

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Action Summary**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

**10:20 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

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**COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

**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. [AB2026-421](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to cover tuberculosis medications for patients who are underinsured or uninsured, in the amount of \$0

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

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

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2026-423](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Nel/Son Distributing, DBA Nelson Reisner, to provide for the purchase of fuel to be used in Whatcom County fleet vehicles, in the amount of \$850,000

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

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

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2026-424](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cowden Brother's Trucking, LLC for the disposal of waste produced by Maintenance and Operations vector trucks and street sweepers, in the amount of \$288,000

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

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

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2026-425](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Birch Bay Water & Sewer District for water main relocation as part of the Drayton Harbor Road Landslide Repair Project, in the amount of \$75,000

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

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

**Nay:** 0

5. [AB2026-428](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden for the Hannegan Levee Rehabilitation Project (NSK-03-26), in the amount of \$64,280 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2026-429](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a cooperation agreement between Whatcom County and the United States Army Corps of Engineers for repairs to the Hannegan Levee along the left bank of the Nooksack River (Project No. NSK-03-26), in the amount of \$64,280 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2026-433](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority for the Medication for Opioid/Alcohol Use Disorders (MOUD/MAUD) program grant, in the amount of \$200,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

8. [AB2026-435](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to increase funding for the 2025-2027 Consolidated Contract, specifically the Maternal & Child Health Block Grant, in the amount of \$47,392 for a total amended agreement amount of \$11,334,197

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

9. [AB2026-436](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc. to authorize a three-year extension of services, ensuring the uninterrupted transportation and disposal of moderate-risk waste from Whatcom County's Disposal of Toxics Facility,

in the amount of \$367,500 annually, and for a total amended contract amount of \$1,452,500

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

10. [AB2026-437](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Kulshan Supported Employment to extend the contract for one year, providing supported employment and community inclusion services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in the amount of \$1,889,779 for a total amended contract amount of \$3,478,552

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

11. [AB2026-439](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Max Higbee Center to extend the contract for one year, allowing the continuation of supported employment and community inclusion services for eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in the amount of \$69,603 for a total amended contract amount of \$113,483

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

12. [AB2026-440](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, for extra duty overtime patrols, in the amount of \$35,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

13. [AB2026-441](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS) to extend the contract for six months, allowing the continuation of funding for personnel and other costs necessary to operate and maintain three safe shelters in Whatcom County, including a 21-bed house for women with children and two other houses for single women, in the amount of \$65,526 for a total amended contract amount of \$353,448

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

14. [AB2026-445](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award Bid #26-30 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Everett Ship Repair for the Drydock Repair and Maintenance of the Whatcom Chief Ferry in the amount of \$1,061,069.56

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

15. [AB2026-446](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services for reimbursement of a percentage of Superior Court Commissioner time when working civil court cases involving Child Support Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, not to exceed an amount set each year by award letter from the Department of Social and Health Services

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

16. [AB2026-452](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Pacific Power Group to perform generator preventative maintenance, in the amount of \$80,235

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Special Presentation**

1. [AB2026-434](#) Quarterly Report from the Finance Division

**REPORTED**

**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2026-451](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no 9, in the amount of \$7,941,775

**DISCUSSED**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2026-408](#) Request authorization for the Whatcom County Council to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Whatcom County Executive for the adoption of Whatcom County Administrative and Personnel Policies for the Council Office

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

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

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2026-416](#) Request for motion to approve the updated 2026-2027 Criminal Justice Treatment Account Plan

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL OF REQUEST**

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

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2026-448](#) Resolution requesting authorization to make an application and enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for funding through the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Act Program for renovation of the Lagoon Bridge and other bike and pedestrian accessibility improvements at Silver Lake Park

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**