

WHATCOM COUNTY
CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET

Whatcom County Contract No.
202408029-2

Originating Department:	90 - Public Works
Division:	9090 - Equipment Services
Program:	909010 - Administration
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Brett Piepel- Assistant Superintendent Equipment Services
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Cowden Brothers Trucking, LLC

Type of contract:	Standard Contract for Services	
Is this a new contract ? No	If not, is this an amendment or renewal to an existing contract? Yes	If amendment or renewal (per W.C.C. 3.08.11(a)), original contract # : 202408029
Is this a grant agreement? No	If yes, grantor agency contract numbers: NA	ALN: NA <i>Complete ALN field if contract involves direct federal grants/cooperative agreements or pass-through federal funds</i>
Is this contract grant-funded ? No	If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): NA	
Is this contract the result of an RFP or Bid Process ? No	If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): NA	Federal reimbursement? No
Procurement Method:	Sole Source - Purchase determined sole source by County Executive or designee when bidding	
Council review requirements & exemptions:	Required - Amendment exceeds \$10,000 or 10% threshold	

Fund:	5900	Original Contract Amount (if amendment):	\$576,000.00
Cost Center:	59001005	This Amendment Amount (if applicable):	\$288,000.00
Object Account:	6990	Total Contract Amount:	\$864,000.00

Contract term ends: August 31, 2027

Contract routing *(please initial & date):*

Prepared by:	Kyle DeVries 5/1/2026	Contractor signed:	Initial FW 6/23/2026
Contractor review:	Brent Cowden 5/18/2026	Executive review:	
Attorney signoff:	Tom Seguire 5/15/2026	Council approval, if necessary:	06/09/2026
AS Finance review:	J. Thomson 05/15/2026		AB#: 2026-424
IT review (if related):		Executive signed	Signed by: Satpal Sidhu 6/23/2026 1192C7C18B664E3...

**WHATCOM COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**



EQUIPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

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Garrett Reynolds, Superintendent

Elizabeth Kosa
Public Works Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council
The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

From: Brett Piepel, Assistant Superintendent – Equipment Services

Prepared by: Kyle DeVries, Purchasing / Stores Lead

Subject: Contract Amendment for Disposal of Vactor Waste at Cowden Facility

Date: 5/4/2026

Enclosed is a contract amendment to contract 202408029 between Whatcom County and Cowden Brothers Trucking for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County Public Works, Maintenance & Operations crews perform routine cleaning of storm drains and catch basins using Vactor trucks to maintain proper drainage and prevent system failures. The waste material generated from these operations must be disposed of at an approved Vactor waste facility. In 2024, Whatcom County Public Works entered into Contract No. C#202408029 with Cowden Brothers Trucking to provide disposal of Vactor waste. Whatcom County Public Works has determined that it is in our best interest to extend this contract.

Funding Amount and Source

This contract amendment is in the amount of \$288,000. This amendment increases the maximum contract consideration from \$576,000 to \$864,000. The funding source for this contract is in both M&O and ER&R funds and has been allocated in the 2025-2026 budget process. It is anticipated to remain the same or increase for the 2027-2028 budget.

Differences from Previous Contract

The original contract provides the option of extending the contract for up to three (3) one-year renewals beyond the initial one (1) year term. This amendment extends the term of the contract by one year to cover the period of September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027 and updates the rates as follows:

1. Vactor Waste Disposal Fee Increase
The current rate per ton will increase by \$15 (a 7.32% increase). This adjustment is due to the increasing cost of the contractor of receiving, processing, and disposing of vactor waste.
2. New Street Sweeping Waste Reimbursement Option:
A new fee category is proposed to provide crews with an additional option for disposing of street sweeper waste. Depending on where crews are working within the County, this option can reduce travel time by

eliminating the need to drive to other facilities for disposal. The site also provides a washout hose, which is beneficial when street sweepings are especially wet. This service was not available when the original contract was established.

3. Tiered Fee Structure for Clean Hydro Excavation Waste (adds gallons per load):

A tiered pricing option by volume is proposed for clean hydro waste excavation waste, replacing the single-rate structure. This approach is intended to provide pricing based on the volume of waste delivered.

Proposed Fee Summary		
Service Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Vactor Waste Disposal	\$205 per ton (\$125 minimum)	\$220 per ton (\$150 minimum) – 7.32% increase
Street Sweeping Waste	N/A (New)	\$190 per ton (\$125 minimum)
Clean Hydro Excavation Waste - Tier 1	\$150 per load	\$150 per load (0-500 gallons)
Clean Hydro Excavation Waste – Tier 2	N/A (New)	\$200 per load (500-1500 gallons)
Clean Hydro Excavation Waste – Tier 3	N/A (New)	\$250 per load (1500+ gallons)

Please contact Brett Piepel at extension 6405 or Kyle DeVries at extension 6408 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.

Whatcom County Contract No.
202408029-2

Amendment No. 2
Whatcom County Contract No. 202408029
CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND
Cowden Brothers Trucking, LLC

THIS AMENDMENT is to the Contract between Whatcom County and Cowden Brothers Trucking, LLC, dated September 16, 2024 and designated "Whatcom County Contract No.202408029". In consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived, the parties agree to the following:

This Amendment extends the term of this Agreement through August 31, 2027, and increases the maximum consideration by \$288,000.00 to a total consideration of \$864,000.00.

This Amendment updates the following disposal rates:

Vactor Waste: \$220.00 per ton (\$150.00 minimum charge)

Clean Hydro Excavation Waste: \$150.00 per load (0-500 gallons)
\$200.00 per load (500-1500 gallons)
\$250.00 per load (1500+ gallons)

This Amendment also adds the option of disposing street sweeper waste at the following rate:

Street Sweepings: \$190.00 per ton (\$125.00 minimum charge)

This rate does not include applicable taxes and environmental fees.

This Amendment also updates the Certificate of Insurance Exhibit "C"

Unless specifically amended by this agreement, all other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in full force and effect.

This Amendment takes effect: September 1, 2026, regardless of the date of signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Whatcom County and Cowden Brothers Trucking LLC have executed this Amendment on the date and year below written.

DATED this _____ day of 6/23/2026, 2026

CONTRACTOR:

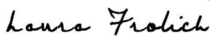
Signed by: 
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6/13/2026
Brent Cowden, Owner / President

Cowden Brothers Trucking, LLC.
3880 Hannegan Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

Contact Name: Brent Cowden
Contact Phone: 360-739-5269
Contact Email: brent@cowdeninc.com

WHATCOM COUNTY:

Recommended for Approval:

Signed by: 	6/15/2026
D7CB7F60168A4EE... Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director	Date

Approved as to form:

Signed by: 	6/23/2026
8486E0438E3C420... Tom Seguire, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney	Date

Approved:

Accepted for Whatcom County:

Signed by: 	6/23/2026
By: 1192C7C18B664E3... Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive	Date