

Whatcom County Council

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Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
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COUNCILMEMBERS

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

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

There was no report.

MINUTES CONSENT

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

1. [MIN2026-014](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for February 10, 2026

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

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [MIN2026-015](#) Committee of the Whole for February 10, 2026

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

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [MIN2026-016](#) Regular County Council for February 10, 2026

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

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

4. [MIN2026-017](#) Health Board for February 3, 2026

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

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

OPEN SESSION

The following people spoke:

- Adam Bellingar
- Lesley Cooke
- Carl Crouse
- John Westerfield
- Jessica Koehler
- Cynthia Sue Ripke-Kutsagoitz
- Matt Lloyd
- Nicole Sandoval Postma
- David Foreman
- Lyle Sorenson
- Ryan Bowman
- Richard Verbree
- Jeff Reon
- Kendra Nadine
- Brian Gass
- Dwayne Engelsman
- Jesse Madera
- Brian Dykstra
- Stacey Dailey
- Samantha Doering
- Patrick Alesse
- Judy (last name not stated)
- Dale Sandstrom
- Brian Estes
- Natalie Chavez
- Lisa Guthrie
- Hannah Ordos

Hearing no one else, Galloway closed the Open Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* to approve Consent Agenda items one through seven. He stated the first item (**AB2026-137**) has a substitute.

Councilmembers voted on those items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2026-137](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17 for the period January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028

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

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2026-154](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology for the 2025-2027 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant, in the amount of \$120,000

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

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2026-156](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue to extend the current contract for fire investigation services by one year

Scanlon 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 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

4. [AB2026-160](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation to execute a Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the design phase of the Lakeway Drive - City of Bellingham to Cable Street - Pavement Rehabilitation Project, County Road Project 925001, in the amount of \$251,000

Scanlon 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 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

Nay: 0

5. [AB2026-162](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal grant agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce to reimburse the 5% local match obligation required in the four FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grants, in the amount of \$1,500,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Scanlon 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 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

Nay: 0

6. [AB2026-163](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal cost reimbursement agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden to support 30% design of Phase 1 of the Mouw Ditch early action project with pass-through funding from Floodplains through Design (FbD) 2023-25 grant, in the amount of \$113,600 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Scanlon 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 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

Nay: 0

7. [AB2026-164](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group to increase the project management task budget to assist homeowners participating in the Hazard Mitigation Elevation Grant Program, in the amount of \$80,000, for a total amount of \$200,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Scanlon 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 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2026-145](#) Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$1,804,963

Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be ADOPTED.

Galloway stated that the dollar amount will be different since they have a substitute version ("Substitute Ordinance for 2.24.2026" on file).

Kayla Schott-Bresler, Executive's Office, stated the Administration uploaded a certification from the executive in compliance with the Charter requirement. She answered if that will be the practice going forward and stated it will.

Councilmembers voted on the second substitute ordinance ("Substitute Ordinance for 2.24.2026" on file) with a reduced total amount of \$319,393.

Scanlon's motion that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2026-010

The ordinance adopted was the "Substitute Ordinance for 2.24.2026" with a reduced total amount of \$319,393 (see also summary by fund and summary listing for 2.24.2026).

2. [AB2026-114](#) Ordinance establishing the project budget for the Strawberry Point/Lake Whatcom Boulevard stormwater improvements, request no. 1

Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** to postpone AB2026-114 to the March 24th Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting.

He stated this links into what they just did with the supplemental budget. This was an item that was previously in the proposed budget supplemental and was removed due to the new Charter amendment. They will bring this

back up when they have the latest financial report, and that goes for the next two agenda items (**AB2026-143 and AB2026-134**) as well.

Scanlon's motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Motion approved to postpone AB2026-114 to the March 24th Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting.

3. [AB2026-143](#) Ordinance establishing the Ferndale Senior Activity Center Improvements Fund and establishing an initial budget for the Ferndale Senior Activity Center Improvements Fund

Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved to postpone AB2026-143 to the March 24th Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting. See discussion on AB2026-114.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Motion approved postpone AB2026-143 to the March 24th Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting.

4. [AB2026-134](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Courthouse Building Envelope Fund, request no. 7

Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved to postpone AB2026-134 to the March 24th Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting. See discussion on AB2026-114.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Motion approved to postpone AB2026-134 to the March 24th Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting.

5. [AB2026-165](#) Resolution to declare county-owned structures located at recently acquired property at South Fork Park as worthless

Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and stated there was motion in committee to recommend holding until photos of the structures were available and shared with the Council. In the meantime, they have received those items and they are attached to the file.

Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council, stated the Council needs to dispose of the motion from Committee.

Scanlon moved that they hold this until such time that the pictures (of the structure) are added to the public record on this (AB20206-165).

The motion to hold failed by the following vote:

Aye: 0

Nay: 7 - Scanlon, Stremmler, Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, and Rienstra

Scanlon moved and Galloway seconded that the Resolution be APPROVED.

Councilmembers discussed the motion with the following people:

- Bennett Knox, Parks and Recreation Department Director
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Knox answered why some structures on this property are being looked at as worthless and some are not, and they all looked at the photos of the structures deemed worthless on the screen. He stated they do not have a use for these structures based on condition, and size and Parks' plans, and that to make some of them serviceable would require quite a bit of upgrade.

Elenbaas stated only people that are spending other people's money would ever deem these buildings worthless and tear them down.

Knox answered questions about the Nessel Foundation grant, and what they will do with the structures. He stated they will take bids and the contractors that bid will have the right to recycle materials from the site as they see fit as part of their bid package. He answered how much they have budgeted to demolish the buildings and how much maintenance would cost if they were to keep them. He spoke about the term "worthless" and the requirements of the State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant.

Scanlon spoke about why he supports the motion.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, stated they should consider this in the context of the long term and he gave a history of this property and how it connects to Nessel Farm. He stated the plan all along was that the County would buy the Carrasco property when the time came and that would open

up the South Fork Parks trail development. This has been in the works for many years.

Scanlon's motion that the Resolution be APPROVED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Boyle, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

Nay: 3 - Buchanan, Elenbaas, and Stremler

Enactment No: RES 2026-007

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

6. [AB2026-119](#) Resolution calling on the State Legislature to recognize public health as essential and to maintain Foundational Public Health Services funding (Council acting as the Health Board)

Boyle reported for the Public Works and Health Committee and **moved** that the Resolution be APPROVED.

Elenbaas stated this is about funding that is supposed to come from the State because they collect the tax to fund our ability to provide these services that the State mandates. But the State has said they are not going to give us money anymore, which will cause the County to have budget shortfalls so they will have to say yes to imposing taxes. He is glad they are sending this letter and he hopes the State can hear it.

Boyle's motion that the Resolution be APPROVED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2026-008

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS

1. [AB2026-115](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, business/industry position, applicant(s): Troy Lautenbach

Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be APPOINTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2026-128](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, representing higher education, applicant(s): Patricia Newbold

Scanlon moved and Rienstra seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be APPOINTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2026-175](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee, geographic area representative, Applicant(s): Brian Dykstra (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Rienstra moved and Boyle seconded to accept late applications.

Kimberly Thulin, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and councilmembers discussed the Council's authority to suspend the rules and vote to accept late applications.

The motion to accept late applications carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, Boyle, and Buchanan

Nay: 1 - Stremler

Brian Dykstra and Samantha Doering addressed the councilmembers.

Elenbaas moved and Boyle seconded that both applicants be APPOINTED.

Elenbaas and Scanlon spoke in favor of both applicants.

Elenbaas's motion that both applicants be APPOINTED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Motion approved 6-1, with Stremler opposed, to accept late applications.

Appointed Brian Dykstra and Samantha Doering.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS

1. [AB2026-167](#) Request confirmation of the Executive's appointment of Julie Bates to the Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Commission

Julie Bates addressed the councilmembers.

Rienstra moved and Buchanan seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2026-168](#) Request confirmation of the Executive's appointment of Douglas Bestle to the Whatcom County Veterans Advisory Board

Rienstra moved and Scanlon seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2026-169](#) Request confirmation of the Executive's appointment of Nancy Whipple to the Whatcom County Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Boyle moved and Rienstra seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED.

Elenbaas stated he needs more information about letters the Council has been receiving from the Executive's Office about this committee before he can support this but it has nothing to do with the applicant.

Boyle's motion that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

There were no agenda items added by revision.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Galloway stated they would consider Introduction items one and four separately.

Boyle moved to introduce items two and three. The motion was seconded by Buchanan (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2026-040](#) Ordinance establishing Whatcom County Code Section 2.02.195 Performance Audits

THIS ITEM WAS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY BELOW.

2. [AB2026-172](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Planning Commission, District 1 or 5, Applicants: Lindsey Elenbaas, Gurdeep Bains, Selena Knoblauch, Jeremy Thompson, Joseph L. Stine, Steven Cohen

Boyle moved and Buchanan seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2026-173](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force, Applicant(s): Makela Alem

Boyle moved and Buchanan seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

4. [AB2026-170](#) Receipt of report on emergency contracts executed pursuant to the December 9, 2025 proclamation of emergency

THIS ITEM WAS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY BELOW.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

1. [AB2026-040](#) Ordinance establishing Whatcom County Code Section 2.02.195 Performance Audits

Galloway stated during Committee of the Whole they established a workgroup that has committed to work on this issue, and she asked if they could make a motion that would leave the timeline open-ended and give them some flexibility.

Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council, stated they can hold it until the workgroup has completed their work.

Rienstra moved and Boyle seconded to hold until the workgroup has completed their work.

Kimberly Thulin, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, answered whether they need a formal motion to send the ordinance to the workgroup, but stated they do not.

Galloway suggested a friendly amendment to add the workgroup members to the motion so that the motion would say hold until the workgroup, comprised of councilmembers Scanlon, Rienstra, and Elenbaas, has an

opportunity to meet and complete the work.

Rienstra and Boyle accepted the friendly amendment.

Scanlon stated the goal is to get this in before the end of the summer.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

Nay: 0

This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.

Motion approved 7-0 to hold until the workgroup, comprised of councilmembers Scanlon, Rienstra, and Elenbaas, has an opportunity to meet and complete the work.

The file was not introduced.

4. [AB2026-170](#) Receipt of report on emergency contracts executed pursuant to the December 9, 2025 proclamation of emergency

Clerk's note: Councilmembers took two actions on this file.

Galloway stated she and Councilmember Scanlon expressed interest in seeing this item back in a committee for a presentation and discussion, and Scanlon has offered to host that in the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.

Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council, suggested they make two separate motions (see second motion on this item below).

Rienstra moved and Boyle seconded that the report be RECEIVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

Nay: 0

ACTION TWO ON AB2026-170

4. [AB2026-170](#) Receipt of report on emergency contracts executed pursuant to the December 9, 2025 proclamation of emergency

Clerk's note: this is the second of two actions on this agenda item. See this agenda item and first action above.

Rienstra moved and Boyle seconded that the report be REFERRED TO THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Motion approved 7-0 to refer to Finance and Administrative Services Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

PART 1

Clerk's note: two motions were made from Committee of the Whole Executive Session (see below and recorded on AB2026-153 and AB2026-157), then committee reports continued after that.

OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

[AB2026-153](#) Discussion with Public Works staff regarding a potential property acquisition [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b)]

Scanlon moved to authorize the County Executive, acting on behalf of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District, to move forward with and complete the acquisition of the property as long as the purchase price of the property does not exceed the amount discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Rienstra.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, Stremler, Boyle, Buchanan, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.

MOTION SUMMARY:

Motion approved 7-0 to authorize the County Executive, acting on behalf of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District, to move forward with and complete the acquisition of the property as long as the purchase price of the property does not exceed the amount discussed in Executive Session.

[AB2026-157](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Jesse Corkern, regarding Scott W. Hansen and Diane M. Hansen vs. Whatcom County Public Works Department et al., Whatcom County Superior Court, Cause No. 26-2-00133-37. Defense and indemnification of Elizabeth Kosa, Director, Whatcom County Public Works, Tyler Schroeder, Former Deputy Executive, Whatcom County and Matt Johnson, Road Crew Leader, Whatcom County Public Works named as defendants. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

Scanlon moved to approve defense and indemnification of Elizabeth Kosa, Director, Whatcom County Public Works, Tyler Schroeder, Former Deputy Executive, Whatcom County, Matt Johnson, Road Crew Leader, Whatcom County Public Works, named as defendants in Scott W. Hansen and Diane M. Hansen vs. Whatcom County Public Works Department et al., Whatcom County Superior Court, Cause No. 26-2-00133-37.

Based on the following findings:

- A. Elizabeth Kosa, Tyler Schroeder, and Matt Johnson were acting in a matter in which the county had an interest;
- B. Elizabeth Kosa, Tyler Schroeder, and Matt Johnson were acting in the discharge of a duty imposed or authorized by law;
- C. Elizabeth Kosa, Tyler Schroeder, and Matt Johnson acted in good faith.

The motion was seconded by Boyle.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Rienstra, Scanlon, Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, and Galloway

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Stremmler

This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.

MOTION SUMMARY:

Motion approved 6-0, with Stremmler abstaining, to approve defense and indemnification of Elizabeth Kosa, Director, Whatcom County Public Works, Tyler Schroeder, Former Deputy Executive, Whatcom County, Matt Johnson, Road Crew Leader, Whatcom County Public Works, named as defendants in Scott W. Hansen and Diane M. Hansen vs. Whatcom County Public Works Department et al., Whatcom County Superior Court, Cause No. 26-2-00133-37.

Based on the following findings:

- A. Elizabeth Kosa, Tyler Schroeder, and Matt Johnson were acting in a matter in which the county had an interest;
- B. Elizabeth Kosa, Tyler Schroeder, and Matt Johnson were acting in the discharge of a duty imposed or authorized by law;
- C. Elizabeth Kosa, Tyler Schroeder, and Matt Johnson acted in good faith.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

PART 2

Councilmembers gave committee reports and updates on recent activities and upcoming events.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on March 10, 2026.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristi Felbinger