

# **Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Action Summary**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025  
9:50 AM  
Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## **Call To Order**

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Barry Buchanan

Also Present: Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmler

## **Announcements**

## **Council "Consent Agenda" Items**

1. [AB2025-283](#) 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 various public health services in the amount of \$298,592, for a total amended agreement amount of \$5,617,278

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2025-284](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Bennett Engineering to monitor closed landfills in the amount of \$10,629, for a total amended contract amount of \$157,265

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2025-287](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Sun Community Services to lease the property located at 515 E Chestnut Street in Bellingham

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2025-288](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS) in support of the Domestic Violence Commission in the amount of \$190,000

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

CLERK'S NOTE: THE DOLLAR AMOUNT (\$190,000) NOTED IN THE AGENDA ITEM TITLE WAS ENTERED INCORRECTLY. THE CONTRACT CLEARLY INDICATES \$180,000 WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR THAT AGREEMENT, SO THE AMOUNT IN THE TITLE SHOULD BE \$180,000.

5. [AB2025-295](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to grant a perpetual easement to Patrick and Peggy Rauso across park property for ingress/egress purposes to a private residence adjacent to Lake Whatcom Park

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2025-296](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Amendment 3 to the agreement between Whatcom County and Astound Business Solutions, LLC (formerly Wave) for additional leased fiber optic connectivity from the Courthouse to the 400 N. Commercial Street building and to the 104/110 Unity Street building in the amount of \$75,079.49

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2025-297](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for Operation Stonegarden FY23, in the amount of \$10,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

8. [AB2025-298](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Sumas for Operation Stonegarden FY23, in the amount of \$25,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

9. [AB2025-299](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Lynden for Operation Stonegarden FY23, in the amount of \$25,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

10. [AB2025-300](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Everson for Operation Stonegarden FY23, in the amount of \$25,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

11. [AB2025-301](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine for Operation Stonegarden FY23, in the amount of \$25,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

12. [AB2025-307](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and the Back Country Horsemen of Washington for use of a portion of the Y- Road Landfill property to be used as a trailhead and off-road parking for horse related recreational activities

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

13. [AB2025-308](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sendan Center to increase kindergarten readiness, in the amount of \$244,597

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

14. [AB2025-309](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Family YMCA to increase kindergarten readiness, in the amount of \$506,253

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

### **Committee Discussion**

1.        [AB2025-303](#)     Discussion of the annual allocation of Rural Sales Tax Fund  
  
                 **DISCUSSED**
2.        [AB2025-304](#)     Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the Courtroom Audio  
Visual Systems Upgrade, request no. 1  
  
                 **DISCUSSED**
3.        [AB2025-311](#)     Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the Lookout Mountain  
Road Repairs Project Fund, request no. 1  
  
                 **DISCUSSED**
4.        [AB2025-312](#)     Discussion of an ordinance amending the project-based budget for the N.  
Fork/Kenney Creek Fish Passage fund, Request No. 2  
  
                 **DISCUSSED**
5.        [AB2025-313](#)     Discussion of a resolution amending the 2025 Flood Control Zone District and  
Subzones Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$14,400 (Council acting as the  
Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)  
  
                 **DISCUSSED**
6.        [AB2025-315](#)     Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no.  
4, in the amount of 6,227,211  
  
                 **DISCUSSED**

### **Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1.        [AB2025-231](#)     Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Section 1.14, Electoral  
Precincts, with newly established voting precinct boundaries for Whatcom County

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2025-019

### **Items Added by Revision**

### **Other Business**

### **Adjournment**