



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$3,920,278

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Supplemental #6 requests funding from the Countywide EMS Fund:

1. To appropriate \$25,500 in Non-Departmental to fund purchase of PFAS-free personal protective clothing for firefighter/paramedics.

From the Conservation Futures Fund:

2. To appropriate \$314,000 in Planning & Development to fund previously approved easements for Jacoby property, partially using grant funds.

From the Emergency Management Fund:

3. To appropriate \$66,899 in Sheriff-DEM to fund equipment and training for the Incident Management Team.

4. To appropriate \$45,441 in Sheriff-DEM to fund equipment and training for swift water incidents.

From the Road Fund:

5. To appropriate \$4,050 in Public Works to fund movement of ferry spring lines; companion to supplemental #5341.

From the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Fund:

6. To appropriate \$850,000 in Public Works to fund Eagleridge Stormwater improvements; companion to supplemental #5342.

From the Real Estate Tax II Fund:

7. To appropriate \$11,000 in Parks & Recreation to fund permitting for roof replacement at Maple Falls Park.

8. To appropriate \$1,761,868 in Non-Departmental to fund the Courthouse Envelope project; companion to supplemental #5361.

From the Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund:

9. To appropriate \$55,620 in AS-Facilities to fund reappropriation for improvements to Prosecuting Attorney’s office.

10. To appropriate \$16,900 in AS-Facilities to fund reappropriation for improvements to Assessor’s office.

11. To appropriate \$200,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Ferndale Senior Activity Center Building Repairs; companion to supplemental #5347.

12. To appropriate \$270,000 in AS-Facilities to fund renovation for 3rd Floor Courtroom 5C.

13. To appropriate \$290,000 in AS-Facilities to fund the Courthouse Envelope project; companion to supplemental #5361.

From the Ferry Fund:

14. To appropriate \$9,000 in Public Works to fund movement of ferry spring lines; companion to supplemental #5342.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/10/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 6 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 1 Elenbaas	
03/24/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	
03/24/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Summary Listing, Summary by Fund, Supplemental Requests, Notice of Action Proposed on 3.10.2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-018
AMENDMENT NO. 6 OF THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 budget was adopted November 19, 2024; and
WHEREAS, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 2025-2026 budget;
and

WHEREAS, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the
Whatcom County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 2025-2026
Whatcom County Budget Ordinance #2024-057 is hereby amended by adding the following additional
amounts to the 2026 budget included therein:

Fund	Expenditures	Revenues	Net Effect
Countywide EMS Fund 1240	25,500	-	25,500
Conservation Futures Fund 1246	314,000	(119,000)	195,000
Emergency Management Fund 1351	112,340	-	112,340
Road Fund 1900	4,050	-	4,050
Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Fund 1903	850,000	-	850,000
Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund 3240	1,772,868	-	1,772,868
Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund 3241	832,520	-	832,520
Ferry Fund 4900	9,000	(4,050)	4,950
Total Supplemental	3,920,278	(123,050)	3,797,228

ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:


Cathy Halka
Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email: B Waldron/A Tan
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway
Kaylee Galloway, Chair of the Council

Approved () Denied

Satpal Sidhu
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 3/26/26