

# **Whatcom County Council**

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## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, January 23, 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

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

There was no report.

### MINUTES CONSENT

*Galloway moved* to accept the minutes consent items. The motion was seconded by Byrd (see votes on individual items below).

1. [MIN2024-001](#) Special Committee of the Whole for January 9, 2024

**Galloway moved and Byrd seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

**Temp Absent:** 2 - Donovan, and Elenbaas

2. [MIN2024-002](#) Committee of the Whole for January 9, 2024

**Galloway moved and Byrd seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

**Temp Absent:** 2 - Donovan, and Elenbaas

3. [MIN2024-003](#) Regular County Council for January 9, 2024

**Galloway moved and Byrd seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Temp Absent: 2 - Donovan, and Elenbaas

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. [AB2024-032](#) Resolution adopting the 2024 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space (CPROS) Plan

Buchanan opened the Public Hearing and hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

**Byrd moved** and Galloway seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED.

Galloway asked whether the version posted online includes the corrections to the scrivener’s errors that she talked to the Parks Department about, and the following people answered questions:

- Bennett Knox, Parks and Recreation Department Director
- Rod Lamb, Parks and Recreation Department

They stated that the document with the changes was not uploaded to the file for tonight and stated the nature of the errors was mostly typographical.

Councilmembers discussed whether they should vote on the resolution tonight without actually seeing what changes were made.

**Byrd's motion that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Temp Absent: 1 - Elenbaas

Enactment No: RES 2024-004

**OPEN SESSION**

Clerk's note: Elenbaas joined the meeting during the open session.

The following people spoke:

George Rounthwaite  
Howard Sharfstein  
Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt

Aubrey Stargell  
Berdi Safford  
Susan Kane-Ronning  
Rosa Hunter  
Fanter Lane  
Jennifer Quigg  
Laura Sheehan  
Ethan Martez  
Austin Papritz  
Josh Hauserman  
Robin Thomas  
Brel Froebe  
Katherine Orłowski  
Rafael Gonzalez  
Name not stated  
Markis Dee Stidham  
Melissa Gragg  
Natalie Chavez  
Jay McAfee  
Lyle Sorenson  
Alexander Harris  
Jessica Espy  
Misty Flowers  
Debra Goldman  
Angie Burke  
Scott Pelton  
Chris (last name not stated)  
Susan David  
Heath Heikkila

Hearing no one else, Buchanan closed the Open Session.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

*Donovan* reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* to approve Consent Agenda items one through twelve. Councilmembers voted on those items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2024-052](#) Request for authorization for the County Executive to enter into an amended contract agreement between Whatcom County and L&L Counseling and Consultation for services related to evaluations and treatment services for youth referred to or sentenced under the Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative in the amount of

\$35,000 for a total contract amount of \$70,000

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2024-054](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Department of Ecology for Whatcom Marine Resources Committee (MRC) operations and projects, in the amount of \$135,500.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2024-055](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Exact Scientific Services to provide water quality analytical testing services, in the amount of \$90,000.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2024-067](#) Resolution canceling uncollectible personal property taxes

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Resolution be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2024-005

5. [AB2024-076](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Department of Ecology to receive

funding for adjudication technical assistance, in the amount of \$300,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2024-077](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and United States Geological Survey for funding and technical analysis to assess topographic changes in the Nooksack River channel and support the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) work, in the amount of \$94,050 (Council acting as Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2024-078](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District for education and outreach assistance, in the amount of \$72,666.31

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

8. [AB2024-079](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservaton District for outreach, education and technical assistance, in the amount of \$107,341.56 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

9. [AB2024-080](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department to increase the awarded amount for the Operation Stonegarden program by \$96,525.00, for a total of \$197,025.00

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

10. [AB2024-081](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to fund various public health programs in the amount of \$282,183 for a total amended agreement amount of \$14,424,841

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

11. [AB2024-082](#) Resolution accepting the Treasurer's list of petitions for property tax refunds consistent with RCW 84.69.020

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Resolution be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2024-006

12. [AB2024-083](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Stephen Jackson Law, PLLC to provide legal representation for Rules of Appeal of Decisions in Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (RALJ) appeal cases in the amount of \$18,000.00 for a total amended contract amount of \$38,000.00

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

## **OTHER ITEMS**

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

1. [AB2024-027](#) Ordinance establishing a project budget for the Cedar Hills Culvert Replacement Project Fund; SWP #SWLW23-05

*Donovan* reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* that the Ordinance be ADOPTED.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated this is a substitute ordinance.

**Donovan's motion that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2024-003

2. [AB2024-028](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Public Safety Radio System Fund, request no. 4

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2024-004

3. [AB2024-034](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of 1,693,840

*Donovan* reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* that the Ordinance be ADOPTED.

Stremler spoke about the two items regarding fleet electrification and urged everyone involved in this study and the movement toward electrification to tread slowly and carefully into it and to keep reliability and sustainability in mind.

**Donovan's motion that the Ordinance be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:**



**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

Enactment No: ORD 2024-005

**(From Council Committee of the Whole)**

4. [AB2024-053](#) Letter to the Department of Natural Resources to confirm concurrence with 650 acres identified for the Natural Climate Solutions proviso

**Buchanan** reported for the Committee of the Whole and **moved** to approve the letter as amended in committee (on file as "Substitute Letter to DNR - Galloway 1.23.2024"). The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Stremler spoke about the reliability of the science, where lumber will come from if it is not local, and how it will affect the local forestry industry.

Scanlon stated that changing how we use these sites makes sense and aligns with our county's plans and values. He is happy they are incorporating language into the letter about recreation.

Donovan stated he supports the way they crafted the letter and edited it to emphasize preserving recreation and getting the school districts funding in the short-term. He hopes that legislature will remain focused on acquiring replacement forest lands and on managed forestry.

Elenbaas spoke about the effects on the timber industry and he and Stremler requested that their names not be included on the letterhead if it gets approved (see more discussion on this in Committee Reports).

**Buchanan's motion that the SUBSTITUTE LETTER BE APPROVED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Stremler

The substitute letter, as amended in Committee, was approved. See more discussion on this item in Committee Reports at the end of the meeting.

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

1. [AB2024-050](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force, Applicant(s): Teri Bryant, Donna M. Wells, Bertha Safford, Robert Sullivan, Max Whipple, Corbett Hanson, Josh Hauseman, Douglas Benjamin, Hannah Sloan, Richard Gleason, Jeffrey Holmes, Michael Holbrook, Ava Sakowski, Arlene Feld, Martin Cooper, Jessica Kopicki, Peter Frazier, Mimi Turin, James Schmotzer, Ethan

Martez, Brian Hoorn, Robert Wilson, Scott Pelton, Kyle Bickel, Rosa Hunter, Rafael Gonzalez, Angela Burke, Tawsha Thompson, Jennifer Quigg

***Buchanan moved*** to accept late applications for all these vacancies on the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force (IPRTF). The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 1 - Stremler

***Buchanan moved*** that Arlene Feld be added to this list of nominees. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

Councilmembers discussed the motion and that Feld had put her name in for two categories but is only on the list for Concerned Citizen.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, Stremler, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

***Donovan moved*** to nominate all applicants for the Health and Social Services Provider position. The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Councilmembers asked if there was anyone that had not already addressed the Council that wanted to do so and the following person spoke:

- Hannah Sloan

Councilmembers discussed the applicants and whether those not appointed have other opportunities to be involved, advertising for other advisory boards like they did with this one, whether there would be any conflict of interest issues if applicants work for entities that contract with the County, and the voting process for appointment of this position.

Councilmembers voted for two names, the following applicants received votes, and **Bertha Safford** (the only candidate in the first round with a majority vote) was appointed with five votes as follows:

**Bertha Safford:** 5 - Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, Stremler, and Buchanan

**Corbett Hanson:** 3 - Elenbaas, Stremler, and Byrd

**Arlene Feld:** 3 - Scanlon, Buchanan, and Byrd  
**Teri Bryant:** 2 - Donovan and Galloway  
**Max Whipple:** 1 - Elenbaas

*Donovan moved* that the two runners up be considered for the second position. The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

Councilmembers each voted for one of the two candidates that received three votes in the first round and **Arlene Feld** was appointed with five votes as follows:

**Arlene Feld:** 5 - Galloway, Scanlon, Buchanan, Byrd, and Donovan  
**Corbett Hanson:** 2 - Elenbaas and Stremler

Councilmembers considered the Consumer of Services position.

*Scanlon moved* and Galloway seconded to add Rosa Hunter (from Concerned Citizen) to this category.

*Galloway suggested* a friendly amendment to also add Angela Burke (from Concerned Citizen) to this list.

*Scanlon accepted* the friendly amendment.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Buchanan asked Angela Burke (who was present remotely) if she was willing to be moved to the Consumer of Services position and she stated she was OK with that.

Councilmembers continued to discuss the motion.

Jill Nixon, Council Office Staff, answered whether people have been moved to different appointments on the fly in a Council meeting without consent of the applicant and stated it is not unprecedented. She stated Feld submitted a hand-written application and others submitted electronic applications. Those filling out an electronic application only have the option to select one position.

The motion to add Rosa Hunter and Angela Burke carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway and Scanlon  
**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas and Stremler

**Galloway moved** and Byrd seconded to nominate all applicants (including the two just added) for the Consumer of Services position.

Councilmembers discussed the applicants and then voted for one name. The following applicants received votes and **Rosa Hunter** was appointed with four votes as follows:

**Rosa Hunter:** 4 - Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Buchanan

**Jeffrey Holmes:** 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Stremmler

**Donovan moved** and Galloway seconded to nominate all applicants for the Concerned Citizen position (except for Arlene Feld and Rosa Hunter who were already appointed under other categories).

The following applicant spoke:

- Peter Frazier

Councilmembers voted on the Concerned Citizen position, the following applicants received votes, and **Peter Frazier** was appointed with five votes as follows:

**Peter Frazier:** 5 - Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, Buchanan, and Byrd

**Scott Pelton:** 1 - Donovan

**Tawsha Thompson:** 1 - Mark Stremmler

**This agenda item was APPOINTED.**

ACTION SUMMARY: Motion approved 6-1, with Stremmler opposed, to accept late applicants.

Motion approved 7-0 to nominate Arlene Feld for the Health and Social Services Provider position.

The following two people were appointed to the Health and Social Services Provider position: Bertha Safford (5 votes) and Arlene Feld (5 votes)

Motion approved 5-2, with Elenbaas and Stremmler opposed, to add Rosa Hunter and Angela Burke to the Consumer of Services position list of applicants.

Rosa Hunter was appointed to the Consumer of Services position with 4 votes.

Peter Frazier was appointed to the Concerned Citizen position with 5 votes.

2. [AB2024-070](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Criminal Justice Treatment Account Panel,

Applicant(s): Julie Grendon

**Byrd moved** and Buchanan seconded to appoint Julie Grendon then Councilmembers discussed that there was also a late applicant (Brittany Dobbs).

**Donovan and Galloway moved** and Scanlon seconded to consider the late application but Buchanan stated his motion earlier in the meeting was a blanket motion, so Councilmembers voted for both applicants and **Julie Grendon** was appointed with seven votes as follows:

**Elenbaas:** Grendon

**Galloway:** Grendon

**Scanlon:** Grendon

**Stremmer:** Grendon

**Buchanan:** Grendon

**Byrd:** Grendon

**Donovan:** Grendon

**This agenda item was APPOINTED.**

Appointed Julie Grendon with 7 votes

3. [AB2024-091](#) Reconsideration of appointment to a position on the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee, Member: Fabian Mendoza

Jill Nixon, Council Office Staff, stated that Council appointed Mr. Mendoza and since his appointment, Council staff and Public Works staff have reached out to engage him and have not been successful. Since no one has heard from him and he did not attend the Ferry Advisory Committee meeting in December, there is a request to revoke his appointment.

**Donovan moved** to revoke the appointment. The motion was seconded by Stremmer.

Nixon answered a question and spoke about the attempts to contact him.

Councilmembers discussed whether they should wait for two more weeks to see if they hear from him.

**Buchanan moved** and Donovan seconded to hold the item for two weeks.

Councilmembers discussed the motion to hold.

**Buchanan's motion that the Council Appointment be HELD IN COUNCIL for two weeks carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2024-094](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Lynden/Everson Flood Control Subzone Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Sherman Polinder (Council Acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Galloway moved** and Scanlon seconded that the Council Appointment be APPOINTED.

Elenbaas spoke in favor of the applicant.

**Galloway's motion that the Council Appointment be APPOINTED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

### **CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2024-071](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Lyn Salazar to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Committee

**Donovan moved and Stremler seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2024-073](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's reappointment of Michael MacKay to the Marine Resources Committee

**Galloway moved and Buchanan seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2024-074](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments of Danielle Gaughen and John H. Miller to the Whatcom County Rural Library Board

**Byrd moved and Galloway seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2024-075](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's reappointment of Alan Friedlob to the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board
- Buchanan moved and Byrd seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler
- Nay:** 0
5. [AB2024-084](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Fred Likkel to the Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Byrd moved** and Galloway seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED.
- Stremler stated Fred Likkel is a great candidate.
- Byrd's motion that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler
- Nay:** 0
6. [AB2024-085](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Sierra Crook to the Food System Committee
- Galloway moved** and Byrd seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED.
- Councilmembers discussed the applicant.
- Galloway's motion that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler
- Nay:** 0
7. [AB2024-086](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's reappointment of Raegen Miller to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board
- Byrd moved and Stremler seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler
- Nay:** 0
8. [AB2024-087](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's reappointment of Jodi Sipes and Jana Finkbonner to the Northwest Senior Services Board

**Byrd moved and Galloway seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

### **ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION**

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated there was one item added by revision and it is the third item under the introduction header.

AB2024-100 was added by revision to Introduction (see below).

### **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

*Byrd moved* to introduce items one through three. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated that Introduction item number one is a revised substitute version from Committee.

Councilmembers voted on the introduction items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2024-088](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) and 3 (Revenue and Finance) to amend the qualifications for serving on the Wildlife Advisory Committee, the composition of the Conservation Easement Program Oversight Committee, and cleaning up the Agricultural Advisory Committee code

**Byrd moved and Galloway seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2024-096](#) Ordinance suspending Whatcom County Code 1.28 to update the Correctional Facilities Operational Standards

**Byrd moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0



3. [AB2024-100](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) to abolish the Appeals Board and assign its duties to the Hearing Examiner

**Byrd moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED.  
The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

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

Councilmembers gave Committee reports.

Buchanan reported on **AB2024-053** from Committee of the Whole (Letter to the Department of Natural Resources to confirm concurrence with 650 acres identified for the Natural Climate Solutions proviso).

Elenbaas asked if he could write a minority report, that it be attached to the letter that is sent, and that the vote count be included in the letter.

Royce Buckingham, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, answered questions and Councilmembers discussed whether a minority report should be attached to the main letter.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated the letter has to be in by January 31st and Elenbaas stated he would try to have it to the Council Office by after lunch tomorrow.

Scanlon requested that Elenbaas include the items in the letter that the minority agrees with as well as what they do not.

Councilmembers gave other updates.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on February 6, 2024.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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