

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

1:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 1:45 P.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

Committee Chair Elizabeth Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:32 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

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2026-328](#) Report from the Public Works Department

Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Department Director, read from the Presentation Notes (on file). She answered if there is any opportunity for additional support for adjudication since the support is ending in June but applications can be submitted until May of next year, and stated people can still go through the Department of Ecology or the court system itself. The support that is ending is the extra outreach that was funded through a grant because the grant is coming to a close.

Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, answered whether we have heard about the additional acquisition grant that we were awaiting from the federal government, and stated they have not heard anything on that second acquisition. They did, however, get the second elevation one, and that one should be coming to Council at the next council meeting. He answered if there has been communication from his office with Representative Rick Larsen's office, and stated he would have to check when they last brought it up, but they bring it up regularly.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
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Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Elizabeth Boyle, Committee Chair

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