



**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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, Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the San Juan County Council November 12, 2024, December 2, 3, 2024, meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the financial items and Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements for Emergency Medical Dispatch Protocol Software listed on the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, December 10, 2024. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Civil Deputy Kim Ott briefed Council on a **Resolution Designating New Custodians for Funds Within the San Juan County Sheriff's Office and Converting the Sheriff's Investigative Fund to a Cash Fund**. After discussion Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the resolution. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Correspondence: Council draft letter to Tribal Governments.

Marine Program Manager of Environmental Stewardship Frances Robertson presented the draft letter. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney, to approve the letter to Tribal Governments. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

New Employee Introductions:

Sheriff Peter introduced: Clinton Gauthier, San Juan County WSU Extension 4-H Program Coordinator, Keri Eathorne, Sheriff's Office Records Coordinator, and Leah Burkeen, Dispatch.

Public Comments: Richard Track, Nancy Stillger, Caitlin Leck, Janet Baltzer, Marcy Montgomery, Amy Frost, Barbara Thomas, Nicole Matisse, offered comments via telephone conference.

New Employee Introductions: Mr. Huntemer introduced Wes Lemire, Public Works Orcas Superintendent, and Joseph (Joe) Hatten Public Works, Equipment Operator Waldron Island.

Employee Recognition: Mr. Huntemer presented a certificate of recognition to Joel Thorson- Public Works, Equipment Operator Waldron Island for his 40 years of service to the County.

9:45 AM PUBLIC HEARINGS – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED

1) To consider adopting an Ordinance Regarding the Establishment of a Cultural Access Program in San Juan County and Imposing a Sales and Use Tax, Brandon Andrews – Director of Parks and Fair.

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

Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Ordinance. Mr. Andrews presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

Chair Fuller opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: Nathan Kessler-Jeffrey, Peter C. Fisher, Andrew Anderson, Eva Schulte, Scott Sluis, Richard Meenan, Jess Newly, John Vechev, Susan Mazzearella, Nicole Santora, Danny Sherrard, Kasey Rankin, Katie Rissi, Maria Michaelson, Blake DeYoung, Caroline Grauman-Boss, Chada Stone, Kevin Loftus, Fred Woods, Jay Julius, Dana Wilson, Karen Vedder, Manny Cawaling

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 an Ordinance Regarding the Establishment of a Cultural Access Program in San Juan County and Imposing a Sales and Use Tax. VOTE: 2:0 (Wolf and Minney: AYES, Fuller: ABSTAINED) MOTION CARRIED.

11:00 AM 2) To consider adopting a Resolution Transferring 28.47 Acres from the Current Use Farm and Agricultural Program to Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land Program, Colin Maycock – Planner IV, Department of Community Development.

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

Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Resolution. Mr. Maycock 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, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt Resolution Transferring 28.47 Acres from the Current Use Farm and Agricultural Program to Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land Program. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

11:10 AM 3) To consider adopting a Resolution Adding the 2024 Docket of Proposed Text Amendments to the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan (Comprehensive Plan) and Title 18 San Juan County Code (SJCC) to the Department's Work Plan, Colin Maycock – Planner IV, Department of Community Development.

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

Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to consider adoption of the Ordinances. Mr. Maycock presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions.

Chair Fuller opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: Vince Dauciunas, Tina Whitman, and Lovel Pratt.

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

MOVED and AMENDED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt a Resolution Adding the 2024 Docket of Proposed Text Amendments to the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan (Comprehensive Plan) and Title 18 San Juan County Code (SJCC) to the Department's Work Plan. Amended to specifically site docket request numbers 24-0004, 24-0005, 24-0006, 24-0007, 24-0008. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

11:30 AM Discussion/Action: Funding Support for Cold Weather Shelters, Ryan Page – Housing Program Coordinator.

Mr. Page gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the Housing Advisory Committee's recommendation to make available \$12,000 in grant funding to support cold weather shelters in the County as detailed by staff. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

11:40 AM Discussion/Action: Housing Related Services Applications 1/10th of 1% Housing Sales Tax, Ryan Page – Housing Program Coordinator.

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

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the Housing Advisory

Committee’s recommendation of \$84,000 in 1/10th of 1% affordable housing sales tax funding for each of the Joyce L. Sobel Family Resources Center, Lopez Family Resources Center, and Orcas Community Resources Center for the purpose of providing housing related services in 2025. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

11:50 AM Discussion/Action: To adopt a Resolution Regarding Priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session. Jessica Hudson-County Manager.

Ms. Hudson presented the legislative priorities and answered Council’s questions. After discussion, Council took the following actions:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt the 2025 San Juan County 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities, and to direct the County Manager to continue working with our lobbyist to bring back updates on these priorities. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

12:00 PM RECESS

1:00 PM Discussion/Action: Essential Public Facility for Shaw Island Land Use Designation, Mackenzie Sims – Project Manager.

Ms. Sims gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to direct Public Works to evaluate the essential public facility site on Shaw for Rural Industrial Land Use Designation during the SEPA as part of the EPF siting process. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

1:15 PM Discussion/Action: Disposal of Surplus County Property, 1st touch, John Roach – Fleet Services Director.

Mr. Roach presented the list of Surplus Public Property to be sold at Public Auction to Council and answered their questions. Mr. Roach will be returning to a January 2025 Council meeting to request a public hearing date to give notice for the Public Auction.

1:20 PM Discussion/Action: Council Regular meeting, December 23, 2024, starting time at 9:00 a.m., Sally Rogers – Clerk to the Council.

Ms. Rogers requested a motion from Council to set the December 23, 2024, Council meeting as a regular meeting starting at 9: a.m. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to hold the December 23, 2024 meeting as a Regular San Juan County meeting starting at 9:15 a.m. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

1:25 PM Discussion/Action: To accept the awards as recommended by the Public Facilities Financing Assistance Program (PFFAP) Committee and authorize the

County Manager to execute agreements for these awards. Aiden Haines,
Council Administrative Coordinator.

Ms. Haines presented the proposed awards as recommended to Council and answered their questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to accept the awards as recommended by the PFFAP Committee and authorize the County Manager to execute agreements for these awards. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

1:30 PM New Business: Ms. Wolf began the discussion of Council's position for the award amount of \$500,000 flat amount, one-year contract, to the San Juan Island Visitor's Bureau for the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to consider in their upcoming meeting on December 12, 2024. Council agreed their position remains for an amount of \$500,000.

1:35 PM Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:

Ms. Minney: Attended the following: Board of Health, Noxious Weed Control Board, Island Oil Spill Association (IOSA) Quarterly meeting.

Will not be able to attend the upcoming meeting of NWRC.

Ms. Wolf: Attended the following: Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Retreat, and Eastsound tree lighting ceremony and to thank Public Works for their work on sidewalks in Eastsound.

Future meetings: North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (NSBHAO) and Skagit/Whatcom/Island/Skagit/San Juan (SWISS) meetings.

Ms. Fuller: Attended the following: Islands Trust Council meeting, San Juan Islands School District Summit meeting, Skagit/Whatcom/Island/Skagit/San SWISS quarterly meeting. SWISS quarterly meeting,

Ms. Hudson: Attended the following: Public Facilities Financing, meeting with lobbyist, check-in meeting with DEIB Plan to Action (consultant), and League of Women's Voters lunch.

Position for HR Risk & Management Director has been posted for recruitment.

Advisory Committee Appointments/Reappointments presented by the Clerk:

- Housing Advisory Committee: To consider an appointment for Mallory Hagel a 4-year term starting 1/1/2025 - 1/1/2029.
- Housing Advisory Committee: To consider an appointment for Angela Lausch a 4-year term starting 1/1/2025-1/1/2029.

- Planning Commission: To consider an appointment for Bill Bangs a 4-year term starting 1/1/2025 - 1/1/2029.

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney, to approve the appointments as presented by Clerk to the Council Ms. Rogers. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN 1:45 PM

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Christine Minney
District 1

Cindy Wolf
District 2

Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: _____
Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on December 23, 2024.