of Support for the Lopez Island Food Center Project.
- Letters in support from Council to legislatures, Salmon Recovery Funding for Puget Sound Partnership Day on the Hill.
- Letter of support for the San Juan Community Home Trust Budget Request for Large Onsite Sewage System (LOSS) System Replacement

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the correspondence with minor edits, as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments: Maureen See provided comments to Council.

9:30 AM Executive Session

Council Chair Fuller announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

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estimated to last 1 hour in total to begin at 9:28 AM. and end at 10:28 AM followed by adjournment. Ms. Fuller was recused for the executive session.

[Present: Council members Minney and Wolf, Interim County Manager Mark Tompkins, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Mason Wiley, former Council member Jamie Stephens, outside counsel Michale Kitson and Callie Castillo.]

The session ended at 10:28 AM. No action was taken.

10:40 AM Discussion/Action: 2024 First Budget Amendment and to set a public hearing on April 16, 2024, by Molly Foote PhD, Budget Analyst and Natasha Warmenhoven, Auditor.

Ms. Foote presented the budget update answered the Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf, to set a public hearing for April 16, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. for the 2024 First Budget Amendment. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

11:35 AM Discussion/Action: Discuss initiating a project to update SJCC 18.30.690 Exterior Lighting, Sophia Cassam, Planner.

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the Department of Community Development, with the assistance of the Eastsound Planning & Review Committee (EPRC), to initiate and complete the project to update SJCC 18.30.690 Exterior Lighting. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

12:00 PM RECESS

12:30 PM Discussion: San Juan Island Visitor Bureau Updates, Deborah Hoskinson, Executive director.

Ms. Hoskins presented the San Juan Island Visitor Bureau update and answered the Council's questions.

1:12 PM Discussion/Action: Resolution to adjust Solid Waste disposal fees, Kendra Smith, Director of Environmental Stewardship.

Ms. Smith presented the resolution and answered the Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve a Resolution to authorize an increase to garbage and recycling tip fees and revised pricing of other materials for the Orcas Island Transfer Station. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1:15 PM Discussion/Action:

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- a. LTAC extension request, from Lopez Island Historical Museum, Amy Frost, requesting the County Council authorize the County Manager to extend the ending term date of 12/31/2023 to the ending term date of 04/30/2024 for LTAC AWARD contract number 23CC.024 awarded to the Lopez Island Historical Museum in the amount of \$1,205.46.
- b. LTAC extension request, from Orcas Island Farmers Market, Erica Lyons, requesting the County Council authorize the County Manager to extend the ending term date of 12/31/2023 to the ending term date of 03/31/2024 for LTAC AWARD contract number 23CC.028 awarded to the Orcas Island Farmers Market Association in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- c. Historical Preservation award extension, from Orcas Island Historical Museum, Nancy Stilger, requesting the County Council authorize the County Manager to extend the ending term date of 12/31/2023 to the ending term date of 03/31/2024 for HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AWARD contract number 23CC.012 awarded to the Orcas Island Historical Museum in the amount of \$3,000.00.

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the extension requests as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

1:25 PM New Business: Community Facilities Grant application, Brandon Andrews – Parks & Fair Director and Assistant County Manager.

Mr. Andrews briefed the Council on a USDA Community Facilities Grants application opportunity received from Representative Rick Larsen's Office. Mr. Andrews requested direction from Council on projects identified to pursue funding for this grant application; Sheriff's Office/facility on Lopez Island, Hannah Heights water issue or other issues. Council gave Mr. Andrews direction to pursue the application and letters of support for funds on the Lopez Island Sheriff's Office facility project.

Ms. Fuller spoke of three areas for new business: Invite Lobbyists Josh Weiss and Annika Vaughn to join the April 15, 2024 Council Meeting for a review, invite LD 40 Representatives to a future Council Meeting, and have a future discussion in a workshop meeting to follow up on the Tribal Engagement 101 training.

1:50 PM Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:

Legislative Update: Ms. Minney briefed Council of the Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) continued work for updating the processes and bylaws. Ms. Wolf and Ms. Fuller gave updates regarding the last legislative session of bills and initiatives for ferry issues, transportation, property taxes, affordable housing and education.

Council Updates:

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Ms. Wolf: Attended the following: Attended the following: EcoSystems Coordination Board (ECB) meeting, Eastsound Review Planning Committee (EPRC), Marine Resources Committee (MRC), and the 2024 AG Summit Conference.

Ms. Minney: Attended the following: Legislative Steering Committee (LSC), and Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Virtual Assembly.

Future meetings: WSAC Board of Directors meeting, and Skagit/Whatcom/Island/Snohomish/San Juan (SWISS) Quarterly meeting.

Ms. Fuller: Attended the following: SWISS Executive meeting, Lopez residents meeting to form a Parks & Rec., Lopez Island Schools Advocacy Group, 2024 AG Summit Conference, and Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC).

Future meetings: Conference of Workforce Boards in Washington D.C., Washington State of Department of Transportation (WSDOT) visit, and Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (OPALCO) meeting.

Mr. Tompkins: Future meetings: Board of Health meeting and Town of Friday Harbor monthly administrator meeting.

Upcoming consideration for Council: Update of the County's Risk Pool designations by a resolution. Update of the County Manager position hiring; consultants work, upcoming interview panels and hiring process.

Advisory Committee Appointments:

- Eastsound Planning Review Commission – April Duke for consideration of appointment for a 2-year term from 3/11/2024- 12/31/2026,
- Eastsound Planning Review Commission – Mia Kartiganer for consideration of appointment for a 2 year long term from 3/11/2024 – 12/31/2026,
- Civil Service Commission – Jim Mosely for consideration of appointment for a 6-year term from 3/12/2024 – 12/31/2030,
- Clean Water Advisory- Melissa Rhode for consideration of appointment for a 4-year term from 3/12/2024 - 12/31/2028.

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the committee appointments as presented by Ms. Haines. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

The Noxious Weed Control Board – James Frampton appointment for a 4-year term from 3/11/2024 – 12/31/2028 **was removed for consideration.**

ADJOURN (time approximate) 3:00 PM

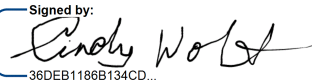
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COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Signed by:

Christine Minney
District 1

Signed by:

Cindy Wolf
District 2

Signed by:

Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: 
Sally Rogers
12/16/2024
Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on April 16, 2024.