

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 4.25.2023

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-030](#) Committee of the Whole for April 11, 2023
2. [MIN2023-031](#) Regular County Council for April 11, 2023
3. [MIN2023-032](#) Water Work Session for April 18, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2023-237](#) Ordinance establishing a temporary speed limit for Birch Bay Lynden Road
2. [AB2023-240](#) Ordinance for temporary installation of stop signs on Birch Bay Lynden Road
3. [AB2023-246](#) Ordinance establishing a temporary speed limit for Hannegan Road
4. [AB2023-248](#) Ordinance establishing a temporary closure of Kelly Road and Van Wyck Road
5. [AB2023-258](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 10.34, Ferry Rates

6. [AB2023-259](#) Ordinance amending 2023 Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule

OPEN SESSION

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CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2023-236](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 5 for the provision of a one-time distribution of EMS Levy Funds in support of Basic Life Support services in the amount of \$61,755.39
2. [AB2023-251](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Phoenix Counseling, LLC to provide domestic violence evaluations and treatment for defendants processed through Whatcom County District Court and Bellingham Municipal Court in the amount of \$80,000.01 for a total amended contract amount of \$120,000
3. [AB2023-278](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Snohomish County to utilize State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funding to sustain and enhance Division of Emergency Management programs, in the amount of \$42,081
4. [AB2023-281](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lynden Tribune and Print Co. to provide print and mail services, in the amount of \$60,000.00
5. [AB2023-283](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Snohomish County for Health Officer coverage when either County's Health Officer is physically unavailable or is absent and Health Officer advice and authority is necessary

6. [AB2023-285](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #23-20 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Granite Construction Company for the Hot Mix Asphalt Pre-Level at various locations in an amount not to exceed \$564,790
7. [AB2023-288](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham for the lease extension for the Williamson Way land, in the amount of \$91,362.67
8. [AB2023-290](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and USDA Forest Service to provide a part-time deputy to patrol roads in Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, within Whatcom County boundaries, in the amount of \$56,760.00
9. [AB2023-291](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to support essential community services and recovery assistance after a state declared disaster, in the amount of \$4,294,850
10. [AB2023-292](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award Bid #22-63 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Andgar Mechanical LLC to add heat pumps to the Sun House in the amount of \$97,429.31
11. [AB2023-296](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to implement the strategy of the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), in the amount of \$159,354.00

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2023-286](#) Resolution authorizing the County Executive to grant an easement to Puget Sound Energy across park property within an existing access easement agreement

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. [AB2023-264](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Public Safety Radio System Fund, request no. 3
3. [AB2023-269](#) Ordinance authorizing an interfund loan for the purchase of flood response equipment
4. [AB2023-270](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$6,245,264

5. [AB2023-271](#) Resolution amending the 2023 Flood Control Zone District & Subzones Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$12,096,245 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
6. [AB2023-279](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Collins Woerman to continue assistance in planning, facilitation, and technical support of Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) team meetings, in the amount of \$100,000.00 for a total contract amount of \$140,000.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
7. [AB2023-282](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to support childcare stabilization in Whatcom County, in the amount of \$498,732.72
8. [AB2023-293](#) Request authorization from the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to support operations at the Ground Floor Day Use Center in the amount of \$34,148 for a total amended contract amount of \$194,148
9. [AB2023-300](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to operate the Whatcom Homeless Service Center in the amount of \$1,113,813 for a total amended contract amount of \$5,128,564

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

10. [AB2023-228](#) Request approval to send a letter regarding proposed legislation to increase truck size and weight
11. [AB2023-254](#) Resolution adopting 2022 Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan
12. [AB2023-294](#) Resolution adopting the Food System Plan created by the Whatcom County Food System Committee

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2023-216](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Horticulture Pest and Disease Board, Applicant(s): Isaiah Del Giorgio
2. [AB2023-277](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Wildlife Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Karen Hardesty

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2023-315](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Sourcewell Cooperative to take advantage of existing Sourcewell bids and requests for proposal

ITEM ADDED 4.24.2023

2. [AB2023-316](#) Council staff seeks clarification related to a previously approved motion to send a letter regarding the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

ITEM ADDED 4.25.2023

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. [AB2023-298](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 7, in the amount of 2,880,144
2. [AB2023-299](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Way Station Project Fund, request no. 2
3. [AB2023-289](#) Receipt of application to fill a vacancy on the Sumas/Everson/Nooksack Flood Control Subzone Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Jerry Juergens (Council Acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (Deadline for additional applications to this position is 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023)
4. [AB2023-302](#) Receipt of application to fill a vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, higher education representative, Applicant(s): Barry Robinson (Deadline for additional applications for this vacancy is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023)

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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