

# **Whatcom County**

## **Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
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### **Action Summary**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

**10:20 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLY/LATE - ADJOURNS BY 11:00 A.M.**

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#### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Elizabeth Boyle  
Barry Buchanan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway  
Jessica Rienstra  
Jon Scanlon  
Mark Stremler

#### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## **Call To Order**

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Barry Buchanan, Elizabeth Boyle, Jessica Rienstra, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

### **Announcements**

### **Special Order of Business**

1. [AB2026-006](#) Nomination and appointment of Committee Chair

#### **APPOINTED**

MOTION 1:

Appointed Scanlon as Chair and Boyle and Rienstra as Vice Chairs

MOTION 2:

Motion approved that, in their committees, the Council require a motion and second for each item for consideration.

### **Council "Consent Agenda" Items**

1. [AB2026-001](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to provide Medicaid-related outreach and linkage activities to Whatcom County residents as a fee for service agreement, without a not-to-exceed amount

#### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Boyle, Rienstra, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2026-009](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cascadia Law Group PLLC to provide legal advice and services regarding SEPA procedures in relation to permit applications submitted by Petrogas in the amount of \$50,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$150,000

#### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Boyle, Rienstra, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2026-012](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and General Teamsters Union Local No. 231 for the period of January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028

#### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Boyle, Rienstra, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2026-020](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and the Deputy Sheriff's Guild for the period January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Boyle, Rienstra, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

5. [AB2026-018](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Axon Enterprises to add 36 months to Axon's proprietary cloud-based storage, software, and professional services, and to replace 90 cameras and 12 docking stations, in the amount of \$236,734

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Boyle, Rienstra, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2026-024](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission to reimburse salary and related benefit costs for an instructor at the Arlington Regional Law Enforcement Academy, in the estimated amount of \$200,000 for 2026

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Boyle, Rienstra, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2026-013](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale Youth Sports for Northwest Fields Renovations Project capital improvements funded by the Lodging Tax, in the amount of \$109,140

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Boyle, Rienstra, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

8. [AB2026-019](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department for What-COMM Equipment (Prime contract in pass-through mechanism to City of Bellingham), in the amount of \$94,107

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Boyle, Rienstra, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

9. [AB2026-022](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Stryker Corporation to increase EMS equipment assigned to the EMS Captain at Whatcom County Fire District 7 in the amount of \$23,414 per year for the last five years of the 10-year contract, for a total amended contract amount of \$668,595

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Boyle, Rienstra, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2025-854](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to eliminate funding for three lateral paramedic positions, decreasing the contracted amount by \$224,823 for a total amended contract amount of \$783,619

**SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Boyle, Rienstra, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**