

Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

10:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**AGENDA REVISED 2.10.2025 - HYBRID MEETING (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

Announcements

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Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2025-117](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lake Whatcom Residential & Treatment Center to provide funding for HVAC system and window replacement at the Birchwood assisted living and treatment facility, in the amount of \$1,000,000

2. [AB2025-133](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Rick Ackerman for the provision of evaluations and treatment services to youth referred or sentenced under the Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative (SSODA) in Whatcom County Juvenile Court, in the amount of \$22,000

3. [AB2025-134](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and L&L Counseling and Consultation for the provision of evaluations and treatment services to youth referred or sentenced under the Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative (SSODA) in Whatcom County Juvenile Court, in the amount of \$30,000

4. [AB2025-136](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization to provide behavioral health services within the North Sound Integrated Care Network in the amount of \$104,295, for a total amended contract amount of \$3,025,135

5. [AB2025-150](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center (WDRC) to provide for the administration of the family law mediation program, fee subsidy for low income participants of mediation sessions and parenting seminars, and language interpretation for participants, in the amount of \$65,000

6. [AB2025-151](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement with Diking District No. 3 and landowners John and Rich Appel to provide flood control/river improvement work on Cougar Creek for the Neveel Levee Cougar Creek Fish Passage Project, which includes a cost-share contribution from the landowners and an in-kind contribution from the Diking District, in the amount of \$350,927 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
7. [AB2025-153](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Ferndale for Correctional Services
8. [AB2025-158](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Everson for Correctional Services
9. [AB2025-161](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department to utilize Emergency Rapid Response Funds to aid in the recovery of qualified low-income individuals/households affected by the November 2024 Bomb Cylone, in the amount of \$135,000

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-152](#) Discussion regarding contract thresholds

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2025-163](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for the development of an Office of Healthy Housing in the amount of \$190,000

ITEM ADDED 2.10.2025

Other Business

Adjournment