



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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| Assigned to: | Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee | | | Final Action: | 02/24/2026 |
| Agenda Date: | 02/24/2026 | | | Enactment #: | ORD 2026-010 |
| Related Files: | | | | | |

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$1,804,963

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Supplemental #4 requests funding from the General Fund:

1. To appropriate \$140,182 in Sheriff to fund Rapid DNA machine using grant funds.
2. To appropriate \$9,600 in Sheriff to fund officer wellness program using grant funds.
3. To appropriate \$160,875 in Sheriff to fund Operation Stonegarden using grant funds.

From the Conservation Futures Fund:

4. To appropriate \$314,000 in Planning & Development Services to cover completion of agricultural and forestry conservation easement on Jacoy property using partial grant funding.

From the Road Fund:

5. To appropriate \$4,050 in Public Works to fund moving the ferry spring lines as part of dolphin preservation; companion to supplemental #5341.
6. To appropriate \$2,711 in Public Works to fund ferry insurance increase; companion to supplemental #5343.

From the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Fund:

7. To appropriate \$540,000 in Public Works to fund Austin Court stormwater improvements; companion to supplemental #5335.
8. To appropriate \$335,000 in Public Works to fund Strawberry Point stormwater improvements; companion to supplemental #5359.

From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund:

9. To appropriate \$11,000 in Non-Departmental to fund permitting, inspections, and engineering for a roof replacement at Maple Falls Park.

From the Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund:

10. To appropriate \$55,620 in AS-Facilities to fund completion of tenant improvements in Prosecuting Attorney's office.

11. To appropriate \$16,900 in AS-Facilities to fund completion of remodel in Assessor's office.

12. To appropriate \$200,000 in Non-Departmental to fund repairs to Ferndale Senior Activity Center; companion to supplemental #5354.

From the Ferry System Fund:

13. To appropriate \$9,000 in Public Works to fund moving the ferry spring lines as part of dolphin preservation; companion to #5342.

14. To appropriate \$6,025 in Public Works to fund ferry insurance increase; companion to supplemental #5344.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

| Date: | Acting Body: | Action: | Sent To: |
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| 02/10/2026 | Council | INTRODUCED | Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee |
| | | Aye: 7 Nay: 0 | Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremier |
| 02/24/2026 | Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee | SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION | |
| | | Aye: 7 Nay: 0 | Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremier |
| 02/24/2026 | Council | SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED | |
| | | Aye: 7 Nay: 0 | Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremier |

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Summary Listing, Summary by Fund, Supplemental Requests, Substitute Summary by Fund, Notice of Action Proposed on 2.10.2026, Substitute Ordinance for 2.24.2026, Substitute Summary Listing for 2.24.2026, Substitute Summary by Fund for 2.24.2026, Substitute Supplemental Requests for 2.24.2026, Budget certification

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 2/10/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-010
AMENDMENT NO. 4 OF THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 budget was adopted November 19, 2024; and
WHEREAS, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 2025-2026 budget;
and

WHEREAS, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the
Whatcom County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 2025-2026
Whatcom County Budget Ordinance #2024-057 is hereby amended by adding the following additional
amounts to the 2026 budget included therein:

| Fund | Expenditures | Revenues | Net Effect |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| General Fund 1000 | 310,657 | (310,657) | - |
| Road Fund 1900 | 2,711 | - | 2,711 |
| Ferry System Fund 4900 | 6,025 | (2,711) | 3,314 |
| Total Supplemental | 319,393 | (313,368) | 6,025 |

ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:


Cathy Haika
Cathy Haika, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway
Kaylee Galloway, Chair of Council

Approved () Denied

Satpal Sidhu
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 2/26/2026