



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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### **TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$6,227,211

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

Supplemental #4 requests funding from the General Fund:

1. To appropriate \$156,866 in Non-Departmental to fund continuation of Justice Assistance Grant agreement program.
2. To appropriate \$ 440,000 in Sheriff to fund Rapid DNA machine from grant proceeds; reappropriation of 2024 request #4794.
3. To appropriate \$44,000 in Non-Departmental to fund companion for Enterprise GIS upgrade; reappropriation of 2024 request #4563.
4. To decrease appropriation of \$180,000 in Non-Departmental to fund companion for Courtroom AV upgrade; companion to #4941 (project budget).
5. To appropriate \$15,000 in Health to fund playground surface impact attenuation testing equipment from Foundational Public Health Services grant proceeds.

From the Election Reserve Fund:

6. To appropriate \$66,772 in Auditor to fund local election security improvements from grant proceeds.

From the Community Priorities Fund:

7. To appropriate \$4,230,000 in Executive to fund capital investment in childcare.

From the Emergency Management Fund:

8. To appropriate \$24,000 in Sheriff to fund replacement of the heaters at the Whatcom Unified Emergency Coordination Center; companion to #4937.

From the Drug Fund:

9. To appropriate \$350,000 in Prosecuting Attorney to fund purchase of a ballistic armored vehicle for safe transportation of Sheriff staff.
10. To appropriate \$55,000 in Sheriff to fund purchase of a vehicle for the Whatcom Gang & Drug Task Force.

From the Parks Special Revenue Fund:

11. To appropriate \$12,063 in Parks to fund consideration of additional 754 acres to the forest management plan, from interagency funding agreement.
12. To appropriate \$300,000 in Parks to fund companion to LM2000 Forest Road Repairs; companion to #4935 (project budget).

From the Road Fund:

13. To appropriate \$8,235 in Public Works to fund companions for Gooseberry Point Repairs, Ferry Lawsuit Printing, and Ferry Hydraulic Oil; companion to #4943 (project budget), #4944, #4945 and #4946.
14. To appropriate \$21,600 in Public Works to fund companion to Enterprise GIS Upgrade; companion to #4942.

From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund:

15. To appropriate \$200,000 in Non-Departmental to fund companion to LM2000 Forest Road Repairs; companion to #4935 (project budget).

From the Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund:

16. To appropriate \$373,375 in Parks & Recreation to fund completion of HVAC system at Plantation Rifle Range.

From the Public Utilities Improvement Fund:

17. To appropriate \$12,000 in Non-Departmental to fund companion for replacement of the heaters at the Whatcom Unified Emergency Coordination Center; companion to #4928.

From the Ferry System Fund:

18. To appropriate \$8,000 in Public Works to fund repair and modification of queuing lanes and zipper merge area at Gooseberry Point ferry staging area.
19. To appropriate \$3,800 in Public Works to fund new punchcards and purser paperwork, as a result of legal action against Whatcom County.
20. To appropriate \$6,500 in Public Works to fund hydraulic fluid for both ferry terminals.

From the Administrative Services Fund:

21. To reappropriate \$80,000 of unused funding in AS-Information Technology from 2024 to 2025 for professional services for the Enterprise GIS software upgrade.

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## **HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
04/15/2025	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier Nay: 0	
04/29/2025	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan Nay: 0	
04/29/2025	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 6 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, and Scanlon Nay: 1 Stremier	

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**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance, Summary Listing, Summary by Fund, Supplemental Requests, Notice of Action Proposed on 4.15.2025

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCTION DATE: 04/15/2025

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-025**  
**AMENDMENT NO.4 OF THE 2025 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 2025 budget included therein:

Fund	Expenditures	Revenues	Net Effect
<b>General Fund 1000</b>			
Non-Departmental	20,866	(36,866)	(16,000)
Sheriff	440,000	(440,000)	-
Health	15,000	(15,000)	-
<b>Total General Fund 1000</b>	<b>475,866</b>	<b>(491,866)</b>	<b>(16,000)</b>
<b>Election Reserve Fund 1150</b>	<b>66,772</b>	<b>(66,772)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Community Priorities Fund 1247</b>	<b>4,230,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,230,000</b>
<b>Emergency Management Fund 1351</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>(24,000)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Drug Fund 1651</b>			
Prosecuting Attorney	350,000	-	350,000
Sheriff	55,000	-	55,000
<b>Total Drug Fund 1651</b>	<b>405,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>405,000</b>
<b>Parks Special Revenue Fund 1800</b>	<b>312,063</b>	<b>(12,063)</b>	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Road Fund 1900</b>	<b>29,835</b>	<b>(937,811)</b>	<b>(907,976)</b>
<b>Real Estate Excise Tax II 3240</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Real Estate Excise Tax I 3421</b>	<b>373,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>373,375</b>
<b>Public Utilities Improvement Fund 3242</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Ferry System Fund 4900</b>	<b>18,300</b>	<b>(8,235)</b>	<b>10,065</b>
<b>Administrative Services Fund 5500</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>(80,000)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Supplemental</b>	<b>6,227,211</b>	<b>(1,620,747)</b>	<b>4,606,464</b>

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT** the Whatcom County Council that Exhibit B – Capital  
Appropriations in the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance should also be amended to provide for the  
changes outlined in the attached exhibit A.

**ADOPTED** this 29th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email C Quinn/A Tan  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway, Chair of Council

☒ Approved ( ) Denied

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: May 2, 2025

Exhibit B  
Capital  
Appropriations 2025-  
2024 Budget

Dept/Div	Fund	Description of Assets to be Purchased	Year	Cost	Assets Being Replaced	Year	Replaced Equip #
<b>Drug Fund</b>							
Sheriff	1651	Purchased Vehicle - Drug Task Force	2025	\$ 55,000	*SBR-4954		New
Total Added				<u>\$ 55,000</u>			

\*Vehicle currently use by Drug Task Force was a leased asset and not part of our capital fleet.  
This will add a new vehicle to the fleet via capital expense while simultaneously removing the lease from our operating expenses.