

Whatcom County

Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

9:25 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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Elizabeth Boyle
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Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jessica Rienstra
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Announcements

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Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2026-044](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center for Family Mediation Services, in the amount of \$70,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$135,000

2. [AB2026-052](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to amend the hourly rate of public safety radio repair from \$125 to \$150

3. [AB2026-056](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Ecology for Whatcom Marine Resources Committee (MRC) operations and projects, in the amount of \$147,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

4. [AB2026-057](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Pacific Security to continue to provide Courthouse screening services, in the amount of \$90,000

5. [AB2026-058](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Birch Bay Water and Sewer District to coordinate the relocation of a segment of a water line and the construction road culvert, in the amount of \$0 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

6. [AB2026-059](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Pacific Security to continue evening patrol services of outside county buildings, in the amount of \$99,960

7. [AB2026-067](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Maple Falls Water Cooperative for water storage tank replacement, in the amount of \$555,300

8. [AB2026-070](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an amendment to an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham regarding the Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence
9. [AB2026-077](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center for supervised visitation services, in the amount of \$115,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$226,000
10. [AB2026-090](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to grant a utility easement to Puget Sound Energy across park property for underground electrical services to a private residence located off Blue Canyon Road in South Lake Whatcom
11. [AB2026-096](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Management Group for the period January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-097](#) Discussion of an ordinance closing the Northwest Annex Redevelopment Fund
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-094)
2. [AB2026-099](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the Hovander Park Building Improvements Project, request no. 4
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-098)
3. [AB2026-101](#) Discussion of an ordinance establishing the Glacier Restroom Improvements Fund and establishing an initial budget for the Glacier Restroom Improvements Fund
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-100)
4. [AB2026-103](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the New Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility, request no. 10
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-102)
5. [AB2026-105](#) Discussion of an ordinance establishing the 32nd Street Property Acquisition Fund and establishing an initial budget for the 32nd Street Property Acquisition Fund
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-104)
6. [AB2026-112](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$7,123,065
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-110)

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2026-047](#) Resolution accepting the Treasurer's list of petitions for property tax refunds
2. [AB2026-050](#) Resolution canceling uncollectible personal property taxes
3. [AB2026-066](#) Resolution updating the Whatcom County section of the 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) project list appendix

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment