

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
311 Grand Avenue, Ste #105
Bellingham, WA 98225-4038
(360) 778-5010**



Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024
6 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL
360.778.5010)**

AGENDA REVISED 6.18.2024 (SEE AGENDA REVISION NOTICE)

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 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

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.

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.

1. [AB2024-344](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Whatcom County Facilities 2023-2028

2. [AB2024-350](#) Resolution adopting changes to WCC 100.07 Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management district funding mechanism, by revising the rate structure, service charge adjustments and exemptions (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
3. [AB2024-367](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance 2023-039 regarding the membership and formation of the Justice Project Finance Advisory Board

ITEM REMOVED 6.18.2024

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.

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.

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. [AB2024-375](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections to provide commercial waste reduction and recycling technical assistance and education, in the amount of \$95,000

2. [AB2024-377](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and US Department of Justice Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) for reimbursement of overtime, in the amount of \$5,000
3. [AB2024-381](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to temporarily relocate Dorothy Place tenants during facility renovations, in the amount of \$80,000
4. [AB2024-382](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to expand, administer and manage the Whatcom Resource Information Collaborative website, in the amount of \$65,000
5. [AB2024-384](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to fund homelessness crisis response systems in the amount of \$5,016,231 for a total amended agreement amount of \$17,361,346
6. [AB2024-385](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to administer rental assistance for people with co-occurring disorders in the amount of \$74,457.60 for a total amended contract amount of \$173,715.20
7. [AB2024-386](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue for the transfer of property related to the purchase of the Power Load gurney lift and restraint system for the Agency, in the amount of \$49,092.00
8. [AB2024-387](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire District No. 14 to transfer property related to the purchase of the Power Load gurney lift and restraint system for the Agency, in the amount of \$73,638.00
9. [AB2024-388](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections to provide funding for jail substance use disorder assessments and post-assessment treatment coordination in the amount of \$181,977 for a total amended contract amount of \$320,619
10. [AB2024-389](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire District No.5 to transfer property related to the purchase of the Power Load gurney lift and restraint system for the Agency, in the amount of \$24,546.00

11. [AB2024-390](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire District No.16 to transfer property related to the purchase of the Power Load gurney lift and restraint system for the Agency, in the amount of \$24,546.00
12. [AB2024-391](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Lynden Fire Department to transfer property related to the purchase of the Power Load gurney lift and restraint system for the Agency, in the amount of \$24,546.00
13. [AB2024-392](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and South Whatcom Fire Authority to transfer property related to the purchase of the Power Load gurney lift and restraint system for the Agency, in the amount of \$24,546.00
14. [AB2024-393](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to provide motel rooms for families with children who would otherwise experience unsheltered homelessness in the amount of \$330,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$2,376,275
15. [AB2024-394](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #24-48 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Western Refinery Services for the 2024 and 2025 Swift Creek Channel Excavation in the amount of \$509,836.80
16. [AB2024-395](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Catholic Community Services to operate the permanent supportive housing facility known as Francis Place in the amount of \$396,917 for a total amended contract amount of \$901,487
17. [AB2024-396](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Glyph Language Services, Inc. to provide language interpretation and translation services, in the amount of \$65,000
18. [AB2024-397](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Equinox Research and Consulting International Inc to provide on-call professional cultural and historical resource services, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000
19. [AB2024-398](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Mobile Mama Strategies, Inc. to administer a perinatal mental health internship pilot project, in the amount of \$164,235
20. [AB2024-399](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to administer the Single Entry Access to Services (SEAS) Program, in the amount of \$450,000

21. [AB2024-404](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce for grant funding through the 2024 Local Community Projects Program in the amount of \$486,940 for renovation of the Van Zandt Community Hall located at Josh VanderYacht Memorial Park
22. [AB2024-409](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of three (3) replacement mower heads, using the Washington State Contract #05218, in an amount of \$266,926.83
23. [AB2024-412](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease between Whatcom County and Unity Care Northwest to lease space in the Way Station, in the amount of \$1.00 annually
24. [AB2024-413](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to operate the Whatcom Homeless Service Center in the amount of \$2,023,518 for a total amended contract amount of \$15,504,103

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-351](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Silver Beach Creek Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 2
2. [AB2024-352](#) Resolution amending the 2024 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$207,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
3. [AB2024-372](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 8, in the amount of \$4,642,972.
4. [AB2024-411](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Mission Critical Partners, LLC to complete a countywide fire and EMS study in the amount of \$223,056

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

5. [AB2024-401](#) Resolution supporting affordable energy choices (and discussion of any impact AB2024-329 may have upon initiative I-2066, an act relating to promoting energy choice by protecting access to gas for Washington homes and businesses)
6. [AB2024-402](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Aly Pennucci as Deputy Executive effective August 5, 2024

7. [AB2024-403](#) Resolution approving Whatcom County Superior Court to preside over and hold certain water adjudication hearings outside of Bellingham, WA pursuant to Civil Rule (CR) 77

(No Committee Assignment)

8. [AB2024-400](#) Appointment of members to serve on pro and con statement writing committees for a proposed ballot measure amending the Whatcom County Charter to expand the standards for conflict of interest

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [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
2. [AB2024-346](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Planning Commission, District 2 or 4, Applicant(s): Suneeta Eisenberg

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. [AB2024-414](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Michael Bratt to the Development Standards Technical Advisory Committee
2. [AB2024-415](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Susan Johnson as the PeaceHealth designated representative to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, in response to the resignation of the former representative

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. [AB2024-419](#) Ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposal to repeal Proposition 5
2. [AB2024-420](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.02.080, Standing Committees - Membership, to change the membership of all standing council committees from three members to seven

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

ADJOURN