

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole**

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## **Committee Minutes - Final**

**VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M.**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

**3:20 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 3:20 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

## Roll Call

**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)

The following staff spoke, presented information about Shelter Bed Capacity in Whatcom County, and answered questions:

- Erika Lautenbach, Health Department Director
- Anne Deacon, Health Department
- Ann Beck, Health Department

Councilmembers requested more information from the Health Department to share with people and thanked them for their work.

Lautenbach briefed the Councilmembers on the current status of COVID-19 vaccine planning and supply in Whatcom County and answered questions. Vaccine providers are ready but the vaccine supply has not been as much as requested or needed.

Councilmembers and Lautenbach discussed why the supply is low, addressing eligibility requirements for the vaccine, and using IT resources to create a scheduling tool which would take some pressure off the Health Department and other providers.

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED.**

## Special Presentation

1. [AB2021-072](#) Whatcom County Auditor to provide 2020 General Election review

Diana Bradrick, County Auditor, presented to the Councilmembers and answered questions about Whatcom County's elections process and steps the Auditor's Office takes to address potential election issues.

**This agenda item was PRESENTED.**

**Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on February 9, 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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