

Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

9:50 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:35 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Tyler Byrd, and Todd Donovan

Absent: 1 - Barry Buchanan

Also Present: Ben Elenbaas, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmler

Announcements

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2025-737](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and General Code, LLC for legal code publishing services, in the amount of \$16,000

SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Byrd, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Buchanan

2. [AB2025-791](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State University to continue the jointly shared costs for faculty positions and program support for WSU Whatcom County Extension in the amount of \$282,257 for a total amended contract amount of \$3,825,050.90

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Byrd, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Buchanan

3. [AB2025-800](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and K2 Towers III, LLC in the amount of \$140,133 for a total amended contract amount of \$266,579

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Byrd, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Buchanan

4. [AB2025-802](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between

Whatcom County and Gitts Autobody to provide autobody repair services to county vehicles, in the amount of \$80,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Byrd, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Buchanan

5. [AB2025-804](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to provide Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) funding for substance use disorder treatment and recovery support services for individuals involved in the criminal legal system, in the amount of \$651,108

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Byrd, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Buchanan

6. [AB2025-817](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office - Washington Wildlife and Recreation Forestland Preservation grant program for the acquisition of a forestry conservation easement on the Maple Falls Forest property in the amount of \$454,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Byrd, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Buchanan

7. [AB2025-819](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to increase the number of childcare slots for low-income families through the funding of the interior build out of a child care facility located in Unit 2 of the Bellis Fair Family Housing Condominium, in the amount of \$944,084

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Byrd, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Buchanan

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-797](#) Discussion of an ordinance establishing the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Leasehold Improvements Project Fund and establishing an initial budget for the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Leasehold Improvements Fund

DISCUSSED
2. [AB2025-799](#) Discussion of an ordinance establishing the Birch Bay Beach Park Project Fund and establishing an initial budget for the Birch Bay Beach Park Project Fund

DISCUSSED
3. [AB2025-818](#) Discussion of an ordinance to amend the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 12, in the amount of \$3,565,060

DISCUSSED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2025-756](#) Ordinance establishing the Opioid Settlement Fund and establishing a budget for the Opioid Settlement Fund

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 2 - Byrd, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Buchanan

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment