

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, December 5, 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 11.30.2023 AND 12.5.2023

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-074](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for November 21, 2023

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

2. [MIN2023-075](#) Committee of the Whole for November 21, 2023

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

3. [MIN2023-076](#) Regular County Council for November 21, 2023

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [AB2023-736](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 3.72, Construction projects - apprentice requirements, to align with RCW 39.04.320

ADOPTED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2023-077

2. [AB2023-748](#) Ordinance adopting various amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning,

and Title 21, Land Division Regulations

ADOPTED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2023-078

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2023-596](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State University to continue the jointly shared costs for faculty positions and program support for WSU Whatcom County Extension in the amount of \$274,037 for a total amended contract amount of \$3,260,536.90

This item was considered separately below.

2. [AB2023-700](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham to lease the Whatcom Unified Emergency Coordination Center in the annual amount of \$88,055.20

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

3. [AB2023-720](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Seattle (Seattle City Light) for the purpose of recovering impact payments relative to their power plants and dams located in Whatcom County

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

4. [AB2023-768](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Mercy Housing Northwest to support operations at permanent supportive housing facilities in the amount of \$51,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$260,250

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

5. [AB2023-770](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS) to operate emergency shelters in the amount of \$65,307 for a total amended contract amount of \$116,870

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

6. [AB2023-777](#) Resolution ordering the cancellation of unredeemed checks (warrants) more than one year old

APPROVED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2023-051

7. [AB2023-780](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement for costs related to the Water Rights Adjudication in the amount of \$881,300

This item was considered separately below.

8. [AB2023-781](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to extend the term of the Jail Use Agreement until December 31, 2024

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

9. [AB2023-782](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Sumas to extend the term of the Jail Use Agreement until December 31, 2024

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

10. [AB2023-783](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between

Whatcom County and RH2 to update the Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan, in the amount of \$150,000

This item was considered separately below.

11. [AB2023-786](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a 2-year contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Law Group / Rajeev Majumdar for hearing examiner services for \$220,320
- AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
12. [AB2023-787](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Stephen Jackson Law, PLLC in order to have Stephen Jackson handle the RALJ Appeal matters for the Whatcom County Public Defender's Office for increased service costs in the amount of \$10,000.00
- AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
13. [AB2023-789](#) Request Authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Washington State Office of Public Defense for the purpose of improving the quality of public defense services in Washington State counties in the amount of \$213,905.00
- AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
14. [AB2023-790](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Justice for the FY23 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment Program grant, in the amount of \$500,000.00
- AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
15. [AB2023-792](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and YWCA Bellingham to operate a severe weather shelter for homeless women, in the amount of \$385,000
- AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT**

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

16. [AB2023-793](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Foundation Restoration LLC to install new FasTop SL45 Flooring at Whatcom County Disposal of Toxics, in the amount of \$53,877.98

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

17. [AB2023-794](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District for Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program technical assistance and cost share, in the amount of \$71,000.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

This item was considered separately below.

18. [AB2023-795](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District to implement the Domestic-Municipal Water Use Efficiency Project, in the amount of \$33,000.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

19. [AB2023-796](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce for Visitor Center operations in the amount of \$136,000

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

20. [AB2023-797](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Mount Baker Foothills for Visitor Center operations in the amount of \$146,000

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

21. [AB2023-798](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism for costs related to tourism efforts in the amount of \$200,000
- AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
22. [AB2023-799](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Northwest Tune Up, LLC in support of tourism activities in the amount of \$50,000
- AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
23. [AB2023-800](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham in support of an art installation project to promote tourism in the amount of \$75,000
- AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
24. [AB2023-801](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections for their Agritourism program to promote tourism in the amount of \$40,000
- AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
25. [AB2023-802](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Grant Amendment No. 1 between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Ecology, to provide for continued implementation of the Swift Creek Management Action Plan in the amount of \$1,040,989.97
- AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
26. [AB2023-803](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the installation of City owned and operated electric vehicle chargers

This item was considered separately below.

27. [AB2023-804](#) Request approval for the County Executive to award bid # 23-73 to successful bidder Faber Construction Corp and enter into a contract for the installation of a new modular office building at the Point Roberts Transfer Station, in the amount of \$228,060.00

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

28. [AB2023-805](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Everson for implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Agreement to purchase twelve flood-damaged properties, four of which are in the City of Everson (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

29. [AB2023-806](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lake Whatcom Residential & Treatment Center to provide Leasing Specialist services in the amount of \$49,467 for a total amended contract amount of \$78,620

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

30. [AB2023-807](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a three-year agreement, using the State of Washington contract, between Whatcom County and Insight Public Sector for Neogov Onboard, Perform and Single Sign-On software, in the amount of \$150,695.09

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

31. [AB2023-810](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and YWCA Bellingham to operate shelter and transitional housing facilities in the amount of \$223,954 for a total amended contract amount of \$422,438

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

32. [AB2023-812](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sound Earth Strategies LLC to provide remedial investigation/feasibility study and construction and permitting support services for the removal of existing underground storage tanks and sight remediation at the Whatcom County Central Shop facility, in the amount of \$138,737.00

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

33. [AB2023-818](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to authorize binding of coverage with Midwest Employer Casualty renewal for insurance protection for the self-insured workers compensation program in the amount of \$120,358 for calendar year 2024

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

34. [AB2023-821](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Sean Humphrey House to operate permanent supportive housing facilities for individuals living with HIV/AIDS in the amount of \$59,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$111,600

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

35. [AB2023-823](#) Request approval for the County Executive to award renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for Annual Software Maintenance and enter into a three-year contract with CDW-G using the approved KCDA Cooperative Contract #AEPA 022-G, in the amount of \$849,567.27

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

36. [AB2023-826](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Summit Law Group to provide legal services for matters related to collective bargaining, in the amount not to exceed \$89,076 annually through December 31, 2026

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

37. [AB2023-829](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant contract between Whatcom County and the Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing stabilization support to new refugees in the amount of \$300,000

This item was considered separately below.

38. [AB2023-830](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract agreement between World Relief Western Washington and Whatcom County for the provision of direct services assisting in the stabilization of newly arriving refugees in the amount of \$300,000

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

39. [AB2023-834](#) Resolution certifying Whatcom County's property tax levies for collection in 2024 to the County Assessor

Enactment No: RES 2023-052

This item was considered separately below.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

1. [AB2023-596](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State University to continue the jointly shared costs for faculty positions and program support for WSU Whatcom County Extension in the amount of \$274,037 for a total amended contract amount of \$3,260,536.90

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Temp Absent: 1 - Galloway

7. [AB2023-780](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement for costs related to the Water Rights Adjudication in the amount of \$881,300

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

10. [AB2023-783](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and RH2 to update the Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan, in the amount of \$150,000

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

17. [AB2023-794](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District for Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program technical assistance and cost share, in the amount of \$71,000.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

26. [AB2023-803](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the installation of City owned and operated electric vehicle chargers

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

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AUTHORIZED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

39. [AB2023-834](#) Resolution certifying Whatcom County's property tax levies for collection in 2024 to the County Assessor

APPROVED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2023-052

OTHER ITEMS**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

1. [AB2023-746](#) Ordinance closing Sudden Valley Stormwater Improvement Fund 371
ADOPTED
Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
Nay: 0

 Enactment No: ORD 2023-079

2. [AB2023-752](#) Ordinance closing the Marine Drive, Locust Avenue to Alderwood Avenue Fund 380
ADOPTED
Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
Nay: 0

 Enactment No: ORD 2023-080

3. [AB2023-754](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 16, in the amount of 9,531,078
ADOPTED
Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
Nay: 0

 Enactment No: ORD 2023-081

4. [AB2023-763](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to operate the Positive Adolescent Development Program in the amount of \$140,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$259,600
AUTHORIZED
Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
Nay: 0

5. [AB2023-766](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire Protection District #7 for the provision of Advanced Life Support services, in the amount of \$3,189,754.00
SUBSTITUTE AUTHORIZED
Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
Nay: 0

6. [AB2023-767](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the provision of Advanced Life Support services, in the amount of \$12,830,990.00

SUBSTITUTE AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Byrd

7. [AB2023-771](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to operate the permanent supportive housing facility, 22 North, in the amount of \$648,568 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,486,670

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner

8. [AB2023-784](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to operate the Ground Floor Day-Use Center, in the amount of \$170,000

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

9. [AB2023-809](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Pioneer Human Services to operate a permanent supportive housing facility known as City Gate, in the amount of \$568,733 for a total amended contract amount of \$2,078,683

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

10. [AB2023-819](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$1,231,981 for a total amended contract amount of \$3,160,183

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Byrd

11. [AB2023-820](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lake Whatcom Residential & Treatment Center to provide

behavioral health support services at the downtown Bellingham Public Library, in the amount of \$185,000

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

(From Council Planning and Development Committee)

12. [AB2023-750](#) Resolution approving recommendations on applications for open space current use assessment

APPROVED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2023-053

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

13. [AB2023-775](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.03, Boards and Commissions

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas, and Kershner

Enactment No: ORD 2023-082

14. [AB2023-778](#) Ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposal to amend Whatcom County Charter Section 4.30 to expand the standards for conflict of interest

ADOPTED

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Enactment No: ORD 2023-083

15. [AB2023-791](#) Resolution to establish an independent review of countywide fire and EMS structures

SUBSTITUTE APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Abstain: 1 - Kershner

Enactment No: RES 2023-054

(No Committee Assignment)

16. [AB2023-824](#) Approval of special standing meeting dates for 2024

APPROVED REQUEST

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2023-833](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Forest Resilience Task Force, Applicant(s): Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, T. Abe Lloyd, David Wallin, Ellyn Murphy, Alexander Harris, Oliver Grah, Laura Weiss, and Jennifer Mackey

APPOINTED

Appointed as follows:

Community member with expertise in owning or managing forest lands for conservation purposes (1 VACANCY):
Jennifer Mackey 7-0;

Community member with expertise in climate, salmon recovery, and natural resources policy (1 VACANCY):
Alexander Harris 7-0;

Community member with relevant science discipline (2 VACANCIES):
T. Abe Lloyd 7-0
David Wallin 7-0;

Community member with expertise in forest management/wood products industry (1 VACANCY):
Ellyn Murphy with 5 votes;

Community member w/ expertise in watershed management (incl. Lake Whatcom) and/or land use planning:
Oliver Grah with 4 votes;

Representative of Trust Land Beneficiaries (2 VACANCIES):
Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt (with 6 votes)
Tony Melillo (with 6 votes)

**CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2023-808](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Geoff Klise to the Parks and Recreation Commission

CONFIRMED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2023-835](#) Appointment of Whatcom County Sheriff to fill vacancy between January 1 and January 8, 2024

APPOINTED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Appointed Sheriff Elect Tanksley 7-0

2. [AB2023-837](#) Resolution encouraging the County Executive to pursue opportunities for property acquisitions that promote conservation, economic development, and tourism associated with Bellingham to Mt. Baker trails

SUBSTITUTE APPROVED AS AMENDED

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Enactment No: RES 2023-055

Motion approved 7-0 to amend to strike the Whereas statement on page one of the resolution (lines 29-32):
WHEREAS, Chapter 9 of that plan also includes Policy 9C-26: Bay to Baker Trail - Develop and implement a plan to secure Rights of Way for trail segments along the abandoned RR R/W in conjunction with the Nooksack River Trail to achieve a contiguous trail system between communities and recreation areas; and

3. [AB2023-838](#) Request authorization for the County Executive, acting on behalf of the Flood Control Zone District, to take out loans from the Whatcom County Investment Pool

APPROVED REQUEST

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. [AB2023-822](#) Ordinance adopting two-tenths of one-percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding public health, safety, and justice facilities and services, including a new county jail, behavioral health, supportive housing, public safety, and criminal justice facilities and programs

INTRODUCED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

2. **AB2023-840** Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no 17, in the amount of \$1,400,000

INTRODUCED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

ADJOURN