



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the project budget for the new Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility, request no. 7

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Requests appropriation of \$1,000,000 to fund critical upcoming consultant contracts including but not limited to owner’s representative services, wetland mitigation consulting, geotechnical engineering, and traffic analysis for a total project budget of \$10,816,280.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
02/11/2025	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier
02/25/2025	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Nay: 0	Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan
02/25/2025	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier

Attachments: Staff Memo, Proposed Ordinance, Supplemental Request, Notice of Action Proposed on 2.11.2025

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 02/11/25

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-009

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE
NEW PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND JUSTICE FACILITY, REQUEST NO. 7**

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2013-003 established the project budget for a new public health, safety and justice facility construction project, and

WHEREAS, voters approved the referendum necessary to fund a new facility proposed in Ordinance 2023-039, and


WHEREAS, funds were spent on site acquisition and related consulting contracts, as well as cultivating community input and collaboration, permitting and predesign work, and

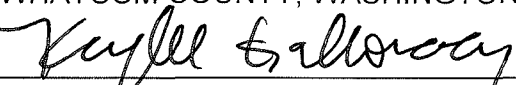
WHEREAS, the project requires additional contracted services, including but not limited to, justice facility construction project consulting, wetland mitigation consulting, geotechnical engineering, and traffic analysis, and

WHEREAS, funding will be provided for the additional contracted services by the Whatcom County Special Purpose Tax, and the interlocal agreement with the cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, and Sumas, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2013-003 is hereby amended by adding \$1,000,000 of expenditure authority, to the current amended project expenditure budget of \$9,816,280, for a total amended project expenditure budget of \$10,816,280, as described in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2025.

ATTEST

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway, Chair of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email/B Waldron/A Tan
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Approved () Denied

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 2.26.25

EXHIBIT A

NEW HEALTH, SAFETY AND JUSTICE FACILITY FUND 3502

Account	Description	Current Amended Project Budget	Amendment #7 to Ord. 2013-003	Total Amended Project Budget
Expenditures				
6190	Direct Billing Rate	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$700,000
6630	Professional Services	\$2,585,789	\$500,000	\$3,085,789
7210	Intergov Professional Services	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
7320	Land	\$6,093,491	\$0	\$6,093,491
8597	Operating Transfer Out	\$927,000	\$0	\$927,000
		\$9,816,280	\$1,000,000	\$10,816,280
Revenues				
8397	Operating Transfer In - Gen Fund	\$2,093,491	\$0	\$2,093,491
8397	Op Trf In - Gen Fund (Not Budgeted)	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
8397	Operating Transfer In - Jail Fund	\$2,700,000	\$0	\$2,700,000
8397	Operating Transfer In - REET I	\$2,300,000	\$0	\$2,300,000
		\$10,093,491	\$0	\$10,093,491