

# Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLIER/LATER THAN 3:50 P.M.;  
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**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

**3:50 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

### COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne  
Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Carol Frazey  
Kathy Kershner

### CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

## Rollcall

**Present:** 7 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas and Kathy Kershner

**Absent:** None

## Committee Discussion

1. [AB2020-219](#) Discussion and update on strategies and other items related to COVID-19 (Council and Health Board)

John Wolpers, Health Department, briefed the Councilmembers on COVID-19 metrics for Whatcom County, vaccination status, and the roadmap to recovery.

He answered questions about access to vaccination for those who live in areas outside of Bellingham such as the Mt. Baker School District area and Kendall, and how the County is reaching out to them to make it easier.

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED.**

2. [AB2021-282](#) Discussion of ordinance granting Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless a non-exclusive franchise for the provision of wireless telecommunication services  
Andrew Hester, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers.

He and the following people answered questions:

- Christopher Quinn, Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Colleen DeShazer, Verizon Wireless

They answered questions about the definition of a small wireless facility, how many there will be, and the schedule for this item going forward.

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED.**

## Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

## Other Business

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:11.

The County Council approved these minutes on June 1, 2021.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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