

Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

11:15 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 12:00 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
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CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISION 7.27.2026**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Elizabeth Boyle
Barry Buchanan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jessica Rienstra
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2026-555](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to relinquish a foot trail easement held by the Whatcom Land Trust, located within South Fork Park

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2026-563](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Attorney General's Office of Washington State to purchase an evidence refrigerator, in the amount of \$8,920

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2026-564](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Ferndale School District to fund mental health services for an additional year in the amount of \$300,530 for a total amended agreement amount of \$572,347

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

4. [AB2026-565](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Chinook Enterprises to provide support services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in the estimated amount of \$74,878

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

5. [AB2026-566](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Island County for preventing the use of cannabis and

commercial tobacco products by youth in the amount of \$37,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

6. [AB2026-567](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization for behavioral health services in the amount of \$725,761

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

7. [AB2026-568](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and PeaceHealth to provide two years of funding for a Perinatal Patient Navigator, providing mental health services for marginalized, disadvantaged, and medically complex pregnant patients in the amount of \$180,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

8. [AB2026-569](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and SCS Engineers to prepare an updated Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, in the amount of \$138,894

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

9. [AB2026-570](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and United General District 304 to reduce the use of cannabis and tobacco by youth in the amount of \$79,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

10. [AB2026-574](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment with the Washington State Department of Commerce to increase the total grant amount for the state fiscal year 2026 Domestic Violence Victim/Witness Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$74,218

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

11. [AB2026-575](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement to pass-through funds from the Washington State Military Department to the City of Bellingham for the operations of What-Comm in the amount of \$93,500 for fiscal year 2027

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

12. [AB2026-576](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Bellingham for the pass-through of grant funds from the Washington State Military Department for fiscal year 2027 for What-Comm operations in the amount of \$93,500

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Committee Discussion

AB2026-583 and AB2026-592 were discussed together

1. [AB2026-583](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 11, in the amount of \$3,658,280

DISCUSSED

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2026-592](#) Discussion of an ordinance establishing the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund - RCW 82.14.345 and establishing an initial budget for the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund - RCW 82.14.345

DISCUSSED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2026-508](#) Resolution amending the 2026 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$34,830 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2026-530](#) Ordinance closing the Central Plaza Tenant Improvement Fund

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

Nay: 0

3. [AB2026-534](#) Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 10, in the amount of \$252,250

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

Nay: 0

4. [AB2026-550](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Lummi Island Ferry Replacement and System Modernization Project, in the amount of \$25,000,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

Nay: 0

5. [AB2026-582](#) Resolution designating an authorized representative and alternate authorized representative of Whatcom County to obtain federal and/or state emergency or disaster assistance funds on behalf of Whatcom County

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

Nay: 0

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2026-592](#) Discussion of an ordinance establishing the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund - RCW 82.14.345 and establishing an initial budget for the Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund - RCW 82.14.345

This item was discussed above under AB2026-583 (See discussion notes for this file under that file).

Other Business

Adjournment