

# **Whatcom County Council (Special)**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Action Summary**

**Tuesday, December 2, 2025**

**1 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE  
REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil), OR  
CALL 360.778.5010)**

### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

**Call To Order****Roll Call**

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

**Announcements****Public Hearings****COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING ON FCZD BUDGET ITEMS**

1. [AB2025-711](#) Resolution adopting 2026 budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Subzones (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED (file not final)**

Enactment No: RES 2025-042

2. [AB2025-709](#) Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2026 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

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3. [AB2025-784](#) Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2026 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

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Enactment No: RES 2025-043

**SEPARATE CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

1. [AB2025-711](#) Resolution adopting 2026 budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Subzones (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Byrd, and Stremler

**Temp Absent:** 1 - Elenbaas

Enactment No: RES 2025-042

2. [AB2025-709](#) Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2026 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of

Supervisors)

**FAILED**

**Aye:** 3 - Buchanan, Galloway, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Stremler

**Temp Absent:** 1 - Elenbaas

**This is the one percent option.**

3. [AB2025-784](#) Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2026 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**APPROVED**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Temp Absent:** 1 - Elenbaas

Enactment No: RES 2025-043

**This is the zero percent option.**

**COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING ON COUNTY BUDGET ITEMS**

4. [AB2025-707](#) Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$20,970,606

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED (file not final)**

Enactment No: ORD 2025-055

5. [AB2025-719](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures purposes for 2026

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED (file not final)**

Enactment No: ORD 2025-056

6. [AB2025-721](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County Road purposes for 2026

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED (file not final)**

Enactment No: ORD 2025-057

7. [AB2025-783](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County Road purposes for 2026

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED (file not final)**

8. [AB2025-723](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for countywide emergency medical purposes for 2026

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED (file not final)**

Enactment No: ORD 2025-058

9. [AB2025-725](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County and State purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the year of 2026

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED (file not final)**

Enactment No: ORD 2025-059

10. [AB2025-788](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County and State purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the year of 2026

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED (file not final)**

#### SEPARATE CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

4. [AB2025-707](#) Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$20,970,606

**SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Stremler

Enactment No: ORD 2025-055

Adopted "Substitute Ordinance 12.2.2025"

5. [AB2025-719](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures purposes for 2026

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Stremler

Enactment No: ORD 2025-056

6. [AB2025-721](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County Road purposes for 2026

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 1 - Donovan

Enactment No: ORD 2025-057

**This is the one percent option.**

7. [AB2025-783](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County Road purposes for 2026

**NOT ACTED UPON**

**This is the zero percent option.**

8. [AB2025-723](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for countywide emergency medical purposes for 2026

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Byrd, and Stremmler

Enactment No: ORD 2025-058

9. [AB2025-725](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County and State purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the year of 2026

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Stremmler

Enactment No: ORD 2025-059

**This is the one percent option.**

10. [AB2025-788](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County and State purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the year of 2026

**NOT ACTED UPON****This is the zero percent option.****Items Added by Revision****Other Business****Adjournment**