

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024
2:05 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M.; MAY BEGIN EARLY
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COUNCILMEMBERS

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

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, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements**Special Presentation**

1. [AB2024-249](#) Presentation on Whatcom Racial Equity Commission (WREC) Appointment Process

PRESENTED

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2024-241](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending WCC 10.34 Ferry Rates

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved 7-0 to recommend introduction of the amended version tonight.

Executive Appointment

1. [AB2024-236](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Kayla Schott-Bresler as Deputy Executive effective April 10, 2024

FORWARDED TO COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDED MOTION(S)

Motion approved 7-0 to recommend approval of the Executive's appointment of Schott-Bresler as Deputy Executive

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2024-090](#) Resolution identifying Whatcom County approaches to the fentanyl emergency

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S)

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Motion approved 6-1 (with Stremler opposed) to amend to add a whereas statement after the 7th statement on page one of the Resolution that reads:

Whereas, involuntary displacement of people experiencing homelessness is estimated to worsen overdose and hospitalizations, decrease initiations of medications for opioid use disorder, and contribute to deaths among people experiencing homelessness.

Motion approved to amend the resolution to add a whereas statement after the one above that reads:

Whereas, the housing crisis in Whatcom County limits access and availability to safe, secure, supportive, and affordable housing which is essential for stability, recovery, sobriety, and preventing drug use and overdose.

2. [AB2024-253](#) Resolution in support of expanding access to affordable and reliable internet for all residents of Whatcom County

NOT ACTED UPON

This item was not discussed.

3. [AB2024-254](#) Resolution repealing Resolution 2023-054 (a resolution establishing an independent review of countywide fire and emergency medical services structures)

MOTION TO RECOMMEND FAILED

Aye: 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremmler

Nay: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

4. [AB2024-252](#) Resolution supporting modernization of the Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board

NOT ACTED UPON

This item was not discussed.

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment