

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

6 PM

Virtual Meeting

**VIRTUAL MEETING (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS AT
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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2021-088](#) Special Council for November 17, 2021
2. [MIN2021-089](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for November 23, 2021

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. [AB2021-699](#) Report on the WHAT-COMM discussions related to consolidating the Fire/EMS and Police 911 dispatch facilities

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2021-654](#) Resolution approving the Shoreline Management Program Periodic Update 2020
2. [AB2021-733](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Conservation Futures Purposes for 2022

OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)

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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. [AB2021-685](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Catholic Community Services to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$336,678 for a total amended contract amount of \$505,017
2. [AB2021-687](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$377,158 for a total amended contract amount of \$600,839
3. [AB2021-688](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$357,542 for a total amended contract amount of \$565,310
4. [AB2021-690](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and YWCA Bellingham to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$78,565 for a total amended contract amount of \$117,498
5. [AB2021-691](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to provide emergency housing for families in the amount of \$493,074 for a total amended contract amount of \$847,996
6. [AB2021-698](#) Request authorization to amend and extend the Master Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022
7. [AB2021-701](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to operate the Whatcom Homeless Service Center in the amount of \$1,650,248 for a total amended contract amount of \$4,158,271

8. [AB2021-702](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Mount Baker Foothills Chamber and Visitor Center for operations and tourism, in the amount of \$110,000
9. [AB2021-705](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Tune-Up Events, LLC to promote Whatcom County tourism in the amount of \$50,000
10. [AB2021-706](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Traffic Safety Commission for high visibility enforcement patrols, in the amount of \$7,800.00
11. [AB2021-707](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Traffic Safety Commission for high visibility enforcement patrols, in the amount of \$15,000.00.
12. [AB2021-710](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism for operational and tourism related activities in the amount of \$290,000
13. [AB2021-711](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce for operational costs associated with the visitor center in the amount of \$110,000
14. [AB2021-739](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a three-year agreement, using the State of Washington contract, between Whatcom County and Insight Public Sector for the NeoGov Insight online recruitment software, in the amount of \$47,610.25

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2021-743](#) Resolution eliminating the barriers to removing excess gravel from the Nooksack River

SUBSTITUTE DISTRIBUTED

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. [AB2021-616](#) Resolution adopting the Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
3. [AB2021-675](#) Resolution adopting the Whatcom County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
4. [AB2021-671](#) Ordinance Closing Sheriff's Records Management System Project Fund 344

5. [AB2021-673](#) Ordinance Establishing the Northwest Annex Redevelopment Fund and Establishing a Project Based Budget for the Northwest Annex Redevelopment Project
6. [AB2021-679](#) Ordinance amending the 2021 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 18, in the amount of \$7,038,925
7. [AB2021-681](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$1,144,763
8. [AB2021-683](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$527,316 for a total amended contract amount of \$790,974
9. [AB2021-716](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for less-than-lethal equipment, in the amount of \$69,884.00
10. [AB2021-719](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District for PIC Program support, in the amount of \$826,182 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
11. [AB2021-721](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Conservation District for farm planning services and financial assistance, in the amount of \$115,021 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone district Board of Supervisors)
12. [AB2021-724](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for Nooksack River lidar topographic and bathymetric mapping (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
13. [AB2021-725](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to accept Midwest Employer Casualty renewal option 2 for insurance protection for the self-insured workers' compensation program in 2022
14. [AB2021-727](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham operating through the Bellingham Fire Department for administering a paramedic training program in the amount of \$865,478
15. [AB2021-728](#) Ordinance requesting that the Whatcom County Auditor include the question of establishing a Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area to finance a new library facility in Birch Bay on the ballot at the February special election

16. [AB2021-729](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Fire Protection District No. 7 for reimbursement of wages and benefits for 3 paramedic students in an amount of \$375,033
17. [AB2021-730](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue to reimburse the wages and benefits of 1 paramedic student in the amount of \$120,275
18. [AB2021-731](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham working through the Bellingham Fire Department for reimbursement of personnel costs associated with the hiring of up to six department lateral employees in the amount of \$364,116
19. [AB2021-734](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council for providing a 5,000 square foot child care facility located in a qualified census tract in the amount of \$1,000,000
20. [AB2021-735](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council for the development of affordable housing for low-income households in Whatcom County in the amount of \$3,000,000
- SUBSTITUTE DISTRIBUTED**
21. [AB2021-736](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Fire Protection District No. 7 to reimburse the District for training costs associated with lateral hires in the amount of \$121,372
22. [AB2021-737](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a 9-year agreement between Whatcom County and Pictometry International Corporation for three oblique and orthogonal aerial imagery flights of western Whatcom County, in the amount of \$489,600
23. [AB2021-738](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Allison Hunt, M.D. for fulfilling the duties of Whatcom County Medical Examiner in the amount of \$1,838,739
- SUBSTITUTE DISTRIBUTED AND CONTRACT AMOUNT AMENDED TO \$2,463,153**
24. [AB2021-740](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Regional Council for nursing services in the jail in the amended amount of \$85,816.00 for a total contract amount of \$1,500,790.00

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

25. [AB2021-713](#) Resolution in the matter of considering vacating an unnamed alley within the Plat of Lummi Park on Lummi Island

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2021-704](#) Request Council appointment of Eli Wainman to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Justice Project

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. [AB2021-722](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Allison Hunt, M.D. to serve as Whatcom County Medical Examiner

SPECIAL COUNCIL ONLY ITEM

1. [AB2021-678](#) Approval of standing Special County Council meeting dates for 2022
2. [AB2021-745](#) Appointment of members to serve on pro and con statement writing committees for a proposed ballot measure to establish a Birch Bay Library Capital Facility Area

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2021-747](#) Resolution to amend Resolution 2021-046 changing the dates of the CEDS report to 2022-2026

ITEM ADDED 12.6.2021

2. [AB2021-748](#) Request approval for the County Executive to award Bid #21-05 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Andgar Corporation for the 3rd Floor Judges' Chambers HVAC project, in the amount \$112,281.60

ITEM ADDED 12.6.2021

3. [AB2021-749](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Department of Social and Health Services for DSHS to reimburse for Court Commissioner's Service

ITEM ADDED 12.6.2021**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. [AB2021-606](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning, to provide additional affordable housing options, including allowing and regulating tiny homes and allowing duplexes in planned unit developments
2. [AB2021-664](#) Ordinance Establishing a Speed Limit on a Portion of Alderson Road

3. [AB2021-715](#) Ordinance granting Zayo Group, LLC, a franchise for the provision of telecommunications services

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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