

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, VIEW ONLINE, OR REGISTER TO SPEAK REMOTELY - PLEASE SEE AGENDA NOTES UNDER "ANNOUNCEMENTS", "OPEN SESSION", OR "PUBLIC HEARINGS" FOR MORE INFORMATION); AGENDA REVISED 4.19 & 4.23.2024

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
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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 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. [MIN2024-017](#) Committee of the Whole for April 9, 2024
2. [MIN2024-018](#) Regular County Council for April 9, 2024

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Participants requesting to speak during public hearings may attend in person. To speak remotely, please visit www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil and register by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link.

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.

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1. [AB2024-238](#) Ordinance Amending WCC 10.34 Ferry Rates
2. [AB2024-157](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 12.24, Franchise Requirements, to update procedures for processing applications

OPEN SESSION

Participants requesting to speak during open session may attend in person. To speak remotely, please visit 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. [AB2024-219](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Makers Architecture and Urban Design to implement a Fleet Electrification Study, in the amount of \$80,000.00
2. [AB2024-258](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lynden Tribune and Print Co. to provide print and mail services in the amount of \$30,623.32 for a total amended contract amount of \$90,623.32

3. [AB2024-260](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. to perform certain tasks associated with developing the 2025 Comprehensive Plan's new Climate Change and Resiliency element in the amount of \$180,295
4. [AB2024-265](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Fire Protection District No. 7 for EMS Captain start up costs, in the amount of \$39,900.00
5. [AB2024-267](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and ScoCon LLC for the 4th Floor District Court - Courtroom 1 remodel, in the amount of \$227,265.00
6. [AB2024-270](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Regional Council for Inmate Care Coordinator Services in the amount of \$125,000.00 for a total amended amount of \$8,482,536.17
7. [AB2024-271](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Triangle Associates, Inc. to support the Forest Resilience Task Force for a total amount of \$74,927.50
8. [AB2024-255](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement for Coordinator wages and benefits related to Family and Juvenile Court Improvement Program (FJCIP) in the amount of \$108,000
9. [AB2024-266](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of radios and related installation parts, using the Washington State Contract #00318, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 in 2024

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-217](#) Ordinance establishing the project budget for the Austin Court Stormwater Improvements Fund, request no. 1
2. [AB2024-229](#) Ordinance closing the Birch Bay Drive and Pedestrian Facility Fund and Project Based Budget
3. [AB2024-235](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the new Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility, request no. 6
4. [AB2024-237](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Way Station Project Fund, request no. 3

5. [AB2024-239](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request No. 6 in the amount of \$8,600,501
6. [AB2024-118](#) Resolution to declare Whatcom County owned structure located in Hovander Park as worthless

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

7. [AB2024-220](#) Ordinance amending WCC 2.106 to change reporting due date for the Child & Family Well-Being Task Force

(From Council Planning and Development Committee)

8. [AB2024-233](#) Resolution approving revised Business Rules of the Whatcom County Hearing Examiner
9. [AB2024-262](#) Discussion of and request for motion on recommendation for 2023 Open Space Current Use Assessment applications under Whatcom County's property tax exemption program

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

10. [AB2024-275](#) Discussion and approval of request for Council to send a letter in support of Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Washington's application to the U.S. Department of Labor's National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP)

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2024-256](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Board of Equalization, at-large alternate - Applicant(s): John Young, Micah Anderson, Bruce Thames

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.070(B), the council must confirm or reject executive appointments within 30 days of submission to the council. County code deems the appointee confirmed if council does not take action within this time.

1. [AB2024-264](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments of Isaiah Del Giorgio and Eliza Steele to the Agricultural Advisory Committee

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2024-166](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 8.10, Solid Waste and Residential Recycling Collection

ADDED 4.19.2024

2. [AB2024-286](#) Resolution approving recommendations on applications for open space current use assessment

ADDED 4.23.2024

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. [AB2024-263](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.85, Developmental Disabilities Department
2. [AB2024-259](#) Review final project performance on the CARES Act CDBG Coronavirus (CV) grant, funding activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus in Whatcom County

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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