



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

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

09:00 AM Call to Order & Flag Salute.

Council Vice-Chair McVeigh called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM, Council Chair Paulsen appointed Council Member McVeigh to Chair this meeting. Present: Council Members Kari McVeigh, Jane Fuller and Justin Paulsen (via tele-conference), County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Excused Absences: None.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the San Juan County Council December 9, 15, 16, 22, and 25, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, January 20, 2026, as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments: Caitlin Hardy offered comments.

09:05 AM Discussion/Action: Briefing on Planning Commission's recommendations regarding an ordinance amending the minimum density in the Eastsound Village Commercial land use designation in San Juan County Code (SJCC) Chapter 18.30, Article VIII, Eastsound Subarea Plan and to set a public hearing for February 10, 2026, at 9:15 a.m., Colin Maycock – Planner IV, Department of Community Development.

Mr. Maycock gave a presentation, answered Council's questions, and requested to set a public hearing. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to set a public hearing for February 10, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. to consider an Ordinance Amending the Minimum Density in the Eastsound Village Commercial Designation in San Jua County Code (SJCC) Chapter 18.30, Article VIII, Eastsound Subarea Plan. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

09:12 AM Discussion/Action: County Service Agreement with Samish Indian Nation, Jessica Hudson-County Manager.

Ms. Hudson presented the agreement and answered Council's questions. After discussion,

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Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve a County Service Agreement with the Samish Indian Tribes. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

09:17 AM **Discussion:** Council Discussion of Ferries during 2026 Legislative Session, Chair Justin Paulsen.

Council discussed involvement and communications during the 2026 Legislative Session.

09:53 AM **Discussion:** Jackson Beach/Griffin Bay Capital Project Update, Colin Huntemer-Director, Department of Public Works and Kendra Smith – Director, Department of Environmental Stewardship.

Mr. Huntemer and Ms. Smith presented the update and answered Council's questions. Council gave direction to conclude this effort and continue with maintenance.

10:30 AM **Discussion:** Continued 2026 Levy Lid Lift Discussion, Jessica Hudson – County Manager and Tillery Williams – Deputy County Manager.

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

11:25 AM **Discussion:** 2026 Legislative Session Bills of Interest, Jessica Hudson- County Manager.

Ms. Hudson presented the bills and answered Council's questions.

11:30 AM **RECESS SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING & CONVENE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOPEZ SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (LSWDD)**

To consider a Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Governing Body Resolution Authorizing an Update to the District's Schedule for Garbage Tipping Fees – Ric Carr, District Manager, Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District.

Mr. Carr presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Fuller seconded by Mr. Paulsen adopt a Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Governing Body Resolution Authorizing an Update to the District's Schedule for Garbage Tipping Fees. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

11:35 AM **ADJOURN GOVERNING BODY MEETING & RECONVENE SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

11:35 AM **Discussion:** Continued, 2026 Legislative Session Bills of Interest, Jessica Hudson- County Manager.

Ms. Hudson presented the bills and answered Council's questions.

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12:03 PM Discussion: 2026 Legislative Session Check In, Josh Weiss
– Partner, Columbia Policy Advisors.

Mr. Weiss gave updates for the 2026 Legislative Session.

12:30 PM Council Member, County Manager, & Clerk Updates

Ms. Fuller: Attended the following: Meeting with Shaw Islanders regarding road maintenance, met with Chair of Friends of the San Juans, a follow-up conversation with Janet Baltzer, former Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC), and a follow-up conversation with Frankie regarding Tribal Engagement.

Mr. Paulsen: Attending the following: Land Bank Commission, and beginning to participate with a group from Orcas in a Tribal Engagement Training with Northwest Indian College.

A thank you to Public Works for repairs after rains.

Ms. McVeigh: Attended the following: Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC), Housing Advisory Committee (HAC), Town Council meeting, and Washington Associations of Counties (WSAC) Meeting.

Future meeting with San Juan Island Visitor Bureau.

Ms. Hudson: Two interviews last week; one with King 5 and KGMI Radio as a follow-up to reporting on the 32-Hour Work Week.

Clerk Update: Ms. Rogers: Upcoming meetings; February 2, 3,10, 2026.

Committee Appointment/Reappointments:

- Planning Commission: To reappoint Peter Kilpatrick for a 4-year term starting 01/20/2026 – 01/20/2030, Position #4 San Juan Island.
- Parks & Recreation Commission: To appoint Bill Evans for a 3-year term starting 01/20/2026 – 12/31/2029.
- Fair Board: To reappoint Jeri King for a 3-year term starting 01/20/2026 – 12/31/2029, Position #9 At Large, Position #5, Lopez Island.

MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Ms. McVeigh to approve the committee appointment as read by the Clerk. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

Vice-Chair McVeigh adjourned the meeting at 12:48 PM.

ADJOURN 12:48 PM

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ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on February 10, 2026.