

Whatcom County Council (Special)

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

8:45 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:10 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,
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OR CALL 360.778.5010)**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Elizabeth Boyle
Barry Buchanan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jessica Rienstra
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order**Roll Call**

Present: 7 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements**Committee Discussion and Action**

1. [AB2026-340](#) Resolution establishing a preliminary planning budget cap, affirming governing commitments, and providing recommendations to the administration from the Whatcom County Council on the capital construction of the Whatcom County Jail and Behavioral Care Center

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

MOTION 1:

Motion approved to amend the Substitute Resolution 5.5.2026 by making changes to the bullet points on page 5 so that they read as follows:

- Request the IPRTF/Law and Justice Council (LJC) to develop additional recommendations to fund the Justice Project Implementation Plan services, projects, and programs enumerated in ILA Part II, Section 3(e), including but not limited to the use of proceeds from any future sale of the LaBounty Road property, if such option is feasible, as well as grants, reimbursements, and excess revenue above conservative baselines; and
- Request the Executive to coordinate state budget lobbying efforts and federal appropriations lobbying efforts between the cities and the County to supplement local funding available for the services, projects, and programs in the Justice Project Implementation Plan, as permitted by law; and

MOTION 2:

Motion approved to strike the bullet point (on page 4 of Substitute Resolution 5.5.2026) that begins "If the 50% floor cannot be met..."

MOTION 3:

Motion approved to hold the resolution until the next (Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee) meeting on May 12.

Items Added by Revision**Other Business****Adjournment**