

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
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Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The County is accepting applications from county residents to fill vacancies on several boards, commissions, and committees spanning a wide range of important local issues. For more information, visit the Boards and Commissions vacancy webpage on the County website or call the Council Office or County Executive's Office.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-070](#) Committee of the Whole for October 24, 2023
2. [MIN2023-071](#) Regular County Council for October 24, 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. [AB2023-693](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund, Request No. 2
2. [AB2023-697](#) Ordinance amending the project-based budget for the Jackson Road / Terrell Creek Bridge No. 81 Replacement Fund, request no. 1
3. [AB2023-708](#) Ordinance Authorizing an Interfund Loan for the Purchase of Real Property
4. [AB2023-714](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Conservation Futures Purposes for 2024

5. [AB2023-715](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County Road Purposes for 2024
6. [AB2023-716](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical Purposes for 2024
7. [AB2023-717](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County and State Purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the Year of 2024
8. [AB2023-718](#) Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2024
9. [AB2023-721](#) Resolution adopting the 2024 budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Subzones (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
10. [AB2023-723](#) Ordinance establishing a Whatcom County Climate Action Fund and establishing an initial budget for the Climate Action Fund
11. [AB2023-724](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$16,303,061
12. [AB2023-725](#) Ordinance closing the Triage Center Expansion Fund 374
13. [AB2023-726](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Integrated Land Records and Permit Management System Fund, request no. 2.
14. [AB2023-728](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 15, in the amount of 1,295,786
15. [AB2023-729](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$54,123,315

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2023-654](#) Resolution authorizing the sale of personal property, pursuant to Whatcom County Code (WCC) 1.10 (capital equipment surplus)

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. [AB2023-678](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to increase the subscriber fees by \$1,260 for use of the City radio system, for a total amended annual contract amount of \$6,300
2. [AB2023-695](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for funding to support ongoing maintenance and operations at the County's crisis stabilization center, in the amount of \$65,000
3. [AB2023-698](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cando Recycling and Disposal to provide solid waste collection services in Point Roberts in the amount of \$475,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$950,000
4. [AB2023-703](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Dr. Tyson Hawkins for Jail Administrative Physician Services in the amount of \$13,940.00 for a total amended amount of \$70,700.00

5. [AB2023-706](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with Shea, Carr & Jewell, Inc., dba SCJ Alliance, to perform certain tasks associated with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, urban growth area, and development regulations update in the amount of \$1,143,010
6. [AB2023-710](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Associated Earth Sciences, Inc. to complete the final two years of a three-year investigation to quantify the timing and magnitude of groundwater pumping on streamflow depletion, in the amount of \$364,486 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
7. [AB2023-712](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to provide funding for the Alternative Response Team (ART) Program in the amount of \$1,174,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$3,387,000
8. [AB2023-713](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Astound Business Solutions, LLC (formerly Wave Business Solutions, LLC) for a five year lease for fiber optic connectivity from the Courthouse to seven county buildings, in the amount of \$283,297.20
9. [AB2023-730](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Security Solutions to provide for the 2023 annual testing of the fire and life safety systems at various Whatcom County buildings in the amount of \$37,688.45 for a total amended contract amount of \$79,033.25
10. [AB2023-733](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham to compensate for Paramedic training program costs, in the amount of \$782,304.00
11. [AB2023-734](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Fire Protection District #7 to compensate for Paramedic training program costs, in the amount of \$318,892.00

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2023-690](#) Appointment of one councilmember to serve as liaison for the Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) Project

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2023-679](#) Appointments to fill vacancies on the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee - Applicants: Janice Catrell, Pamela Gould, David Hamiter, Diane Harper, Janice Holmes, Carol Landt, Fabian Mendoza, Thomas Philpot, Catherine Shornick, Merritt Scott, and Tess Winds-Johnsons

2. [AB2023-686](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Forest Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Herbert Barker, Richard Donahue, Tracy, Petroske, Tom Smith, Paul Stuart

**CONFIRMATION OF 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. [AB2023-707](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Chantel Welch to the Agricultural Advisory Committee

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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