

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED ON THE FOLLOWING 1.5.2023, 1.9.2023, AND 1.10.2023

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2022-083](#) Special Council for December 5, 2022
2. [MIN2022-084](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for December 6, 2022
3. [MIN2022-085](#) Committee of the Whole for December 6, 2022
4. [MIN2023-001](#) Regular County Council for December 6, 2022
5. [MIN2023-006](#) Special Council for December 28, 2022

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. [AB2022-707](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services for administrative, management and support services in the amount of \$180,000
 2. [AB2022-723](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Food Bank to procure, warehouse and distribute food and other essentials to low and very low income families in the amount of \$276,000
 3. [AB2022-724](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc. to operate the County's moderate risk waste facility known as Disposal of Toxics in the amount of \$120,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,320,000
 4. [AB2022-726](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Snohomish County to implement youth cannabis and tobacco prevention activities in the amount of \$31,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$56,000
 5. [AB2022-727](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Island County to implement youth cannabis and tobacco prevention activities in the amount of \$25,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$50,000
 6. [AB2022-728](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District to administer the Firewise fire risk reduction program throughout Whatcom County in the amount of \$80,000
- WITHDRAWN 1.9.2023 (DUPLICATE ITEM - SEE AB2023-039)**
7. [AB2022-729](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and United General District 304 to implement youth cannabis and tobacco prevention activities, in the amount of \$81,650
 8. [AB2022-730](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and San Juan County to implement youth cannabis and tobacco prevention activities in the amount of \$25,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$50,000

9. [AB2022-733](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Department of Ecology for Whatcom Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Operations and Projects, in the amount of \$75,846.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
10. [AB2022-734](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and FLO Analytics to accurately map all Whatcom County solid waste landfills and their associated 1000' buffer zones, in the amount of \$51,655
11. [AB2023-005](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the County to provide probation services to the City
12. [AB2023-006](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine for the County to provide probation services to the City
13. [AB2023-007](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Everson for the County to provide probation services to the City
14. [AB2023-008](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation, to obligate federal Emergency Relief funding in the amount of \$1,840,000
15. [AB2023-012](#) Resolution to approve annual petition for refunds paid list consistent with RCW 84.69.020.
16. [AB2023-013](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden for the County to provide probation services to the City
17. [AB2023-014](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Sumas for the County to provide probation services to the City
18. [AB2023-015](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department for funding for local jurisdictions to prepare for all hazards through the sustainment and enhancement of local emergency management programs in the amount of \$80,956

19. [AB2023-016](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the County to oversee the administration of the Domestic Violence Perpetrator Opportunity for Treatment Funding (DVPOTS)
20. [AB2023-019](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Anchor QEA to prepare a multi-purpose water storage assessment for WRIA 1, in the amount of \$150,000.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
21. [AB2023-024](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Master's Touch LLC to provide printing and mailing of tax statements
22. [AB2023-039](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District in support of the Firewise Wildfire Risk Reduction Program in the amount of \$80,000
23. [AB2023-041](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a collective bargaining agreement between Whatcom County and International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots and Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025
24. [AB2023-042](#) Request authorization for a Letter of Understanding between Whatcom County and the Fraternal Order of Police, Matt Herzog Memorial Lodge #24 to amend the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024
25. [AB2023-043](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Letter of Agreement between Whatcom County and PROTEC17 to amend the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2023
26. [AB2023-044](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Federal Financial Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$18,476.57

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2023-048](#) Discussion and approval of letter regarding Whatcom County's response to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources regarding Phase II of the Carbon Project

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. [AB2022-725](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to operate the Ground Floor Day Use Center in the amount of \$160,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$576,770
3. [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
4. [AB2023-001](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group to provide Housing Assistance to those impacted by the November 2021 Floods, in the amount of \$2,050,000
5. [AB2023-040](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Ecology for site characterization activities at Plantation Rifle Range, in the amount of \$700,000
6. [AB2023-047](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Humane Society for animal control and shelter services in the amount of \$932,218

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2022-640](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on Diking District #1, Applicant Carl Douglas Channel
2. [AB2023-027](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Board of Equalization, Applicant(s): John Bruton
3. [AB2023-028](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Chris Trout, Casey Diggs, Paul Burrill, Pete Dawson, Andrew Gamble, Debbie Ahl, Russell Tewksbury, Sarah Rothenbuhler, Ryan Allsop, Carole "CJ" Seitz, Eva Schulte, Pamela Brady
4. [AB2023-029](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force, Applicant(s): Monika Mahal, Katherine Orłowski, Vann Dartt, Colton Redtfeldt, Rick Tanner, Pamela Jons, Tilda Doughty, Christina Jackson, Anne Granberg
5. [AB2023-030](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Climate Impact Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Derek Gremban, Ray Kamada, Stevan Harrell, Phillip Thompson, John Bosche, Michael Karp, Chris Hoops, Regina Jeffries
6. [AB2023-031](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Julie Hirsch

7. [AB2023-032](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Horticulture Pest and Disease Board, Applicant(s): Troy Kortus, John Grubb
8. [AB2023-033](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Planning Commission, Applicant(s): William Dominic Mocerri
9. [AB2023-034](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Alan Chapman
10. [AB2023-035](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Public Health Advisory Board, Applicant(s): Leah Wainman, Madison Emry, Misty Flowers, Hannah Ordos, Robyn Phillips-Madson, Susan Prosser, Adrienne Renz, Ashley Thomasson, Shu-Ling Zhao
11. [AB2023-036](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Rodd Pemble
12. [AB2023-038](#) Appointment to various vacancies on the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Albert de Boer, Ron Bronsema, Jeff De Jong, Bruce Bosch, John Perry (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
13. [AB2023-050](#) Appointments to various vacancies on the Noxious Weed Control Board, Applicant(s): Alan Yoder and Patricia Lenssen

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2023-055](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Amendment Between Whatcom County, City of Bellingham and Fire Protection District No 7 to pays in accordance with the 2023 portion of the 2023-2028 Levy Plan which includes a 5th Medic Unit in the amount of \$13,837,716
ADDED 1.5.2023
2. [AB2022-732](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between the North Sound Region Participating Local Governments and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization for the creation of the regional Opioid Abatement Council required by the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding
ADDED 1.9.2023
3. [AB2023-062](#) Resolution in support of adjudication funding in the Washington State 2023 - 2024 biennium
ADDED 1.10.2023
4. [AB2023-063](#) Discussion and approval of motion to request the County Executive send a letter of support for Port of Bellingham and Whatcom County Public Utility District (PUD) #1 broadband project, with commitment of \$4 million for the Port and \$350,000 for the PUD
ADDED 1.10.2023

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. [AB2023-002](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 10.34, Ferry Rates, and the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule

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