

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

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

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

**8:55 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:30 A.M.(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE  
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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

## Call To Order

## Roll Call

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

## Announcements

## Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2026-174](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award Bid #26-01 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lake Union Drydock Company for drydocking, repair, and maintenance of the Whatcom Chief Ferry in the amount of \$891,918

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 5 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremler

2. [AB2026-190](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and WSP USA, Inc to perform engineering and design services for the Everson-Nooksack Berms Project, in the amount of \$752,159.46 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 5 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremler

3. [AB2026-192](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to provide funding for various public health services in the amount of \$101,475, for a total amended agreement amount of \$11,229,797

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 5 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremler

4. [AB2026-199](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County to outline the terms and conditions related to the operation and maintenance of water systems by the Public Utility District at the request of and as an agent for Whatcom County

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 5 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremler

### **Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2026-170](#) Receipt of report on emergency contracts executed pursuant to the December 9, 2025 proclamation of emergency  
**DISCUSSED**
2. [AB2026-180](#) Discussion of ordinance amending the project based budget for the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund, request no. 3  
**DISCUSSED**
3. [AB2026-182](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the Eagleridge Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 1  
**DISCUSSED**
4. [AB2026-201](#) Discussion of an ordinance closing the Bellingham Senior Center HVAC Replacement Fund  
**DISCUSSED**
5. [AB2026-205](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$741,113  
**DISCUSSED**
6. [AB2026-207](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$3,920,278  
**DISCUSSED**

### **Items Added by Revision**

### **Other Business**

### **Adjournment**