

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-007](#) Special Committee of the Whole for January 10, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2023-002](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule - ferry rates

OPEN SESSION

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CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2023-065](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a residential lease agreement between Whatcom County and Krista and Nicolas Fauquet to reside at 367 East Lake Samish Drive, for a monthly rent of \$1,295
2. [AB2023-070](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Bellingham Fire Department to extend the community paramedic program through 2023 in the amount of \$419,450
3. [AB2023-071](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Interlocal amendment to extend the Community Paramedic program through 2023 in the amount of \$199,927
4. [AB2023-072](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Camano Island Fire and Rescue for participation in the Whatcom County Paramedic Training program in the amount of \$25,625
5. [AB2023-073](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Marysville Fire District for participation in the Whatcom County Paramedic Training program in the amount of \$43,300
6. [AB2023-074](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between North County Fire and Rescue for participation in the Whatcom County Paramedic Training program in the amount of \$20,150
7. [AB2023-076](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Fire Department to operate the 2023 Paramedic Training Program in accordance with Washington State Department of Health and Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) standards and requirements in the amount of \$1,169,600
8. [AB2023-081](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for interpreter expense reimbursement, in the amount of \$61,597.00
9. [AB2023-064](#) Resolution cancelling uncollectible personal property taxes.
10. [AB2023-045](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District for Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program Assistance, in the amount of \$63,500

11. [AB2023-056](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement Supplement No. 3 between Whatcom County and Wilson Engineering LLC., to provide on-call professional land surveying services support to Whatcom County Public Works, in the amount of \$100,000
12. [AB2023-061](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #22-66 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Stremler Gravel Inc., for the 2022 Flood Gates Install project, CRP No. 922020 in the amount of \$56,080

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2023-062](#) Resolution in support of adjudication funding in the Washington State 2023 - 2024 biennium
2. [AB2023-086](#) Discussion and approval of letter regarding climate action legislative priorities

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

3. [AB2023-059](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health for the delivery and funding of various public health services in the amount of \$80,716, for a total amended agreement amount of \$8,567,890
4. [AB2022-731](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Hunt Forensics for increased costs of services in the amount of \$893,449.13 for the total amount of \$3,356,602

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

5. [AB2023-087](#) Discussion and approval of letter of support for Ridge at Semiahmoo development

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2023-037](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Surface Mining Advisory Committee, member of the surface mining industry, Applicant(s): Brent Cowden
2. [AB2023-054](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Michael Allan (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
3. [AB2023-057](#) Appointments to various vacancies on the Wildlife Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Stephen Nyman, Vikki Jackson, Jennifer Plombon

4. [AB2023-082](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Scott Hulse (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
5. [AB2023-083](#) Appointment to vacancy on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Solid Waste Disposal Facility Position, Applicant(s): Troy Lautenbach

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.070(B), the council must confirm or reject executive appointments within 30 days of submission to the council. County code deems the appointee confirmed if council does not take action within this time.

1. [AB2023-068](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments and reappointments to various county boards, committees and commissions

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. [AB2023-069](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.09 to conform with newly adopted and amended Court rules
2. [AB2023-077](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$6,395,173
3. [AB2023-078](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Plantation Rifle Range Lead Reclamation and Capital Improvement by adding \$700,000 for a total amount of \$1,355,000

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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