



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. 9, in the amount of \$7,941,775

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Supplemental #9 requests funding from the General Fund:

1. To appropriate \$500,000 in Public Defender to fund outside conflict attorneys and experts.
2. To appropriate \$52,598 in County Clerk to fund specialty clerk and position reclass for water rights adjudication using grant funds.
3. To appropriate \$226,478 in Superior Court to fund supplemental staff for water rights adjudication using grant funds.

From the Conservation Futures Fund:

4. To appropriate \$1,300,000 in Planning & Development Services to fund Steensma agriculture and riparian conservation easement.

From the Community Priorities Fund:

5. To appropriate \$115,680 in Health to fund minor remodeling of the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center kitchen.

From the Jail Fund:

6. To appropriate \$12,500 in Jail to fund purchase of a dump trailer for the Whatcom County Offender Forestry Work Crew using grant funds.
7. To appropriate \$12,500 in Jail to fund purchase of a tilt trailer for the Whatcom County Offender Forestry Work Crew using grant funds.

8. To appropriate \$38,100 in Jail to fund replacement of a Bobcat track loader for the Whatcom County Offender Forestry Work Crew using grant funds.

From the Homeless Housing Fund:

9. To appropriate \$4,522,119 in Health to fund housing services contract extensions using grant funds.
10. To appropriate \$262,300 in Health to fund essential needs contract extensions using grant funds.

From the Affordable Housing, Behavioral Health Facilities and Related Services Fund:

11. To appropriate \$500,000 in Health to fund affordable housing projects.

From the Road Fund:

12. To appropriate \$399,500 in Public Works to fund central shop stormwater improvements; companion to SBR 5408.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
06/09/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler
06/23/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler
06/23/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Summary Listing, Summary by Fund, Supplemental Requests, Notice of Action Proposed on 6.9.2026