

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

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

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024  
10 AM  
Hybrid Meeting**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Kaylee Galloway

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## **Call To Order**

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Tyler Byrd, Kaylee Galloway, and Todd Donovan

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmler

## **Announcements**

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

1. [AB2024-406](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Snohomish County to utilize State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) funding to sustain and enhance Division of Emergency Management programs, in the amount of \$41,307

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

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

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2024-417](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Uwill, Inc. to provide school based teletherapy services, in the amount of \$150,000

This item was considered separately below.

3. [AB2024-421](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Pace CDL Consulting and CDL Training to provide Commercial Driver's License Training and test preparation to Maintenance and Operations employees, in the amount of \$75,000

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

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

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2024-423](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Skagit County for the purpose of providing each other with labor, equipment, or materials on a reimbursable basis for road maintenance activities through May 21, 2027

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

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

**Nay:** 0

5. [AB2024-424](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to ensure a coordinated system of local developmental disability services in the amount of \$6,476,900, for a total amended agreement amount of \$12,546,270

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2024-426](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale Community Services to perform rural homeless outreach services, in the amount of \$55,377

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2024-431](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to provide federal Ferry Boat Program (FBP) funds for the Lummi Island Ferry operations costs, in the amount of \$1,099,507.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

8. [AB2024-433](#) 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 Water Resource Inventory Area 1 (WRIA 1) collaborative water supply planning, in the amount of \$485,600.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

9. [AB2024-435](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Executive Office of the President Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to implement the strategy of the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) in the amount of \$170,590.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

Nay: 0

10. [AB2024-437](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and RH2 to update the Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan in the amount of \$50,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$200,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

11. [AB2024-438](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Everson for participation in the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) process in the amount of \$25,000 for a total amended agreement amount of \$73,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

12. [AB2024-439](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Pacific Security for patrol services, in the amount of \$64,260.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

13. [AB2024-440](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Greg Dibble to extend the lease at 600 Dupont Street, Suite 100, in the amount of \$257,217.36, for a total amended amount of \$500,843.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

14. [AB2024-442](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Tolin Law Firm to provide legal representation for the preparation and completion of the resentencing hearing in the matter of State v. Ryan Eugene Alexander in the amount of \$10,001.00 for a total amended amount of \$50,000.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

15. [AB2024-443](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to provide funding for the Alternative Response Team (ART) Program in the amount of \$60,000, for a total amended agreement amount of \$630,096

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

16. [AB2024-444](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to support childcare stabilization in Whatcom County in the amount of \$119,305, for a total amended contract amount of \$618,038

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

17. [AB2024-445](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to provide funding for various public health services in the amount of \$1,948,136, for a total amended agreement amount of \$16,258,233

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

18. [AB2024-447](#) Request approval for the County Executive to award Bid #24-64 for the purchase of 16 pair of night vision goggles with helmet mounts from Steele Industries, Inc., located in Bradenton, Florida, in an amount not to exceed \$190,979.27

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

19. [AB2024-448](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a commercial lease agreement between Whatcom County and Cornwall Center Inc. for use of parking spaces at the Bellingham Senior Activity Center over five years with cost sharing from the City of Bellingham and Whatcom Council on Aging, in the amount of \$133,464

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

20. [AB2024-449](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department for pass-through funding to support the What-Comm Communication Center in the amount of \$52,900

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

21. [AB2024-457](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission for reimbursement of expenses, in the amount of \$84,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

22. [AB2024-458](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and TBL Investigations and Consulting, LLC for background investigations, in the estimated amount of \$40,000 per year

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

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**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 2 - Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Byrd

**Special Presentation**

1. [AB2024-416](#) Presentation from Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism President and CEO Dylan Deane-Boyle

**HELD IN COMMITTEE**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2024-432](#) County Executive requests approval of the Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board's recommendation for funding to support the City of Bellingham's Bear Creek Corridor Construction Project, the City of Lynden's Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity and Nutrient Improvement Project, the City of Ferndale Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Douglas Deep Well Projects, and the Housing Affordability through the Workforce Program

**RECOMMENDED TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**