

Whatcom County Council (Special)

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Minutes - Draft Minutes

Monday, December 4, 2023

1 PM

Virtual Meeting

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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, and Kaylee Galloway

Absent: 1 - Kathy Kershner

Announcements**Council Consideration and Action**

1. [AB2023-650](#) Resolution certifying amounts to be levied by Whatcom County taxing districts to the County Assessor

Rebecca Xczar, County Assessor, stated the districts submitted the information straight to the Council and the Assessor just received a copy so she did not have any brief for the Councilmembers.

Donovan moved and Buchanan seconded that the Resolution be APPROVED.

Donovan stated he understands that the Assessor's Office does not have a role in certifying the accuracy of the submissions but the Council needs to pass a resolution. It is essentially up to these taxing districts to provide proper information.

Xczar stated that is correct and the Assessor's Office just verifies that it meets their legal limits in the end.

Donovan stated it would be easier to go through them if there was one template or way for the districts to report and Xczar stated the Department of Revenue is looking into some training for the districts. Donovan asked whether the Greenways levy passed for the City of Bellingham, and Xczar stated she believes so.

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

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

Enactment No: RES 2023-050

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription