

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**AGENDA REVISED 3.7.2025 - HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,
SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil
OR CALL 360.778.5010)**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2025-010](#) Committee of the Whole for February 11, 2025

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [MIN2025-011](#) Regular County Council for February 11, 2025

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [MIN2025-012](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for February 25, 2025

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

4. [MIN2025-013](#) Committee of the Whole for February 25, 2025

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

5. [MIN2025-014](#) Regular County Council for February 25, 2025

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [AB2025-140](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Camp 2 Road

 APPROVED

 Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

 Nay: 0

 Enactment No: RES 2025-009

2. [AB2025-149](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code 24.05, Onsite Sewage System Regulations

 ADOPTED

 Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

 Nay: 0

 Enactment No: ORD 2025-012

3. [AB2025-157](#) Review final project performances on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Repair Program and the CDBG Microenterprise Assistance Program

 PUBLIC HEARING HELD (file final)

4. [AB2025-183](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 1.28 Standards for Correctional Facilities

 ADOPTED

 Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

 Nay: 0

 Enactment No: ORD 2025-013

OPEN SESSION**CONSENT AGENDA****(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

1. [AB2025-186](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families in the amount of \$8,840, for a total amended agreement amount of \$827,677.20

 AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

 Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

 Nay: 0

2. [AB2025-192](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$229,668.06

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2025-195](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Aha! Childcare & Family Learning Center to increase kindergarten readiness for enrolled children at a licensed childcare facility, in the amount of \$106,773

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

4. [AB2025-197](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire District 19 to lease the property located at 9186 Mt Baker Highway, in the amount of \$1.00 per year

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

5. [AB2025-199](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to provide funding for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program in the amount of \$40,262, for a total amended agreement amount of \$1,216,096

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

6. [AB2025-200](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections to provide funding for the Food Recovery Program in the amount of \$11,667, for a total amended contract amount of \$113,542

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

7. [AB2025-201](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections to provide behavioral health

services in the Whatcom County Jail, Work Center, and for Court Involved Youth in the amount of \$211,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$3,402,810

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

8. [AB2025-204](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for Correctional Services

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

9. [AB2025-206](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a loan and grant agreement between Whatcom County and Habitat for Humanity for the acquisition of property that will allow for the construction of at least 40 affordable homes in the amount of a \$231,000 grant and a \$469,000 loan for a total of \$700,000

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

10. [AB2025-207](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Mount Baker School District to provide funding for renovations necessary to construct a school-based health center in the amount of \$55,000, for a total amended agreement amount of \$85,000

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

11. [AB2025-209](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to provide funding for various public health services in the amount of \$53,403, for a total amended agreement amount of \$5,318,686

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

12. [AB2025-214](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Ferndale School District to increase kindergarten readiness for students ages 3-5, in the amount of \$149,000

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

13. [AB2025-215](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Cozy Bears Early Learning to increase kindergarten readiness and expand licensed childcare capacity, in the amount of \$43,500

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

OTHER ITEMS**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

1. [AB2025-046](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Attorney General of Washington for cy pres funding, in the amount of \$125,000

SUBSTITUTE AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

2. [AB2025-171](#) Resolution amending the 2006 Birch Bay Comprehensive Stormwater Plan to include four Subwatershed Master Plans (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

APPROVED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2025-010

(From Council Planning and Development Committee)

3. [AB2025-194](#) Resolution docketing Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation amendments

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Motion approved 7-0 to hold this item for two weeks and send it back to the Planning and Development Committee.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2025-180](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Daniel DeMay, Marcus Dee Stidham, Kristen Fox

APPOINTED

Appointed Markis Dee Stidham with four votes

2. [AB2025-190](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Noxious Weed Control Board, District 4 position, Applicant: Alexander Vondrell

APPOINTED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2025-187](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Jessica Stugelmayer to the Whatcom County Library System's Rural Library Board

CONFIRMED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2025-189](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Zelda Rood to the Whatcom County Developmental Disabilities Board

CONFIRMED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2025-224](#) Non-binding multi-jurisdictional resolution regarding population, housing and employment allocations

APPROVED

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Donovan

Enactment No: RES 2025-011

2. [AB2025-225](#) Request motion to appoint a councilmember representative to the Forest Advisory

Committee

APPOINTED

Appointed Elenbaas with 4 votes

3. [AB2025-226](#) Request motion to appoint a councilmember representative to the Economic Development Investment Board

APPOINTED

Appointed Stremler with 7 votes

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. [AB2025-196](#) Ordinance temporarily amending the funding limit of cash flow loans from the Road Fund to North Lake Samish Bridge No. 107 Replacement Fund -3905 from \$2,000,000 up to \$6,656,262.32 for a term not to exceed two years

THIS ITEM WAS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY BELOW.

2. [AB2025-211](#) Ordinance establishing a project-based budget for the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Sports Court

INTRODUCED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2025-212](#) Ordinance authorizing an interfund loan for the construction of the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Sports Court

INTRODUCED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

4. [AB2025-213](#) Ordinance establishing a project-based budget for the Silver Lake Boat Launch at Silver Lake Park

INTRODUCED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

5. [AB2025-220](#) Ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$1,485,889

INTRODUCED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

6. [AB2025-218](#) Receipt of application to a vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, Agriculture representative, Applicant(s): Rich Appel (Deadline for additional applications to this position is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025)

INTRODUCED

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

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INTRODUCED

Aye: 5 - Byrd, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Abstain: 2 - Buchanan, and Donovan

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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