

# **Whatcom County Council**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

**6 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

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Barry Buchanan  
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### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

### MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2022-020](#) Committee of the Whole for March 8, 2022
2. [MIN2022-021](#) Regular County Council for March 8, 2022
3. [MIN2022-022](#) Water Work Session for March 15, 2022

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2022-121](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Horton Road
2. [AB2022-122](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Boxwood Road
3. [AB2022-136](#) Ordinance changing the name of Bear Trap Road to Bear Spirit Road
4. [AB2022-137](#) Ordinance for temporary installation of a stop sign on Drayton Harbor Road
5. [AB2022-138](#) Ordinance for temporary installation of stop signs on South Pass Road

6. [AB2022-156](#) Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2022-005, temporary closure of Gulf Road

### **OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)**

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. To participate please see instructions at [whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil) or contact the Council Office at 360.778.5010. Council will accept comments from in-person participants first, followed by comments from remote participants. All speakers should state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council. Council staff will keep track of time and inform speakers when they have reached their three minute limit.

### **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. [AB2022-139](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement modification between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for What-Comm Communications Center operations and providing for the option of supplemental services
2. [AB2022-158](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and MSNW Group, LLC to provide Isolation & Quarantine Facility cleaning services in the amount of \$15,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$70,000
3. [AB2022-161](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and SpectraSite Communications to lease tower access at the Blaine-Harvey Road Water Tower Site for seven years for a total of \$189,559.07
4. [AB2022-168](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency A&E Professional Services Agreement between Whatcom County and Trantech Engineering, LLC to provide on-call structural engineering support to the Whatcom County bridge program
5. [AB2022-169](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency A&E Professional Services Agreement between Whatcom County and KPFF, Inc. to provide on-call professional structural engineering support for the Whatcom County bridge program in 2022

6. [AB2022-170](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Grant Amendment No. 7 between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Department of Ecology to provide for continued implementation of the Swift Creek Sediment Management Action Plan
7. [AB2022-174](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #22-06 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lake Union Drydock Company for the annual dockside and maintenance repair of the Whatcom Chief Ferry in the amount of \$462,515.00
8. [AB2022-181](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Felix Solomon to repair the Centennial Totem Pole, in the amount of \$56,500
9. [AB2022-182](#) Request approval for the County Executive to enter into an agreement with Whatcom Community Foundation in order to secure matching funds for the Jones Agricultural Conservation Easement through the Conservation Easement Program
10. [AB2022-185](#) Resolution amending Resolution 2021-048 for unrepresented Whatcom County employees
11. [AB2022-186](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Letter of Understanding between Whatcom County and General Teamsters' Local Union 231 to amend the Corrections Deputies and Sergeants Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2022
12. [AB2022-187](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs to provide Veteran Service Officer services to indigent veterans and their families, in the amount of \$48,825

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)**

1. [AB2022-178](#) Resolution authorizing Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu to act as the authorized representative on behalf of Whatcom County for Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Farmland Preservation project grant

### **(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

2. [AB2022-153](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$1,393,462

3. [AB2022-180](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center to operate the Eviction Resolution Pilot Program, in the amount of \$74,800
4. [AB2022-152](#) Resolution amending the Flood Control Zone District & Subzones 2022 budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$1,421,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**(From Council Committee of the Whole)**

5. [AB2021-594](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.02 (County Council) to define absence and temporary disability

**(No Committee Assignment)**

6. [AB2022-188](#) Resolution affirming the County Council and County Executive Expectations for Boards and Commissions
7. [AB2022-183](#) Appoint councilmember representative to serve on the Climate Impact Advisory Committee
8. [AB2022-191](#) Request authorization for Karen N. Frakes, Whatcom County Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, to sign the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding Between Washington Municipalities.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2022-146](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Forestry Advisory Committee, Small Forest Landowner position, Applicant: Tracy Petroske
2. [AB2022-179](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Climate Impact Advisory Committee, applicants Ted Clifton and Charles Bailey

**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. [AB2022-175](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Sean Hopps to the Whatcom County Food System Committee
2. [AB2022-176](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Katie Plewa Olvera to the Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence

**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. [AB2022-190](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.21, Board of Equalization
2. [AB2022-162](#) Ordinance Establishing Movement Restrictions on E. Hemmi Road at the Intersection with Hannegan Road
3. [AB2022-163](#) Ordinance Removing a School Speed Zone on Hannegan Road
4. [AB2022-164](#) Ordinance Establishing Parking Control on Eddie Lane within the Plat of Whisper Lake
5. [AB2022-165](#) Ordinance Establishing a Speed Limit within the Plat of Whisper Lake
6. [AB2022-166](#) Ordinance for Installation of a Stop Sign within the Plat of Whisper Lake
7. [AB2022-177](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 1.14, Electoral Precincts, adjusting boundary lines based on decennial census information in the Legislative, Congressional and County Council districts

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES****ADJOURN**