

Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

10:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 12:00 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Barry Buchanan

Also Present: Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmler

Announcements

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2025-347](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Amendment No. 1 of the Interagency Agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health to provide additional funding for the Whatcom County Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program, in the amount of \$1,536,380 for a total amendment amount of \$3,015,374 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

2. [AB2025-354](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Mobile Mama Strategies, Inc to administer a mental health internship pilot project in the amount of \$133,100, for a total amended contract amount of \$297,335

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

3. [AB2025-360](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service for reimbursement of overtime patrols, in the amount of \$21,900

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

4. [AB2025-363](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Siemens Industry, Inc. to provide the 2025 - 2027 Service Agreement for HVAC Service, in the amount of \$120,096 plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

5. [AB2025-364](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of radios, related installation parts, and programming, using the Washington State Contract #00318, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per calendar year for 2025 and 2026

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

6. [AB2025-369](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of a RapidHIT™ ID Sytem, using the Washington State Contract #20722. The vendor is Thermo Fisher Scientific/Life Technologies Corporation, and the total cost for this purchase will not exceed \$210,784.83

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

7. [AB2025-370](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Bode Technology for DNA training, analaysis, and result storage, in the amount of \$70,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Special Presentation

1. [AB2025-289](#) Presentation by the Western Washington University Small Business Development Center

PRESENTED

2. [AB2025-319](#) Report from the Facilities Division of the Administrative Services Department

REPORTED

3. [AB2025-349](#) Presentation regarding new fees to be added to the Unified Fee Schedule for Business Hazardous Waste Management and Disposal at the Disposal of Toxics Facility

PRESENTED

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-356](#) Discussion of an ordinance authorizing interfund loans to finance cash flow for county road fund up to \$4 million for a term not to exceed two years

DISCUSSED
2. [AB2025-366](#) Discussion of proposed Whatcom Agriculture Research Station project

WITHDRAWN
3. [AB2025-367](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$1,053,510

NOT ACTED UPON

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2025-373](#) Request council review and approval of the Economic Development Investment Board's recommendation for funding of the Port of Bellingham's property acquisition for the development of a Washington Agricultural Research Station

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL OF REQUEST

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Other Business

Adjournment