



**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

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

9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE.

Council Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jane Fuller (via video conference), Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Approval of Agenda:

No changes.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the San Juan County Council October 22, 2024, meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

New Employee Introductions:

- Linnea Anderson introduced Ash Nicholson – Courthouse Facilitator, Superior Court Services
- John Kulseth introduced the following:
 - o Steven Hudson – Appraiser II Assessor's Office
 - o Joe Hornbuckle – Appraiser II Assessor's Office
 - o Liesl Mordhorst – Appraiser, Deputy Assessor

Public Comments: Nathan Kessler-Jeffrey, Paul Dossett, Danny Sherard, offered comments in person; Sharon Abreu, Nancy Stillger, Noris Canton and Darcy Leach offered comments via telephone conference.

9:20 AM PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED

- 1) To consider adopting an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for Land Conservation Futures for 2025. Jessica Hudson– County Manager.

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Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.
Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to consider approval of the Ordinance. Ms. Hudson 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, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for Land Conservation Futures for 2025. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

- 2) To consider adopting an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for County Roads for 2025. Jessica Hudson– County Manager.

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

Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to consider approval of the Ordinance. Ms. Hudson 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, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for County Roads for 2025. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

- 3) To consider adopting an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for Current Expense for 2025. Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

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

Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to consider approval of the Ordinance. Ms. Hudson 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, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt an Ordinance of San Juan County, Washington Setting the Property Tax Levy for Current Expense for 2025. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

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9:30 AM **Discussion/Action:** Resolution and Approval of the San Juan County Tribal Engagement Framework. Kendra Smith – Director of Environmental Stewardship and Frances Robertson – Marine Program Manager.

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt a Resolution, San Juan County's Commitment to Tribal Engagement, and to approve the San Juan County Tribal Engagement Framework. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

9:50 AM **Discussion/Action:** Washington State Department of Commerce Grant Agreement with San Juan County, Emergency Rapid Response Grant Program for \$1.5m transportation funding. Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars and authorize that the document be routed for Council and County Manager signatures. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

9:55 AM **Discussion/Action:** First touch, to consider approval to move 28.47 acres of land from Farm and Agricultural current use to Farm and Agricultural Conservation, for application LANDUSE-19-0242, and to set a public hearing for December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. Colin Maycock – Planner IV, Department of Community Development.

Mr. Maycock presented LANDUSE-19-00242 and answered Council's questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to set a public hearing on LANDUSE-19-0242 for December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

10:00 AM **Discussion/Action:** Second touch, to consider approval of the Planning Commission's recommendations for Docket code amendments to be added to the Department of Community Development's work plan, and to set a public hearing for December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. Colin Maycock – Planner IV, Department of Community Development.

Mr. Maycock presented recommendations for Docket code amendments and work plan to Council and answered their questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to set a public hearing on the proposed code amendments to be added to the Department of Community Development's work plan, for December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

10:35 AM **Discussion:** 2024 Third Budget Amendment, second touch. Molly Foote – Budget Analyst, Auditor's Office.

Ms. Foote presented the budget amendment and answered Council's questions.

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10:45 AM Discussion: 2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and 2025-2030 Six Year CIP, second touch. Heather Lee – Chief Deputy Auditor, Auditor's Office.

Ms. Lee presented the CIP Plans and answered Council's questions.

10:50 AM Discussion: 2025 Budget Mid-Biennium Review, second touch. Molly Foote – Budget Analyst, Auditor's Office.

Ms. Foote presented the 2025 Budget Mid-Biennium Review and answered Council's questions.

11:15 AM Discussion: Cancelling Prior Years Unclaimed Accounts Payable Warrants, second touch. Alyssa Slagle -Administrative Specialist IV, Auditor's Office.

Ms. Slagle presented the unclaimed prior years payable warrants and answered Council's questions.

11:20 AM Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:

Ms. Minney: Attended the following: Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting, Park Board meeting, Fair Board meeting, SJI based trail project meeting, and an opportunity to visit Waldron Island with Public Works staff and County Manager Jessica Hudson.

Upcoming meeting: Annual Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Conference.

Ms. Wolf: Attended the following: Ecosystems Coordination Board meeting, Marine Resources Committee (MRC) meeting, Eastsound Planning Review Committee (EPRC) meeting, Fish War movie showing and attended Veterans Day at the Orcas Island Legion.

Ms. Fuller: Attended the following: Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) meeting with Marianna Henefeld and Katy Stanford, Northwest Regional Council and ongoing meetings with staff.

Upcoming meetings: Public Facilities Financing Assistance Program (PFFAP) meeting, FEMA "Fix our Ferries" Summit, and Annual Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Conference.

Ms. Hudson: Attended the following: Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) meeting with Ms. Fuller, Marianna Henefeld and Katy Stanford, Town Council meeting, meetings with staff, and AFSCME Union regarding the 32-hour work week and visit to Waldron with Ms. Minney and Public Works staff.

Briefed Council on second round of interviews for Risk & Safety Manager position.

Ms. Rogers: Gave the dates of upcoming Council meetings, December 2nd, 3rd, 9th, and 10th 2024.

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Advisory Committee Appointment:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the reappointment for Steve Snowden for a 3-year to the Board of Equalization. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

11:40 AM RECESS

12:30 PM Discussion: 32-Hour Work Week 1-Year Report, Jessica Hudson, County Manager and Erin Andrews, Communication Coordinator.

Ms. Hudson and Ms. Andrews presented the report and answered Council's questions.

1:20 PM Discussion/Action: Cultural Access Initiative Review second touch, and to set a public hearing for December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. Brandon Andrews- Parks and Fair Director.

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

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to set a public hearing for December 10, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. VOTE: 2:0 (Ms. Fuller abstained) MOTION CARRIED.

2:00 PM Discussion: Code Revision presentation of proposed reorganization, Amy Viar – Prosecuting Attorney.

Ms. Vira presented the proposed reorganization and answered Council's questions.

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Signed by:



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236 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council
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238 By:  12/17/2024
239 Sally Rogers Date:
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241 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on December 10, 2024.