

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON AT 311 GRAND AVENUE SUITE
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www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010), AGENDA
REVISED 3.6.2023**

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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. [MIN2023-017](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for February 21, 2023
2. [MIN2023-018](#) Committee of the Whole for February 21, 2023
3. [MIN2023-019](#) Regular County Council for February 21, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2023-122](#) Ordinance updating Whatcom County Code (WCC) 12.36, Load Limits and repealing WCC 10.30, Permanent Weight Limitations
2. [AB2023-127](#) Resolution adopting the Healthy Children's Fund Implementation Plan

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. [AB2023-147](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department to provide disaster case management and housing assistance to households impacted by the December 2022 storms, in the amount of \$396,000
2. [AB2023-151](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of two (2) passenger vans, using the Washington State Contract #05916, from Bud Clary Ford/Hyundai, located in Longview, Washington, in an amount not to exceed \$73,707.66
3. [AB2023-153](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to support staffing and implementation of the Alternative Response Team Pilot Program in the amount of \$62,969 for a total amended contract amount of \$322,179
4. [AB2023-154](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to support the Housing and Essential Needs Program in the amount of \$157,120 for a total amended contract amount of \$2,811,264
5. [AB2023-161](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group to provide disaster case management and housing assistance to households impacted by the December 2022 storms, in the amount of \$360,000
6. [AB2023-163](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Bellingham Technical College for oversight of the instructional process of the Paramedic Training program in the amount of \$42,990

7. [AB2023-170](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to provide funding for motel rooms for families with children who would otherwise experience unsheltered homelessness in the amount of \$172,111.49 for a total amended contract amount of \$573,129.49
8. [AB2023-175](#) 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 \$1,344,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$9,033,021
9. [AB2023-176](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections to provide behavioral health services in the Whatcom County Jail and Work Center in the amount of \$310,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,580,586
10. [AB2023-184](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Crossroads Consulting to expand the scope and compensation of the agreement, in an amount of \$66,750 for a total amended contract amount of \$217,700

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2023-181](#) Request approval to send a letter in support of Ejidos Community Farm's 2023 Local Community Projects Capital Budget request

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. [AB2023-183](#) Letter of support for the Small and Rural Courthouse Matching Grant Program for enhanced courthouse security

(No Committee Assignment)

3. [AB2023-152](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to sign the Washington State Allocation Agreement Governing the Allocation of Funds Paid by Certain Settling Opioid Manufacturers and Pharmacies and the attached Subdivision Settlement Participation forms
4. [AB2023-156](#) Ordinance suspending Whatcom County Code 1.28 to update the Correctional Facilities Operational Standards

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2023-160](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Surface Mining Advisory Committee, surface mining material user position, Applicant(s): Ryan Devries

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2023-191](#) Request approval to send a letter of support for application to U.S. Department of Justice to fund the Whatcom County Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program

ITEM ADDED 3.6.2023

2. [AB2023-193](#) Request approval to send a letter of support for net ecological gain

ITEM ADDED 3.6.2023

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. [AB2022-641](#) Ordinance adopting the Buildable Lands Report
2. [AB2023-145](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2022-058 to change the due date of the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force Phase III report
3. [AB2023-149](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Academy Road Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 3
4. [AB2023-155](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.128, Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, to revise membership
5. [AB2023-158](#) Ordinance declaring public necessity for and the authorization to acquire certain property rights by eminent domain for the E. Smith Road and Hannegan Road Intersection Improvements Project
6. [AB2023-166](#) Ordinance establishing a compost procurement policy
7. [AB2023-172](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Chapter 16.50, Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (C-PACER) Program
8. [AB2023-174](#) Ordinance adopting various minor amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning; Title 21, Land Division Regulations, and; Title 22, Land Use and Development
9. [AB2023-182](#) Receipt of application to fill a vacancy on the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force, Applicant(s): Samantha Cruz-Mendoza (Deadline for additional applications to this vacancy is 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023)
10. [AB2023-185](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$7,015,999
11. [AB2023-186](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Courthouse Improvement Fund, request no. 4

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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