



**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL RETREAT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026**

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

09:00 AM Call to Order & Flag Salute.

Council Chair Paulsen 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: To add Council Updates.

Proclamation: Deputy County Manager Tillery Williams presented the Proclamation Recognizing Martin Luther King Jr. Day in San Juan County.

09:05 AM Discussion: WSU Check-In, Caitlin Blethen – WSU Extension Office Director and Clinton Gauthier – 4-H Coordinator.

Ms. Blethen and Mr. Gauthier gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions.

09:30 AM Discussion: Capital Improvement Plan development, Jessica Hudson – County Manager and Tillery Williams – Deputy County Manager.

Ms. Hudson and Mr. Williams presented the plan and answered Council's questions.

10:05 AM Discussion: Human Resources – Matthew Bullock – Director of Human Resources.

- General updates,
- Classification Work Update.

Mr. Bullock presented the updates to Council and answered their questions.

10:45 AM Discussion: Beaverton Trail Update and Land Bank 2026 Work Plan, Lincoln Borman – Land Bank Director and Rachel Dietzman – Special Project Manager

Mr. Borman and Ms. Dietzman presented the update and answered Council's questions.

11:20 AM Discussion: Department of Community Development, Sev Joes – Director of Department of Community Development.

- Update of Permits Pending,
- Critical Areas Ordinance and other 2026 work.

Mr. Jones presented the updates and 2026 work to Council and answered their questions.

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12:10 PM Discussion: Munis Transition, Natasha Warmenhoven – Auditor.

Ms. Warmenhoven discussed the Munis Transition and answered Council's questions.

12:20 PM Discussion: Public Defense Caseload Standards, Tillery Williams – Deputy County Manager.

Mr. Williams gave a presentation and answered Council's questions.

12:40 PM Council Updates:

Ms. McVeigh: Attended the following: Northwest Workforce Council, Town Council meeting, and Fair Board meeting.

Will be holding Coffee with Kari, January 24, 2026.

Offered to be liaison for any committee assignments from Council members Paulsen and Fuller.

Ms. Fuller: Attended the following: Land Bank End of Year Retreat, County Ferry Caucus Forum, Washington Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee (LSC), and Northwest Regional Council.

Discussed getting a briefing from the troop of County staff that assisted with the flooding in Skagit County onto a future agenda.

Gave an update on the Lopez Island Clinic will take Ambetter and the Lopez Island Sheriff Substation.

Will be doing a handover for Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) to County Manager to relay information to the incoming Chair to the LTAC.

Passenger Ferry only study, the pilot study, will be pushed out to the legislature.

Having a meeting with Colin, Jessica and Erin for an upcoming meeting with Shaw Island about road work on Shaw Island.

Mr. Paulsen: Attended the following: Tribal Relations and Cultural Competency Curriculum Sessions.

Discussion with Council, has signed on HB 2351, protection to emergency responders, for support. County Manager Hudson offered that during the 2026 legislative session, to add to next and future Council agendas, to have time for legislative discussions and support of bills.

Chair Paulsen adjourned the meeting at 12:59 PM

Adjourn 12:59 PM

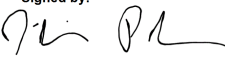
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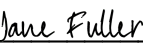
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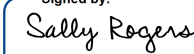
Signed by:

Karl McVeigh

District 1
Signed by:

Justin Paulsen

District 2
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Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By:  3/17/2026
Sally Rogers Date:

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