

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023
1 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 1:45 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON AT
311 GRAND AVENUE SUITE 101, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Kathy Kershner called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Also Present: Todd Donovan and Ben Elenbaas

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2023-164](#) Presentation from the Health Department's Environmental Health Division

The following people presented:

- Sue Sullivan, Health and Community Services
- James Hayes, Health and Community Services
- Jennifer Hayden, Health and Community Services
- Tom Kunesh, Health and Community Services

They answered whether we are seeing a lot of leaky septic systems and what we are doing to prevent them, how often there are possible rabies exposures, how many cases of Lyme disease we see in Whatcom County, why this area has a lower incidence of Lyme disease than other parts of the country, whether someone has to be bitten by a bat or just be in proximity to one to be exposed to rabies, whether the Environmental Health Division does mold testing for homes or rental units, whether there are any areas of environmental health that we are not pursuing or have not developed programs for because of funding or staffing, and how often our restaurants get inspected.

This agenda item was PRESENTED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
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Kathy Kershner-via email 3/21/2023

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Kathy Kershner, Committee Chair

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