

# **Whatcom County Council**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

**6 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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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.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council is currently holding meetings in hybrid format with options for in-person or remote viewing and participation. For instructions on remote participation, visit [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil) and register by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link. Individuals who require special assistance to participate in the Council's meetings are asked to contact the Council Office at 360.778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance.

Per RCW 42.17A.555 the use of public facilities to support or oppose candidates or ballot issues is prohibited. Members of the public and the legislative body are not allowed to speak in support of, or in opposition to, a ballot measure or individual candidacy during an open public meeting. Please refrain from raising campaign issues when addressing the Council.

The County is accepting applications from county residents to fill vacancies on several boards, commissions, and committees spanning a wide range of important local issues. For more information, visit the Boards and Commissions vacancy webpage on the County website or call the Council Office or County Executive's Office.

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

#### MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2024-022](#) Special Council PM for April 30, 2024
2. [MIN2024-023](#) Special Council AM for April 30, 2024
3. [MIN2024-024](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for May 7, 2024
4. [MIN2024-025](#) Committee of the Whole for May 7, 2024
5. [MIN2024-026](#) Regular County Council for May 7, 2024

## **OPEN SESSION**

Participants requesting to speak during open session may attend in person. To speak remotely, please visit [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil) and register by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link.

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up. Speakers participating on-site in the Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those who have registered to speak remotely.

Per RCW 42.36.060 Councilmembers are prohibited from engaging in ex parte communications in matters where the Council determines the legal rights, duties, or privileges of specific parties in a hearing or other contested case proceeding. Quasi-judicial actions do not include the legislative actions adopting, amending, or revising comprehensive, community, or neighborhood plans or other land use planning documents or the adoption of area-wide zoning ordinances or the adoption of a zoning amendment that is of area-wide significance.

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-315](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service for overtime patrols, in the amount of \$21,900
2. [AB2024-316](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Northwest Clean Air Agency for reimbursement of materials and distribution of DIY air cleaner kits, in an amount up to \$3,000
3. [AB2024-317](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Imagine Institute to assist new home-based childcare providers through the start-up process in order to expand availability of childcare in Whatcom County, in the amount of \$478,910

4. [AB2024-318](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to provide funding for the delivery of various public health programs in the amount of \$416,456 for a total amended agreement amount of \$14,310,097
5. [AB2024-319](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden to further advance their Mouw Ditch project to address drainage and flooding issues in the Bertrand Creek subbasin, in the amount of \$32,000 for a total amended agreement amount of \$96,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
6. [AB2024-322](#) Request approval for the County Executive to award Bid #24-46 for the purchase of 30 rifles, associated equipment, and accessories from Proforce Law Enforcement, located in Prescott, Arizona, in an amount not to exceed \$60,576.42
7. [AB2024-323](#) Request approval for the County Executive to award Bid #24-47 for the purchase of a 360-degree laser scanning system, associated equipment, and accessories from Leica Geosystems, Inc., located in Alpharetta, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed \$154,128.53
8. [AB2024-324](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of vehicle upfit equipment, using the Washington State Contract #02020, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 in 2024. The state contract is awarded to JR Setina Manufacturing Co., located in Olympia
9. [AB2024-327](#) Resolution amending Resolution 2023-048 for Unrepresented County employees
10. [AB2024-330](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization to provide funds to support substance use disorder assessments in jail, re-entry services and recovery and mental health courts, in the amount of \$101,896 for a total amended contract amount of \$625,684.10
11. [AB2024-334](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment to increase the compensation for Boundary Review Board services in the amount of \$5,000 for a total amended amount of \$20,000
12. [AB2024-339](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease amendment between Whatcom County and Lengoset, LLC to extend the term of the lease through December 31, 2024 for the purposes of a temporary morgue location in the amount of \$250 per autopsy

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

1. [AB2024-303](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Lake Whatcom Park Trail Development Fund, request no. 3
2. [AB2024-302](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 7, in the amount of 1,605,662

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2024-328](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Wildlife Advisory Committee, Applicant: Emily Wirtz

**ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION****INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

**Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.**

1. [AB2024-314](#) Ordinance establishing Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.180 Naming County-Owned Public Buildings, Properties, Parks, and Facilities
2. [AB2024-333](#) Ordinance closing the Vactor Truck Storage Building Fund 379
3. [AB2024-335](#) Ordinance closing the South Fork Park Improvement Fund 363
4. [AB2024-337](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 3.08.060, Bids and Proposals Required
5. [AB2024-325](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, citizen representative with no financial ties to the other sectors, Applicant(s): Jerry Burns

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES****ADJOURN**