



**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL RETREAT
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026**

Beaverton Valley Operations Center, 1609 Beaverton Valley Rd., 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 Jane Fuller, Kari McVeigh, and Justin Paulsen, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the County Sally Rogers.

Excused Absences: none.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as presented.

09:05 AM Discussion: Retreat Intro and Recap of 2025 Council Priorities, Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

Ms. Hudson briefed Council and answered their questions.

09:20 AM Discussion/Action: Election of Chair and Vice Chair, Sally Rogers – Clerk to the Council.

Ms. Rogers presented election of San Juan County Council Chair and Vice Chair and Council took the following action:

Ms. McVeigh nominated Mr. Paulsen as Chair. All Ayes, none opposed.

Ms. Fuller nominated Ms. McVeigh as Vice Chair. All Ayes, none opposed.

09:25 AM Discussion: Council Boards, Committees and Commissions (BCC) and Council Business, Tillery Williams – Deputy County Manager and Sally Rogers – Clerk to the Council.

- Council liaison term duration

Mr. Williams and Ms. Rogers gave a presentation for discussion regarding Council liaison term duration, made recommendations and answered Council's questions. Council made updates to the 2026 listing of Boards, Committees and Commissions.

- 2026 Council Committee liaison assignments

Ms. Rogers presented the 2026 Council Committee liaison assignments. After discussion and review Council agreed on assignments for each member.

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10:55 AM Discussion: Code Work Priorities, Docket Items, & Code Project Update, Sev Jones – Director of Department of Community Development and Amy Vira – Prosecuting Attorney.

Mr. Jones and Ms. Vira gave a presentation and answered Council's questions.

11:30 AM Discussion: 2026 Legislative Session & Pre-filed Bills of Interest, Josh Weiss – Partner, Columbia Policy Advisors.

Mr. Weiss discussed the upcoming legislative session, bills of interest and answered Council's questions.

12:00 PM Recess

12:30 PM Discussion: Continued, Council Boards, Committees and Commissions (BCC) and Council Business, Tillery Williams – Deputy County Manager and Sally Rogers – Clerk to the Council.

- Overview of 2026 out of county representation (NACo, WSAC, etc) and travel budget

Ms. Rogers presented the 2026 out of county representation, travel budget and answered Council's questions.

- Current BCC Vacancies

Ms. Rogers presented the current Boards Committees and Commission vacancies and answered Council's questions.

12:45 PM Discussion: 2026 Budgeting, Natasha Warmenhoven – Auditor, Dr. Molly Foote – Budget Analyst, and Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

- Annual Budget Calendar

Ms. Warmenhoven, Ms. Foote, and Ms. Hudson gave a presentation and answered Council's questions.

- 2026 Council Budget Presentation Topics (Fleet, insurance, etc.)

Ms. Warmenhoven, Ms. Foote, and Ms. Hudson briefed Council and answered their questions.

- Levy Lid Lift Discussion, Jessica Hudson – County Manager and Tillery Williams – Deputy County Manager.

Ms. Hudson and Mr. Williams gave a presentation for Council's discussion and answered their questions.

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County Manager Hudson proposed to shift the Human Resources items to the following day's agenda, January 13, 2026. Council approved.

2:25 PM Executive Session - To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Council Chair Paulsen 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) estimated to last 50 minutes in total to begin at 2:25 PM and end at 3:15 PM.

[Present: Full Council County Manager Jessica Hudson, Deputy County Manager Tillery Williams and Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira.]

Chair Paulsen reconvened the regular meeting and adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Adjourn 3:15 PM

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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

Signed by:
Sally Rogers

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3/17/2026

Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on February 3, 2026.