



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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 January 12, 13, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, February 3, 2026, as presented. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

Proclamation: Vice -Chair McVeigh read the Black History Month Proclamation.

Public Comments: None.

09:05 AM Discussion: 2026 Levy Lid Lift Resolution Review, Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

Ms. Hudson presented the resolution and answered Council's questions,

09:40 AM Discussion: SWISS Partnership Update, Councilmember Jane Fuller.

Councilmember Fuller provided updates, and Council discussed participation to SWISS Regional Partnership (Snohomish County, Whatcom County, Island County, Skagit County and San Juan County.)

09:50 AM Discussion: 2026 Legislation Session Updates-Ferries, Council Chair Justin Paulsen.

Council discussed involvement and communications during the 2026 Legislative Session.

10:10 AM Discussion: Representative Debra Lekanoff had a last-minute conflict and was not able to join the meeting for a 2026 Legislative Update.

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10:15 AM Discussion/Action: Cold Weather Shelters Funding Discussion, continued, Ryan Page – Housing Program Coordinator, Department of Health and Community Services.

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

MOVED by Ms. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Paulsen to approve the release of a Notice of Funds Available for the County's Affordable Housing Awards Program. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

11:00 AM Discussion: Orcas Landing State Capital Ask, Colin Huntmer- Director, Department of Public Works.

Mr. Huntmer provided the capital ask to Council and answered their questions.

11:30 AM Executive Session:

To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

Council Vice-Chair McVeigh 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 for 30 minutes in total to begin at 11:30 AM and end at 12:00 PM.

[Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, Risk and Safety Manager Joe Vlach, Director of Human Resources Matthew Bullock and Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira.]

No action was taken.

Vice-Chair McVeigh adjourned the closed session and reconvened the regular meeting

12:00 PM Discussion: 2026 Legislative Session Check In, Josh Weiss – Partner, Columbia Policy Advisors.

Mr. Weiss gave updates for the 2026 Legislative Session.

12:25 PM Council Member, County Manager, & Clerk Updates

Mr. Paulsen: Attending the following: Groundbreaking ceremony for Pea Patch project, meeting with Department of Fish & Wildlife, County Manager and Public Works regarding culvert maintenance on Orcas Island, first meeting with Cross-Border Forum Group, and participated in the first Finance Committee meeting.

Ms. Fuller: Attended the following meetings: Board of Health, Legislative Steering Committee meetings, met with Environmental Stewardship for two meetings, Veterans Advisory Board,

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Ferry Caucus meeting, meeting for hand-over of Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) with staff, met with current members of LTAC from last year to discuss how decisions landed, internal meeting with staff regarding levy lid lift, second Ferry Caucus meeting, and Veterans Advisory Board meeting,

County has launched and disseminated final Marine Transportation Pilot report to the Governor's Office, LD40, Chairs of legislative Transportation Committee, and North Sound Transportation Alliance.

Organized a meeting between DCD Director Sav Jones and Jan Scilipoti Chair of Hosting on the Rock a Vacation Rental group in San Juan County.

Met with Dr, Harley and Mark Tompkins regarding health insurance carriers.

Ms. McVeigh: Attended the following: Agricultural Resources Committee, continuing meetings with staff for Child Care Symposiums, met with LTAC partners, staff and Lodging Tax applicants regarding LTAC Master Plan, process, LTAC application form and 2026 meetings. Met with Katie Johnson and Sam Whitridge regarding Marine Resources Committee.

Ms. Hudson: Attended the following: State Audit Exit Interview, and time with interviews related to HB 2611.

Upcoming Council meeting planned for the end of Council meeting on 3/3/26, walking tour of Land Bank Beaverton Marsh trail.

Clerk Update: Ms. Rogers: Upcoming meetings; February 10, March 2, 3, 23, 24, 2026.

Committee Appointment/Reappointments:

To consider initial appointments for the Cultural Access Review Board as follows:

- Bill Feyerherm District #1
- Janet Brownell District #2
- Janet Baltzer District #3
- Josiah Field At-Large #1
- John Remmington At-Large #2

Positions are 3-year terms to begin 2/3/26, to expire on the last day of December in any given year, staggered so that approximately one-third shall expire every other year.

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

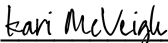
Vice -Chair McVeigh adjourned the meeting at 12:43 PM.

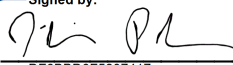
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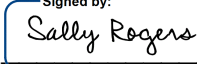
Signed by:

Kari McVeigh
District 1

Signed by:

Justin Paulsen
District 2

Signed by:

Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By:  3/17/2026
Sally Rogers Date:

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