

Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8:50 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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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. [AB2025-815](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a five-year subscription of Axon Justice Premier for 41 users for storage and sharing of law enforcement body worn camera and other media evidence using Axon's cloud-based service, in the amount of \$302,588
2. [AB2025-824](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an amended agreement between Whatcom County and Shawna Bosman, ARNP for juvenile detention nurse practitioner services, in the amount of \$105,519
3. [AB2025-828](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center to provide eviction prevention resolution services, in the amount of \$72,760, for a total amended contract amount of \$282,519
4. [AB2025-829](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Ferndale Community Services to increase housing stability for families with young children in the amount of \$481,996, for a total amended contract amount of \$858,412
5. [AB2025-831](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to increase housing stability for families with young children in the amount of \$955,060 for a total amended contract amount of \$2,110,584
6. [AB2025-832](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide on-site supportive services to residents of the permanent supportive housing facility known as 22 North, in the amount of \$648,568

7. [AB2025-833](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sean Humphrey House to provide partial funding for the operating expenses of two adult family homes which are providing care solely for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and who are exiting housing instability, in the amount of \$59,000
8. [AB2025-834](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to expand mental health and parent support services to low-income families with children ages 0-5 in the amount of \$348,177, for a total amended contract amount of \$822,963
9. [AB2025-835](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections to increase countywide solid waste reduction rates in the amount of \$136,875 for a total amended contract amount of \$322,292
10. [AB2025-836](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract to bind coverage with Midwest Employer Casualty in the amount of \$120,069 for renewal of insurance protection for the self-insured workers compensation program for calendar year 2026
11. [AB2025-839](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Crossroads Consulting for facilitation of the Justice Project Oversight and Planning Committee, in the amount of \$39,900
12. [AB2025-844](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District for education, outreach, and technical assistance with Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management (BBWARM) stormwater programs, in the amount of \$119,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
13. [AB2025-845](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District for education, outreach, and technical assistance with Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU) stormwater programs, in the amount of \$90,000
14. [AB2025-846](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a subrecipient agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District to ensure ongoing technical support funded by the National Estuary Program for Pollution Identification and Correction Program efforts, in the amount of \$773,342 for a total amended amount of \$1,561,674 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

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15. [AB2025-847](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District for Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program technical assistance and cost share, in the amount of \$77,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
 16. [AB2025-848](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Associated Earth Sciences, Inc. to complete the final phase of a four-year study of the timing and magnitude of groundwater pumping on streamflow depletion at three study locations, in the amount of \$147,532 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
 17. [AB2025-849](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for partial funding of emergency medical services on Galbraith Mountain and nearby areas in the amount of \$49,000 in 2025 and \$49,191 in 2026
 18. [AB2025-850](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Associated Earth Sciences, Inc. to complete Phase 2 of an investigation into the impacts of agricultural tile drains on stream flows, in the amount of \$128,531 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
 19. [AB2025-852](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Office of Public Defense to accept RCW 10.101 grant funds for the purpose of improving public defense services in Whatcom County in the amount of \$436,108
 20. [AB2025-853](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Fire District #7 to fund up to two lateral paramedic positions, in the amount of \$149,951 for a total amended contract amount of \$495,488
 21. [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
 22. [AB2025-855](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Just Appraised Inc. to extend the terms of Contract #202412018 for three years in the amount of \$123,094 for a total amended contract amount of \$183,369

23. [AB2025-856](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center to provide mediation services, in the amount of \$120,000
24. [AB2025-857](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award Bid #25-82 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and CAMAO Construction, LLC for replacement of the roof of the maintenance garage at Maple Falls Community Park, in the amount of \$99,443
25. [AB2025-860](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Nurses Association for the period January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028
26. [AB2025-861](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the County to provide probation services to the City
27. [AB2025-862](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine for the County to provide probation services to the City
28. [AB2025-864](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Everson for the County to provide probation services to the City
29. [AB2025-865](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden for the County to provide probation services to the City
30. [AB2025-866](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Sumas for the County to provide probation services to the City
31. [AB2025-868](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Community Foundation for administrative services for the Whatcom Racial Equity Commission in the amount of \$150,000
32. [AB2025-869](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for the period of January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027
33. [AB2025-870](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award Bid #25-80 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Trico Office Interiors to supply and install a modular office furniture system in the Assessor's Office in the amount of \$114,725

34. [AB2025-874](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine for Operation Stonegarden FY24, in the amount of \$20,130
35. [AB2025-875](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Everson for Operation Stonegarden FY24, in the amount of \$20,130
36. [AB2025-876](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Ferndale for Operation Stonegarden FY24, in the amount of \$20,790
37. [AB2025-877](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden for Operation Stonegarden FY24, in the amount of \$20,130
38. [AB2025-878](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Sumas for Operation Stonegarden FY24, in the amount of \$20,130
39. [AB2025-879](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for Operation Stonegarden FY24, in the amount of \$16,665
40. [AB2025-880](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Summit Law Group to provide legal services for matters related to collective bargaining, in the amount not to exceed \$164,076 in 2025 and not to exceed \$89,076 in 2026

Special Presentation

1. [AB2025-830](#) Report from the Auditor's Office
2. [AB2025-858](#) Quarterly Report from the Finance Division

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-863](#) Discussion of a resolution authorizing the sale of personal property, pursuant to Whatcom County Code 1.10, Procedures for Management and Disposition of County-owned Personal and Real Property

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2025-814)

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2025-859](#) Resolution approving a salary schedule and policies for unrepresented Whatcom County employees effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027
2. [AB2025-794](#) Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$12,120,000
3. [AB2025-796](#) 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 Project Fund
4. [AB2025-798](#) Ordinance establishing the Birch Bay Beach Park Project Fund and establishing an initial budget for the Birch Bay Beach Park Project Fund
5. [AB2025-816](#) Ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 12, in the amount of \$3,565,060

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2025-882](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into agreement amendments between Whatcom County and the homeowners participating in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Elevation Grant program to account for rising construction costs, in the amount of \$449,544 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

ITEM ADDED 12.8.2025

Other Business

Adjournment