



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the project budget for the New Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility, request no. 8

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Requests appropriation of \$5,022,244 to fund continued advancement and pre-construction programming phases of the Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility project for a total project budget of \$15,838,524.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
07/08/2025	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier
07/22/2025	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Nay: 0	Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan
07/22/2025	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Supplemental Request

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 07/08/25

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-039

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE
NEW PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND JUSTICE FACILITY, REQUEST NO. 8**

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2013-003 established the project budget for a new public health, safety and justice facility construction project, and

WHEREAS, voters approved the referendum necessary to fund a new facility proposed in Ordinance 2023-039, and

WHEREAS, funds were spent on site acquisition, permitting, community collaboration, and related consulting contracts, and

WHEREAS, a Design Builder is expected to be under contract this summer; and

WHEREAS, the project requires validation and preconstruction work that involves aligning all stakeholders on project scope, schedule, and budget ahead of detailed design and construction; and

WHEREAS, County contributions to the project budget between 2014-2015 should be separated from Special Purpose and Interlocal Revenues, into the capital reserve fund; and

WHEREAS, funding will be provided for the additional contracted services by the Whatcom County Special Purpose Tax, and the interlocal agreement with the cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, and Sumas, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2013-003 is hereby amended by adding \$5,022,244 of expenditure authority to the current amended project expenditure budget of \$10,816,280, for a total amended project expenditure budget of \$15,838,524, as described in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2025.

ATTEST


Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email/B Waldron/A Tan
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Kaylee Galloway, Chair of the Council

☒ Approved () Denied


Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: July 28, 2025

EXHIBIT A**NEW HEALTH, SAFETY AND JUSTICE FACILITY FUND 3502**

Account	Description	Current Amended Project Budget	Amendment #8 to Ord. 2013-003	Total Amended Project Budget
Expenditures				
6190	Direct Billing Rate	\$700,000	\$200,000	\$900,000
6630	Professional Services	\$3,085,789	\$3,800,000	\$6,885,789
7210	Intergov Professional Services	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
7320	Land	\$6,093,491	\$0	\$6,093,491
8597	Operating Transfer Out	\$927,000	\$1,022,244	\$1,949,244
		\$10,816,280	\$5,022,244	\$15,838,524
Revenues				
4313	Special purpose tax	\$0	\$7,596,000	\$7,596,000
4337	City of Bellingham tax revenue	\$0	\$2,574,000	\$2,574,000
4337	City of Blaine tax revenue	\$0	\$169,000	\$169,000
4337	City of Everson tax revenue	\$0	\$84,000	\$84,000
4337	City of Ferndale tax revenue	\$0	\$438,000	\$438,000
4337	City of Lynden tax revenue	\$0	\$443,000	\$443,000
4337	City of Nooksack tax revenue	\$0	\$42,000	\$42,000
4337	City of Sumas tax revenue	\$0	\$49,000	\$49,000
8397	Operating Transfer In - Gen Fund	\$2,093,491	\$0	\$2,093,491
8397	Op Trf In - Gen Fund (Not Budgeted)	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
8397	Operating Transfer In - Jail Fund	\$2,700,000	\$0	\$2,700,000
8397	Operating Transfer In - REET I	\$2,300,000	\$0	\$2,300,000
		\$10,093,491	\$11,395,000	\$21,488,491