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ACTION TAKEN

The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its April 15, 2025, meeting: **ORDINANCE (2025-019) ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTION 1.14, ELECTORAL PRECINCTS, WITH NEWLY ESTABLISHED VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR WHATCOM COUNTY (AB2025-231)**: This ordinance adopts and substitutes changes to the "Book of Election Precinct Maps" affecting Precinct 127, 128, 130, 601, 605, 609, 610, and 611 to reflect boundary line adjustments resulting from annexations in the city of Lynden; the revised Book of Maps is available through the Whatcom County Council Office and online through the Election page at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office homepage. This ordinance was introduced on March 25, 2025. **RESOLUTION (2025-014) TO DECLARE WHATCOM COUNTY REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND APPROVE TRANSFER (AB2025-234)**: Per RCW 36.34.130 and Whatcom County Code 1.10.340, and on the recommendation of the Whatcom County Property Management Committee, this resolution declares Whatcom County real property, tax parcel 380236 504432 0000 located on the north side of Wharf Street and the east side of East Pine Street within Bellingham, Washington as surplus and approves its transfer to the City of Bellingham for the appraised value of $15,000 and all related closing costs. This resolution was introduced on March 25, 2025. **ORDINANCE (2025-020) AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 20 (ZONING) REGARDING HOME-BASED BUSINESSES (AB2025-246)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Title 20 (Zoning) regarding home-based businesses and agritourism activities to consolidate the existing regulations for home occupations, cottage industries, agritourism activities, and occasional commercial use of non-commercial properties for hosting special events. This ordinance was introduced on March 25, 2025. **RESOLUTION (2025-015) TO SELL COUNTY TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY NEGOTIATION (AB2025-255)**: This resolution allows, per RCW 36.35.150(1)(a) and Whatcom County Code 1.10.340, and on the recommendation of the Whatcom County Property Management Committee, the sale of the following tax title property: Tax parcel number 380236 355201 0000 / PID 53682; BELLINGHAM BAY LAND CO'S 2ND ADD TO BELLINGHAM – ELY 16 FT OF THAT PTN OF BLK 115 LY WLY OF RR. The parcel would be sold by private negotiation to a governmental agency for a public purpose, for an amount not less than $1000 to be paid in either cash, certified check, or money order to the Whatcom County Treasurer at the time of sale. This resolution was introduced on March 25, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on April 29, 2025, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 16.24 (COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION) AND ADOPTING THE 2025-2029 COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PLAN FOR WHATCOM COUNTY (AB2025-282)**: This ordinance adopts amendments to Whatcom County Code Chapter 16.24 (Commute Trip Reduction) as well as the 2025-2029 Commute Trip Reduction Plan for Whatcom County. This ordinance was introduced on April 15, 2025.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on April 29, 2025, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR THE N. FORK ROAD/KENNEY CREEK FISH PASSAGE FUND, REQUEST NO. 2 (AB2025-290)**: This ordinance amends Ordinance 2024-074 by adding additional state funding, reducing local funding, and reducing expenditure authority to the amended project budget total of $5,500,000 for a new total of $5,015,389. This ordinance was introduced on April 15, 2025. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE COURTROOM AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS UPGRADE, REQUEST NO. 1 (AB2025-293):** This ordinance amends Ordinance 2024-072 by removing $180,000 of expenditure authority to the project budget of $462,000 for a total project budget of $282,000. This ordinance was introduced on April 15, 2025. **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND SUBZONES BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF $14,400 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) (AB2025-302):** This resolution amends the 2025 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget to appropriate $14,400 in River & Flood to upgrade GIS Software. This resolution was introduced on April 15, 2025. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN ROAD REPAIRS PROJECT FUND, REQUEST NO. 1 (AB2025-310):** This ordinance amends the Lookout Mountain Road Repairs Project Fund Budget to appropriate $500,000 to fund engineering, mitigation, and repairs for planned work to begin in the summer of 2025 for an amended total project budget of $764,600. This ordinance was introduced on April 15, 2025. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 4, IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,227,211 (AB2025-314):** This ordinance amends the 2025 Whatcom County Budget as follows: From the General Fund: appropriate $156,866 in Non-Departmental to fund continuation of Justice Assistance Grant agreement program; appropriate $440,000 in Sheriff to fund Rapid DNA machine from grant proceeds, reappropriation of 2024 request #4794; appropriate $44,000 in Non-Departmental to fund companion for Enterprise GIS upgrade, reappropriation of 2024 request #4563; decrease appropriation of $180,000 in Non-Departmental to fund companion for Courtroom AV upgrade, companion to #4941 project budget; appropriate $15,000 in Health to fund playground surface impact attenuation testing equipment from Foundational Public Health Services grant proceeds. From the Election Reserve Fund: appropriate $66,772 in Auditor to fund local election security improvements from grant proceeds. From the Community Priorities Fund: appropriate $4,230,000 in Executive to fund capital investment in childcare. From the Emergency Management Fund: appropriate $24,000 in Sheriff to fund replacement of the heaters at the Whatcom Unified Emergency Coordination Center, companion to #4937. From the Drug Fund: appropriate $350,000 in Prosecuting Attorney to fund purchase of a ballistic armored vehicle for safe transportation of Sheriff staff; appropriate $55,000 in Sheriff to fund purchase of a vehicle for the Whatcom Gang and Drug Task Force. From the Parks Special Revenue Fund: appropriate $12,063 in Parks to fund consideration of additional 754 acres to the forest management plan, from interagency funding agreement; appropriate $300,000 in Parks to fund companion to LM2000 Forest Road Repairs, companion to #4935 project budget. From the Road Fund: appropriate $8,235 in Public Works to fund companions for Gooseberry Point Repairs, Ferry Lawsuit Printing, and Ferry Hydraulic Oil, companion to #4943 project budget, #4944, #4945, and #4946; appropriate $21,600 in Public Works to fund companion to Enterprise GIS Upgrade, companion to #4942. From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund: appropriate $200,000 in Non-Departmental to fund companion to LM2000 Forest Road Repairs, companion to #4935 project budget. From the Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund: appropriate $12,000 in Non-Departmental to fund companion for replacement of the heaters at the Whatcom Unified Emergency Coordination Center, companion to #4928. From the Ferry System Fund: appropriate $8,000 in Public Works to fund repair and modification of queuing lanes and zipper merge area at Gooseberry Point ferry staging area; appropriate $3,800 in Public Works to fund new punch cards and purser paperwork, as a result of legal action against Whatcom County; appropriate $6,500 in Public Works to fund hydraulic fluid for both ferry terminals. From the Administrative Services Fund: reappropriate $80,000 of unused funding in AS-Information Technology from 2024 to 2025 for professional services for the Enterprise GIS software upgrade. This ordinance was introduced on April 15, 2025.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at whatcomcounty.us/council. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at whatcom.legistar.com. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.
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(Principal Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn on this 21th day of April in the year of 2025 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Mary Castro known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

Amy Robbins

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