

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010), AGENDA REVISED 7.25.2022

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

1. [AB2022-385](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Bennett Knox as Director of Parks & Recreation effective 9/6/22 pursuant to Whatcom County Code Section 2.29.020

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2022-044](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for July 12, 2022
2. [MIN2022-045](#) Committee of the Whole for July 12, 2022
3. [MIN2022-046](#) Regular County Council for July 12, 2022

OPEN SESSION

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up. Speakers participating on-site in the Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those participating remotely. Per To participate, please see instructions at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or contact the Council Office at 360.778.5010.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2022-400](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Administrative Office of the Courts for grant reimbursement of BECCA Programs and Services, in the amount of \$253,918
2. [AB2022-401](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and WA Department of Ecology to sponsor a Washington Conservation Corps crew for the October 2022 to September 2023 term, in the amount of \$163,360.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
3. [AB2022-403](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Subrecipient Grant contract between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham What-Comm Communications Center for reimbursement of eligible E911 operational expenses in the amount of \$48,476
4. [AB2022-404](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for the Registered Sex Offender Address Verification Program, in the amount of \$138,319.00
5. [AB2022-405](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Tetra Tech, Inc, to provide a Birch Point Subwatershed Drainage Study, in the amount of \$74,793 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
6. [AB2022-406](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department for FY2018 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$31,826.55
7. [AB2022-407](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for FY2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, in the amount of \$14,003.00
8. [AB2022-413](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #22-23 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Williamson Construction,LLC, for the High Creek Sediment Removal Project in the amount of \$61,902

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2022-363](#) Resolution supporting a transition to zero-emissions transportation

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. [AB2022-366](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to support the youth and young adult vocational program in the amount of \$25,900 for a total amended contract amount of \$51,800
3. [AB2022-387](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 10, in the amount of \$4,085,565
4. [AB2022-388](#) Resolution amending the 2022 Flood Control Zone District & Subzones 2022 budget, request no. 4 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

5. [AB2022-382](#) Ordinance providing for submission to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposition renewing the levy of a regular property tax at a rate of \$.295 or less per \$1000 assessed valuation to continue to provide emergency medical services
6. [AB2022-422](#) Resolution establishing priorities for Whatcom County's 2025 Comprehensive Plan update

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2022-371](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Forestry Advisory Committee, Commercial Forest Landowner position - Applicant(s): Susan David

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

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.070(B), the council must confirm or reject executive appointments within 30 days of submission to the council. County code deems the appointee confirmed if council does not take action within this time.

1. [AB2022-402](#) Request confirmation of Executive Sidhu's appointment of Matthew Santos to the Whatcom County Library System Board of Trustees
2. [AB2022-411](#) Request confirmation of Executive Sidhu's reappointment of Brent Walker and Dunham Gooding to the Bellingham-Whatcom Public Facilities District board

SPECIAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

1. [AB2022-383](#) Appointment of members to serve on pro and con statement writing committees for a proposed ballot measure regarding the renewal of a regular levy for the funding of the countywide Emergency Medical Services system.
2. [AB2022-384](#) Appointment of members to serve on pro and con statement writing committees for a proposed ballot measure proposing a levy above the regular property tax limitations for the purpose of funding childcare, early learning programs, and increased support for vulnerable children.

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. [AB2022-408](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 11, in the amount of \$250,000
2. [AB2022-379](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Title 3, requiring that public funds used for construction projects also provide apprentices with job training hours to meet the requirements necessary to become the next generation of skilled trades persons

ITEM REMOVED 7.25.2022

3. [AB2022-417](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 11.20.025, flotation devices on the South fork of the Nooksack River, to better protect ESA-listed Chinook salmon
4. [AB2022-427](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-079 to change the due date of the Phase III Report

ITEM ADDED 7.25.2022

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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