

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole**

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

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023  
2:40 PM  
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M.; MAY BEGIN EARLY  
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT  
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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## Call To Order

### Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

### Announcements

### Committee Discussion

1. [AB2023-304](#) Justice Project workshop

#### **DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED**

Motion approved to approve the language in Section 5 (1) (b) so that it reads Provides adequate funding to accomplish the projects as established in the Justice Project Implementation Plan SUCH AS construction of a new jail and behavioral health facilities and maximizes utilization of the remainder of sales and use tax proceeds for investment in behavioral health, re-entry, supportive housing, and diversion facilities and services.

Motion approved to approve the amendments in Section 5 (2)

Motion approved to approve the amendments in Section 5 (3) with an amendment to have a report every five years instead of two

Motion approved to approve amendments in Section 5 (6)

Motion approved to amend Section 7 (2) so that it would read:

No less than every five years, the Whatcom County Executive shall coordinate with the IPRTF/LJC and Finance and Operations Advisory Board to update the Justice Project Implementation Plan based on an analysis of data collected, measurements for outcomes and efficacy of the current Plan, and in alignment with a population health report such as the Community Health Assessment. as well as cost estimates, timelines, and gaps in resources needed to reach community health targets. The IPRTF/LJC shall transmit the Implementation Plan to the Whatcom County Council for approval.

Motion approved to add new Section 8 (3) which reads:

Whatcom County shall contract with an independent third-party entity to conduct an evaluation of the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Sales and Use Tax, and the process and progress of the Implementation Plan, including an analysis of data collected, measurements for outcomes and efficacy, and alignment with a population health report such as the Community Health Assessment.

Motion approved to amend 8 (3) for the audit to begin 10 years after approval of the levy

Motion approved to amend the ordinance on page 4 to replace the last whereas statement so it reads: "WHEREAS, on June 12, 2023, the IPRTF, acting as the Law and Justice Council, endorsed the Justice Project Implementation Plan as ultimately approved by the County Executive and County Council; and"

2. [AB2023-332](#) Discussion relating to the draft scope of work for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and development regulations update

**DISCUSSED**

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**