

Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

9:05 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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COUNCILMEMBERS

Elizabeth Boyle
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Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jessica Rienstra
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmer

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Announcements

If you require special assistance to participate, please contact the Council Office at 360-778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance. Assistive listening devices are available in Council Chambers, and live captions are available through Zoom for those participating remotely. This committee meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Whatcom County Council, with the agenda limited to committee business.

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2026-585](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursements of costs related to the Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem program, formerly the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, in the amount of \$84,523
2. [AB2026-586](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a cooperative reciprocal agreement between Whatcom County and Skagit County to provide for secure custody and confinement of juvenile offenders as needed
3. [AB2026-591](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and San Juan County to fund the prevention of the use of cannabis and commercial tobacco products by youth for an additional year, in the amount of \$36,000, for a total amended agreement amount of \$71,000
4. [AB2026-594](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department to utilize State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to sustain and enhance Division of Emergency Management programs, in the amount of \$58,010
5. [AB2026-595](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation to move forward with the construction phase of the Birch Bay-Lynden Road and Blaine Road (SR-548) Intersection Improvements project, in the amount of \$3,802,670
6. [AB2026-599](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Ecology to provide a Washington Conservation Corps crew and supervisor, in the amount of \$269,450 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

7. [AB2026-606](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #26-28 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Western Refinery Services for 2026 Swift Creek Channel Excavation in the amount of \$277,641
8. [AB2026-609](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Camis USA to provide reservation and point-of-sale software services, in the amount of \$251,825 over five years
9. [AB2026-610](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal grant agreement between Whatcom County and United States Natural Resource Conservation Service for matching funding for the Canyon Creek Forest Conservation Easement, in the amount of \$845,141
10. [AB2026-611](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal grant agreement between Whatcom County and United States Natural Resource Conservation Service for matching funding for the Jensen Agriculture Conservation Easement, in the amount of \$750,000

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-620](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 12, in the amount of \$2,094,013
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-619)
2. [AB2026-624](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the New Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility Fund, request no.12
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-618)

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2026-580](#) Ordinance establishing the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund - RCW 82.14.345 and establishing an initial budget for the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund - RCW 82.14.345
2. [AB2026-581](#) Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 11, in the amount of \$3,658,280
3. [AB2026-590](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and AidKit to subsidize child care costs and augment child care providers in Whatcom County, in the amount of \$7,052,947

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment