

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL
360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 6.10.2025**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2025-033](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for May 27, 2025

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [MIN2025-034](#) Committee of the Whole for May 27, 2025

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [MIN2025-035](#) Regular County Council for May 27, 2025

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [AB2025-378](#) Resolution approving the sale of easements on Whatcom County property located at 3645 East McLeod Road to Verizon Wireless

APPROVED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2025-019

2. [AB2025-381](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 20.82, Public Utilities, to

increase allowable power line voltage to 230 kilovolts in zones currently limited to 115 kilovolts

SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2025-029

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2025-416](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Northwest ESD 189 to provide substance use prevention services, in the amount of \$121,000

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2025-423](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Cascade Connections to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,661,673

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2025-424](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Kulshan Supported Employment to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,588,773

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

4. [AB2025-426](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington Vocational Services to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$255,333

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

5. [AB2025-427](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Work Opportunities to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,166,120

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

6. [AB2025-429](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cascadia Law Group, PLLC to provide investigation and legal defense of County and District water rights, in the amount of \$300,000 for a total amended amount of \$325,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

THIS ITEM WAS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY BELOW.

7. [AB2025-430](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award construction project Bid # 19088003 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Northwest Brush Busters, LLC for the Subzone Levee Vegetation Maintenance 2025 project, in the amount of \$62,286.97

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

8. [AB2025-431](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc. to provide transportation and disposal of moderate risk waste from the Disposal of Toxics Facility, in an estimated amount of \$350,000

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

9. [AB2025-433](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and DVSAS to operate and maintain three safe shelters in the amount of \$131,052, for a total amended contract amount of \$287,922

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

10. [AB2025-435](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and YWCA Bellingham for housing case management and other operational support services for shelter and permanent supportive housing units in the amount of \$910,503, for a total amended contract amount of \$1,335,515

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

CONSENT AGENDA CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

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AUTHORIZED

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 2 - Byrd, and Elenbaas

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2025-379](#) Resolution amending the 2025 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$445,550 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

APPROVED

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Enactment No: RES 2025-020

2. [AB2025-437](#) Resolution to update position titles for the Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Board

APPROVED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2025-021

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

3. [AB2025-413](#) Resolution requesting information from the Executive and Planning and Development Services regarding the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update

SUBSTITUTE APPROVED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2025-022

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2025-372](#) Appointment to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, position for a citizen representative with no financial ties to other included sectors, Applicant(s): Andrew Paterson

APPOINTED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2025-442](#) Appointment to the Open Space Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Easton Fenberg

TABLED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

Items AB2025-451 and AB2025-453 were added by revision to Introduction below.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. [AB2025-418](#) Ordinance granting Whatcom County Water District #7 a franchise and the right privilege, and authority thereunder to locate, set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate and use facilities in, upon, over, under, along, across and through the franchise area to allow for the provision of water services

INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2025-420](#) Ordinance granting Whatcom County Water District #2 a franchise and the right privilege, and authority thereunder to locate, set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate and use facilities in, upon, over, under, along, across and through the franchise area to allow for the

provision of water services

INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2025-422](#) Ordinance granting Whatcom County Water District #18 a franchise and the right, privilege, and authority thereunder to locate, set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate and use facilities in, upon, over, under, along, across and through the franchise area to allow for the provision of water services

INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

4. [AB2025-434](#) Receipt of application to a vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, for-profit health care position, Applicant(s): Dave Chase (Deadline for additional applications is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2025)

INTRODUCED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

5. [AB2025-440](#) Ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$18,235,908

NOT ACTED UPON

6. [AB2025-451](#) Ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 7, in the amount of \$1,500,000

INTRODUCED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

7. [AB2025-453](#) Ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of 16,735,908.

INTRODUCED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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