



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the project budget for the Courthouse Building Envelope Fund, request no. 7

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Requests appropriation of \$2,051,898 to fund the next phase of repairs to protect the Courthouse from water intrusion which includes the design and construction of block 2 and block 3 roof sections for a total project budget of \$19,096,705

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
02/10/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremier
02/24/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE	
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremier
02/24/2026	Council	HELD IN COMMITTEE	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremier

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Nay: 0

03/24/2026 Council Finance and Administrative
Services Committee

RECOMMENDED FOR
ADOPTION

Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremier

Nay: 0

03/24/2026 Council

ADOPTED

Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremier

Nay: 0

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Supplemental Request, Notice of Action Proposed on 2.10.2026

PROPOSED BY: EXECUTIVE
INTRODUCED: FEBRUARY 10, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-012

**AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE COURTHOUSE BUILDING ENVELOPE
FUND, AMENDMENT NO. 7**

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2014-075 established the project budget for the Courthouse Building Envelope Fund; and

WHEREAS, amendments have been made to accomplish a multi-phase extensive repair project to protect the Courthouse from water intrusion; and

WHEREAS, an additional amendment is needed as the project is ready to progress to the next phase which includes the design and construction of block 2 and block 3 roof sections; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed to accommodate the next phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, funding for this work is available from the Real Estate Excise Tax Fund I (REET I) and Real Estate Excise Tax Fund II (REET II).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2014-075 is hereby amended by adding \$2,051,898 of expenditure authority, as described in Exhibit A, to the amended project budget of \$17,044,807 for a total project budget of \$19,096,705.

ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2026

ATTEST:


Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway
Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

B. Waldron by email 02/02/2026/AT
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Satpal Sidhu
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Approved () Denied

Date Signed: 3/20/20

EXHIBIT A

Courthouse Building Envelope Project Budget 3506

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Project Budget</u>	<u>Amendment #7 to Ord. 2014-075</u>	<u>Total Amended Project Budget</u>
Expenditures				
6190	Direct Billing Rate	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
6630	Professional Services	\$ 1,773,000	\$ -	\$ 1,773,000
7060	Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 15,021,807	\$ 2,051,898	\$ 17,073,705
		\$ 17,044,807	\$ 2,051,898	\$ 19,096,705
Revenues				
8397.C.32412401	Op Transfer In - REET I	\$ 11,204,922	\$ 290,000	\$ 11,494,922
8397.C.32422400	Op Transfer In - Public Utilities Improvement (EDI)	\$ 5,839,885	\$ -	\$ 5,839,885
8397.C.32402401	Op Transfer In - REET II	\$ -	\$ 1,761,898	\$ 1,761,898
		\$ 17,044,807	\$ 2,051,898	\$ 19,096,705

Supplemental Budget Request

Administrative Services	Facilities Management	
Suppl ID # 5361	Fund 3506	Cost Center 35061000 Originator: Rob Ney
Year 2	2026	Add'l FTE <input type="checkbox"/>
		Priority 1

Name of Request: Courthouse Exterior Project

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission) _____ **Date** _____

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	7060	Repairs and maintenance	\$2,051,898
	8397.C.32412401	Transfers in	(\$290,000)
	8397.C.32402401	Transfers in	(\$1,761,898)
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

Continuation of HKP Courthouse Exterior Project as Defined in HKP Report Dated November 2015. Continued efforts include replacing remaining roofs, and roof top mechanical equipment. The scope of work also includes replacing glazing on the 1993 (East) addition, where glazing has failed.

2026 Project is Block 2 roofs, with an option for 2027 Block 3, should funding be provided.

The project is, and has been on the County's Capital Improvement Plan until estimated completion in 2029.

1b. Primary customers:

All Departments and patrons of the Courthouse

2. Problem to be solved:

The Courthouse exterior project was a multiyear maintenance project. The County has only undertaken the first of this long series of repairs.

3a. Options / Advantages:

Deferred maintenance.

The longer these improvements/repairs are put out into the future, the more the work will cost County tax payers.

3b. Cost savings:

This project will be competitively bid and overall maintenance will be reduced.

4a. Outcomes:

The phases slated for years 2026 and 2027 will be implemented and completed.

The projects will be successfully completed.

4b. Measures:

Completing the projects on time and within budget.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

The impacts will be minimal as the improvements are on the exterior of the courthouse.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Rob Ney, Facilities Director

Supplemental Budget Request

Administrative Services

Facilities Management

Suppl ID # 5361 **Fund** 3506 **Cost Center** 35061000 **Originator:** Rob Ney

6. Funding Source:

REET I and Public Utilities Improvement Fund (EDI).