

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

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 4.6.2023.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-027](#) Committee of the Whole for March 21, 2023
2. [MIN2023-028](#) Regular County Council for March 21, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2023-174](#) Ordinance adopting various minor amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning; Title 21, Land Division Regulations, and; Title 22, Land Use and Development
2. [AB2023-200](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 1.14 Election Precinct Boundaries

OPEN SESSION

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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. [AB2023-212](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization to acknowledge and fund Whatcom County's participation in the North Sound Integrated Care Network, in the amount of \$449,191.10
2. [AB2023-218](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$75,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$452,157
3. [AB2023-220](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts in the increased amount of \$15,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$76,597.00
4. [AB2023-223](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce to provide funding to improve the Nooksack River gaging network, conduct a water storage study, and purchase and demolish up to four properties located in areas that are subject to inundation during flooding, in the amount of \$1,950,000.00
5. [AB2023-227](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Taylor Made TDS Inc. to provide Class-A Commerical Driver's License training to Whatcom County Public Works employees, in the amount of \$100,000
6. [AB2023-230](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham to establish procedures that will support the cooperative efforts to plan for a countywide high speed broadband system

7. [AB2023-232](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Pacific Security to provide Courthouse Security Services, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000
8. [AB2023-252](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Western Washington University to assess the impact of forest cover on peak flows in the Nooksack River Basin, in the amount of \$30,054.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
9. [AB2023-260](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #23-23 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lake Union DryDock Company for the drydocking, repair, and maintenance of the Whatcom Chief in the amount of \$863,381
10. [AB2023-261](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a collective bargaining agreement between Whatcom County and Teamsters Local 231 Corrections Deputies and Sergeants for the period of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025
11. [AB2023-262](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine for FY2021 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$7,600.57
12. [AB2023-263](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Everson for FY2021 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$10,448.00
13. [AB2023-265](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Ferndale for FY2021 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$15,830.00
14. [AB2023-266](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden for FY2021 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$15,600.00
15. [AB2023-267](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Sumas for FY2021 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$10,786.80
16. [AB2023-268](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for FY2021 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$6,527.13

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2023-233](#) Request for motion to support Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization
2. [AB2023-272](#) Request approval to send a letter regarding the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement
3. [AB2023-273](#) Request approval to send a letter regarding the Brokedown Palace timber sale
4. [AB2023-275](#) Request approval to send a letter regarding the Pacific Northwest National Trail Comprehensive Plan

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

5. [AB2023-204](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$631,850
6. [AB2023-205](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Lake Whatcom Park Trail Development Fund, request no. 2
7. [AB2023-155](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.128, Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, to revise membership

WITHDRAWN AND RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25, 2023**(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)**

8. [AB2023-221](#) Presentation of the Whatcom County Food System Plan and request for Council approval
9. [AB2023-228](#) Request approval to send a letter regarding proposed legislation to increase truck size and weight

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

10. [AB2023-239](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Elizabeth Kosa as Director of Public Works effective April 12, 2023 pursuant to Whatcom County Code Section 2.75.020

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2023-217](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Melissa Bomben
2. [AB2023-256](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Sumas/Everson/Nooksack Flood Subzone Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Joshua Clawson (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

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. [AB2023-264](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Public Safety Radio System Fund, request no. 3
2. [AB2023-269](#) Ordinance authorizing an interfund loan for the purchase of flood response equipment
3. [AB2023-270](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$6,245,264
4. [AB2023-231](#) Ordinance authorizing a revised system of assessment for Drainage Improvement District No. 7
5. [AB2023-237](#) Ordinance establishing a temporary speed limit for Birch Bay Lynden Road
6. [AB2023-240](#) Ordinance for temporary installation of stop signs on Birch Bay Lynden Road
7. [AB2023-246](#) Ordinance establishing a temporary speed limit for Hannegan Road
8. [AB2023-248](#) Ordinance establishing a temporary closure of Kelly Road and Van Wyck Road
9. [AB2023-258](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 10.34, Ferry Rates
10. [AB2023-259](#) Ordinance amending 2023 Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule
11. [AB2023-216](#) Receipt of application to a vacancy on the Horticulture Pest and Disease Board, Applicant(s): Isaiah Del Giorgio (Deadline for additional applications to this position is 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023)
12. [AB2023-271](#) Resolution amending the 2023 Flood Control Zone District & Subzones Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$12,096,245 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**ADJOURN**