

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

1 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmer

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order**Roll Call**

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmer

Announcements**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2025-780](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.02, County Council, to change the membership and quorum requirements of all standing council committees

DISCUSSED

Committee Discussion, County Budgets and Levies

1. [AB2025-707](#) Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$20,970,606

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved that they recommend the executive's requested changes as outlined in the document titled "Substitute executive requested changes for 11.18 2025" (on file).

Motion approved to recommend to Council to amend the budget to help pay for a countywide strategic plan as described in Supplemental Budget Request number 5225.

Motion approved to move \$500,000 from what was going to go into the Capital Facilities Reserve for one year of funding for the community food banks (represented by Supplemental Budget Requests 5220 and 5307 and 5219).

Motion approved to recommend supplemental item 5029, the additional FTE from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Motion approved that they add Supplemental Budget Request 5119 from the Clerk's Office for the protection order facilitator.

2. [AB2025-719](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures purposes for 2026

DISCUSSED

3. [AB2025-721](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County Road purposes for 2026

DISCUSSED

4. [AB2025-783](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County Road purposes for 2026

DISCUSSED

5. [AB2025-723](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for countywide emergency medical purposes for 2026

DISCUSSED

6. [AB2025-725](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County and State purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the year of 2026

DISCUSSED

7. [AB2025-788](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County and State purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the year of 2026

DISCUSSED

8. [AB2025-795](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$12,120,000

DISCUSSED**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2025-807](#) Presentation on the Homeless Housing Program and request for motion to approve the final 5-Year Homelessness and Housing Plan

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL OF REQUEST

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2025-821](#) Presentation from Health and Community Services on the Children and Families Program and request for motion to approve the next Healthy Children's Fund Implementation Plan

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL OF REQUEST

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2025-820](#) Request for motion to approve Whatcom County's 2026 state legislative session priorities

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL OF REQUEST

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 2 - Byrd, and Elenbaas

Committee Discussion, FCZD Budget and Levies

9. [AB2025-711](#) Resolution adopting 2026 budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Subzones (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

DISCUSSED

10. [AB2025-709](#) Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone

District for 2026 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

DISCUSSED

11. [AB2025-784](#) Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2026 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

DISCUSSED

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment