

# **Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Action Summary**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

**9:35 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**AGENDA REVISED 1.27.2025 - HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,  
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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## **Call To Order**

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Barry Buchanan

Also Present: Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmler

## **Announcements**

## **Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2025-126](#) Discussion regarding committee agenda procedures  
**DISCUSSED**
2. [AB2025-130](#) Discussion regarding committee action procedures as described in Whatcom County Code Section 2.02.085 Committee Action  
**DISCUSSED**

## **Council "Consent Agenda" Items**

1. [AB2024-866](#) 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 \$282,257 for a total amended contract amount of \$3,542,793.90  
**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**  
**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan  
**Nay:** 0
2. [AB2025-050](#) Resolution cancelling uncollectible personal property taxes  
**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**  
**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan  
**Nay:** 0
3. [AB2025-076](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization to provide behavioral health services within the North Sound Integrated Care Network in the amount of \$206,191, for a total amended contract amount of \$3,127,031

This item was considered separately below.

4. [AB2025-077](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a two-year contract between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Council on Aging for staffing and operation of the Bellingham Senior Activity Center, in the amount of \$174,182

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

5. [AB2025-078](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a two-year contract between Whatcom County and the Jet Oldsters Association of Ferndale for staffing and operation of the Ferndale Senior Activity Center, in the amount of \$174,182

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2025-079](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a two-year Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine for staffing and operation of the Blaine Senior Activity Center, in the amount of \$174,182

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2025-080](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a two-year Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden for staffing and operation of the Lynden Senior Activity Center, in the amount of \$174,182

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

8. [AB2025-083](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections to provide Mental Health Court case coordination services in the amount of \$15,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$25,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

9. [AB2025-084](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center in the amount of \$36,000 for a total amended amount of \$64,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

10. [AB2025-086](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Tyler Technologies, Inc. (Tyler) to migrate our Tyler Enterprise Permitting and Licensing (EPL) system to the Tyler cloud and to provide ongoing annual hosting and maintenance in the amount of \$344,215.46 per year starting in 2025

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

11. [AB2025-087](#) Resolution to approve annual petition for refunds paid list consistent with RCW 84.69.020

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

12. [AB2025-088](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham to provide partial funding for the severe weather shelter, in the amount of \$150,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

13. [AB2025-090](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Peace Centers to implement a coordinated system of licensed drop-in childcare within Whatcom County, in the amount of \$499,921

This item was considered separately below.

14. [AB2025-119](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections in support of their Whatcom Housing Alliance coordination in the amount of \$50,000

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**Council "Consent Agenda" Considered Separately**

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**RECOMMENDED TO TABLE**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

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**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

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**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 2 - Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 1 - Byrd

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2025-046](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Attorney General of Washington for cy pres funding, in the amount of \$125,000

**WITHDRAWN**

2. [AB2025-089](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to expand and retain childcare slots in Whatcom County, in the amount of \$411,631

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 2 - Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 1 - Byrd

3. [AB2025-092](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into the GCB 3207 Public Works Emergency Response Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2025-107](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a two year contract between the Bellingham Food Bank and Whatcom County to help address food insecurity in the amount of \$1,445,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**