



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. 10, in the amount of \$1,820,416

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Supplemental #10 requests funding from the General Fund:

To appropriate \$2,000 in Health to fund improvements to the FDA food safety program using grant funds.

To record \$16,234 in Sheriff for the USDA forest service deputy program.

To appropriate \$112,700 in Sheriff to fund the deputy wellness program using grant funds.

To appropriate \$19,952 in Prosecuting Attorney to fund the paperless records program using grant funds.

To appropriate \$62,961 in Prosecuting Attorney to fund child support enforcement cases from Skagit and San Juan Counties using grant funds.

To appropriate \$500,000 in Superior Court Clerk to fund conflict assignments and overflow cases for indigent defense.

To appropriate \$43,747 in Non-Departmental to fund 911 equipment purchases using grant funds.

To appropriate \$130,000 in Non-Departmental to fund housing services using grant funds.

To appropriate \$74,045 in Non-Departmental to fund 911 communications and operations using grant funds.

To appropriate \$10,000 in Non-Departmental to fund What-Comm dispatch fees for Sheriff

calls.

From the Election Reserve Fund:

To appropriate \$15,590 in Auditor to fund improvements in the election center using grant funds.

From the Countywide EMS Tax Fund:

To appropriate \$178,000 in Non-Departmental to fund What-Comm dispatch fees for EMS calls.

To appropriate \$32,000 in Non-Departmental to fund retirement payout.

From the Conservation Futures Fund:

To appropriate \$200,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Stewart Mountain Phase II acquisition.

From the Community Priorities Fund:

To appropriate \$148,000 in Executive to fund an administrative change for four food insecurity contracts.

From the Climate Action Fund:

To appropriate \$250,000 in Public Works to fund State required climate planning activities using grant funds.

From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund:

To appropriate \$31,500 in Parks to fund accessibility improvements between Van Zandt Community Hall and a WTA bus stop using grant funds.

From the Administrative Services Fund:

To appropriate \$9,921 in Administrative Services - Facilities to fund security upgrades in District and Superior Court using grant funds.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/09/2025	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier
09/23/2025	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Nay: 0	Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan
09/23/2025	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 5 Nay: 2	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon Elenbaas, and Stremier

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Summary Listing, Summary by Fund, Supplemental Requests, Notice of Action Proposed on September 9 2025

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 09/09/2025

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-047
AMENDMENT NO.10 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
General Fund 1000	955,405	(480,678)	474,727
Election Reserve Fund 1150	15,590	(15,590)	-
Countywide EMS Tax Fund 1240	210,000	-	210,000
Conservation Futures Fund 1246	200,000	-	200,000
Community Priorities Fund 1247	148,000	-	148,000
Climate Action Fund 1915	250,000	(283,000)	(33,000)
Real Estate Excise Tax II (REET II) Fund 3420	31,500	(31,500)	-
Administrative Services Fund 5500	9,921	(9,921)	-
Total Supplemental	1,820,416	(820,689)	999,727

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Exhibit C – Position Control
Changes in the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance should also be amended to provide for the following
FTE changes in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office:

- Add 1 FTE – Prosecuting Attorney, Domestic Relations Coordinator

ADOPTED this 23rd day of September, 2025.

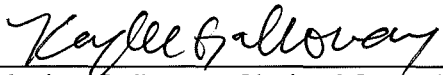
ATTEST


Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

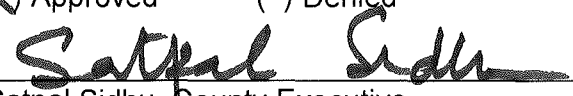
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email B Waldron/A Tan
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Kaylee Galloway, Chair of Council

☒ Approved () Denied


Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 9/26/25