

# **Whatcom County Council**

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## **Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

**6 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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### **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

Council Chair Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

### ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** None

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, stated he did not have a report.

### MINUTES CONSENT

*Buchanan moved* to accept the minutes consent items. The motion was seconded by Frazey (see votes on individual items below).

1. [MIN2022-067](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for October 25, 2022

**Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Temp Absent:** 1 - Elenbaas

2. [MIN2022-068](#) Committee of the Whole for October 25, 2022

**Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Temp Absent:** 1 - Elenbaas

3. [MIN2022-070](#) Regular County Council for October 25, 2022

**Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Temp Absent:** 1 - Elenbaas

### **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

*Buchanan moved* to introduce items one through twenty-one. The motion was seconded by Galloway (see votes on individual items below).

Kershner asked if they introduce all these items and then have a work session on November 17, whether they would have to reintroduce anything.

1. [AB2022-581](#) Resolution to declare Whatcom County Real Property as Surplus and Approve Sale

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-051

2. [AB2022-601](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Courthouse Improvement Fund, request no. 2

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-076

3. [AB2022-604](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Budget, request no. 15, in the amount of \$153,395

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-077

4. [AB2022-606](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Conservation Futures Purposes for 2023

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-071

5. [AB2022-607](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County Road Purposes for 2023

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-072

6. [AB2022-608](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County and State Purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the Year of 2023

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-073

7. [AB2022-609](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Courthouse Building Envelope

Fund, request no. 5

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-078

8. [AB2022-610](#) Ordinance adopting the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Whatcom County Facilities 2023-2028

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-074

9. [AB2022-611](#) Resolution adopting the 2023-2024 budget for the Point Roberts Transportation Benefit District (Council acting as the governing body of the Point Roberts Transportation Benefit District)

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-047

10. [AB2022-612](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Courthouse Improvement Fund, request no. 3

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-079

- 11. [AB2022-613](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Criminal Justice Integrated Case Management Systems Fund, request no. 1

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-080

- 12. [AB2022-614](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Finance System Software Fund, request no. 1

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-081

- 13. [AB2022-615](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Silver Lake Park Improvement Fund, request no. 4

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-082

- 14. [AB2022-616](#) Ordinance establishing the Bellingham Senior Center HVAC Replacement Fund and establishing a project based budget for the Bellingham Senior Center HVAC Replacement project

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-083

15. [AB2022-617](#) Ordinance establishing the Plantation Rifle Range Lead Reclamation & Capital Improvements Fund and establishing a project based budget for the Plantation Rifle Range Lead Reclamation & Capital Improvements project

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-084

16. [AB2022-618](#) Ordinance in the matter of the adoption of the final budget of Whatcom County for the Biennium 2023-2024

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-070

17. [AB2022-620](#) Resolution adopting the 2023 budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Subzones (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Resolution (FCZDBS) Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-048

18. [AB2022-622](#) Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2023

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Resolution (FCZDBS) Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-049

19. [AB2022-632](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical Purposes for 2023

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-075

20. [AB2022-637](#) Ordinance closing COVID-19 Emergency Response (CARES Act) Fund 134

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-085

21. [AB2022-638](#) Ordinance establishing a Capital Facilities Reserve Fund

**Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0



Enactment No: ORD 2022-086

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1. [AB2022-571](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Code relating to Personal Wireless Service Facilities

Matt Aamot, Planning and Development Services Department, stated he gave an update in committee.

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

**Kershner moved and Buchanan seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-069

**OPEN SESSION**

The following people spoke:

- Christopher Diele
- Natalie Chavez
- Name not stated
- Name not stated
- Robert Bystrom
- Lyle Sorenson
- Danielle Gaughen
- Fallon (last name not stated)
- Misty Flowers
- Name not stated
- Name not stated
- Name not stated
- Name not stated
- Hannah (last name not stated)

Hearing no one else, Donovan closed the Open Session.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Byrd** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** to approve Consent Agenda items one through ten.

Elenbaas stated he would like to discuss Consent agenda item number two (AB2022-603).

Tyler Schroeder, Director of Administrative Services, answered where the grant is coming from and what fund it is going to.

Elenbaas spoke about how the Puget Sound Partnership fits into the Whatcom County Charter in who they are accountable to. He stated he does not see any specific deliverable projects and it is a lot of money for what appears to just be coordinating meetings. He would like to vote on it separately.

Kershner stated she would like to pull Consent Agenda item number seven (AB2022- 628) and consider it separately.

Elenbaas spoke about Consent Agenda item number three and what the money is paying for. He did not request to vote on it separately.

Councilmembers voted on the Consent Agenda items except for items two and seven (see votes on individual items below and votes on the two separate items after that).

1. [AB2022-595](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department to purchase portable radios, in the amount of \$35,682

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2022-603](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Puget Sound Partnership for water resources programs in the Whatcom County region, in the amount of \$375,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

This item was considered separately. See motion and vote below.

3. [AB2022-605](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Geneva Consulting Services to coordinate the Whatcom Local Integrating Organization (LIO), in the amount of \$247,587.46 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

4. [AB2022-619](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District for agriculture best management practices outreach and financial assistance, in the amount of \$66,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

5. [AB2022-623](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and PeaceHealth to provide access to Epic in the amount of \$10,068 annually for a total amended contract amount of \$59,264

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

6. [AB2022-626](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement modification between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for What-Comm Communications Center operations

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

7. [AB2022-628](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Basic Life Support First Responder agencies in the amount of \$5,951,262.55

This item was considered separately. See motion and vote below.

8. [AB2022-629](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Hunt Forensics, LLC in the amount of \$89,028

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

9. [AB2022-631](#) Resolution approving a salary schedule and policies for Unrepresented Whatcom County employees effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Resolution be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-046

10. [AB2022-635](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Code Publishing, LLC and Whatcom County for legal code publishing services

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY**

7. [AB2022-628](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Basic Life Support First Responder agencies in the amount of \$5,951,262.55

Kershner stated this afternoon we found out that this was a combination of the cash from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) fund that we authorized in May as well as some money for some gurneys to support basic life support first responders. She asked at that time a question about why it took so long to get through the process of being actually sent out to the agencies. She is not sure she is going to vote for it. She has some issues with the EMS fund and this is one of them. She thinks that this is a gift to our basic life support first responder agencies that allowed the fund balance to look lower than it actually was.

Elenbaas asked whether the agencies already spent the money and we are just reimbursing it at this point and whether that is why it has taken so long. He has the same question as Kershner. If the Council voted yes in May for all this to transpire, why did it not happen?

Tyler Schroeder, Director of Administrative Services, stated it is a new program to the County EMS. Basic Life Support (BLS) allocation in the past has only been for BLS agencies that have been impacted from the EMS levy so there were a lot of discussions about how to set the contract up to allocate it. A lot of the timeframe also came around the biennium budget so there was some delay through Finance to get the contract ready. There was also some discussion with the EOB in September about the utilization of the money and the allocation framework.

Galloway stated she feels frustrated as to why it was sat on after it was approved in May and Council was never informed of the delay. Moving forward it would be really helpful to Council to know when their votes are not being honored in a timely manner.

Councilmembers discussed how the money was allocated, whether there is a timeline for how long the Executive branch can sit on something once it has been approved, having more explanation in the staff memo, having more transparency in the future, and the feeling that they do not have the entire

story from all the parties.

**Galloway moved and Buchanan seconded that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Galloway

**Nay:** 2 - Byrd, and Kershner

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2022-603](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Puget Sound Partnership for water resources programs in the Whatcom County region, in the amount of \$375,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Galloway moved** and Frazey seconded that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, answered whether this interlocal agreement is to accept the grant and spoke about the benefit of coordination for issues that do not have boundaries.

Elenbaas stated organizations like this and how we operate within them are not really addressed in the Whatcom County Charter.

**Galloway's motion that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 2 - Byrd, and Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**(From Council Planning and Development Committee)**

1. [AB2022-586](#) Discussion and motion to approve the Public Participation Plan for Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Amendments

**Donovan reported for the Planning and Development Committee and moved that the Request for Motion be APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

**(No Committee Assignment)**

2. [AB2022-639](#) Approval of Special Standing Meetings for 2023

***Kershner moved*** and Frazey seconded that the Special Order of Business be APPROVED BY THE COUNCILMEMBERS.

Frazey stated this is a substitute version.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated there was a typographical error on the June date in the first version.

**Kershner's motion that the SUBSTITUTE Special Order of Business be APPROVED BY THE COUNCILMEMBERS carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2022-538](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Criminal Justice Treatment Account Panel, Substance Use Disorder Treatment Agency Position, Applicant(s): Julie Grendon

**Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be APPOINTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2022-592](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Forestry Advisory Committee, Small Forest Landowner Position, Applicant(s): Holly Koon

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated there was an additional application from Tom Smith.

***Kershner moved*** to nominate both Tom Smith and Holly Koon. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

Holly Koon addressed the Council and answered a question about being involved in law suits regarding timber harvest.

Councilmembers voted as follows:

**Buchanan** - Koon  
**Byrd** - Koon  
**Donovan** - Koon  
**Elenbaas** - Smith  
**Frazey** - Koon  
**Galloway** - Koon  
**Kershner** - Smith

Koon was appointed.

**This agenda item was APPOINTED.**

Appointed Koon with 5 votes (two for Tom Smith)

3. [AB2022-593](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on Drainage District 3, Commissioner Position #3, Applicant(s): Paul Sangha

**Kershner moved and Buchanan seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be APPOINTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

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

1. [AB2022-602](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Jackie Dexter to the Marine Resources Committee

**Galloway moved and Frazey seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

### **ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**



Councilmembers gave committee reports.

Tyler Schroeder, Director of Administrative Services, answered a question about \$2 million from the State for flood victims, whether that has come to the Council to disperse it, and whether it could be made an emergency and fast-tracked if it was allocated from the State.

Galloway updated on the following activities:

- The Five-County Regional Cooperation Meeting with Skagit, Island, Snohomish, And San Juan (Swiss) in October
- A County Road Administration Board (CRAB) tour
- Her participation with Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC)
- A ride-along with the homeless outreach team
- A tour of the Plantation Rifle Range
- A tour of the Swift Creek site

Elenbaas asked about the emergency cold weather shelter at Civic Field and what the weather threshold is to open that.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, stated he visited the shelter and answered how information is communicated to the homeless.

Kershner updated about the childcare issue in the County and stated she would like to expand their thinking to looking at service providers in general. There is a huge shortage of all types of service providers including senior care. It is one more issue they need to deal with and she will be working on it.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on November 22, 2022.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Todd Donovan, Council Chair

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Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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