

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole**

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

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

**1:35 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLY - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 PM  
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT  
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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

### **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 Stremler

**Announcements****Special Presentation**

1. [AB2025-118](#) Update from County Executive's Office on 2025 state legislative session  
**REPORTED**
2. [AB2025-229](#) Presentation from Laurie Trautman, Western Washington University Border Policy Research Institute, on potential tariff impacts to Whatcom County  
**PRESENTED**

**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2025-263](#) Discussion regarding the Capital Projects Prioritization: Northwest Annex, New Sheriff's Office, and Whatcom County Morgue  
**DISCUSSED**
2. [AB2025-268](#) Discussion regarding a resolution approved by the Charter Review Commission at their meeting on February 27, 2025  
**DISCUSSED**
3. [AB2025-276](#) Discussion regarding Petrogas code compliance  
**DISCUSSED**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2025-221](#) Discussion and motion relating to draft Countywide Planning Policy amendments  
**HELD IN COMMITTEE**  
**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler  
**Nay:** 0

Motion approved to hold in committee until the April 15 meeting.

2. [AB2025-273](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Charlene Ramont as Interim Director of Whatcom County Health & Community Services effective March 25, 2025  
**FORWARDED TO COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDED MOTION(S)**

Motion approved to recommend to Council to confirm

**Items Added by Revision - Executive Session**

Motion approved to enter into executive session

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**