

# **Whatcom County Council**

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## **Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

**6 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Carol Frazey  
Kaylee Galloway  
Kathy Kershner

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

There was no report.

### MINUTES CONSENT

*Byrd moved* to accept the minutes consent items. The motion was seconded by Frazey (see votes on individual items below).

1. MIN2023-070 Committee of the Whole for October 24, 2023

**Byrd moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

2. MIN2023-071 Regular County Council for October 24, 2023

**Byrd moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

### INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Tyler Schroeder, Director of Administrative Services, briefed the Councilmembers on the introduction items, and the rules in the Whatcom County Code and Charter for when a public hearing should be held on a mid-biennium budget ordinance. Since it states it should be in November, he recommends they introduce the ordinances and hold a hearing on November 21, 2023, and then Council can make a decision about postponing action until the meeting in December. He answered whether the

ordinances would need to be reintroduced if the Council makes modifications and stated he does not believe so.

***Donovan moved*** to introduce items one through fifteen. The motion was seconded by Kershner.

Galloway stated she would like to flag that there is a substitute ordinance that she has proposed for Introduction item number four (AB2023-714) and asked about the process for introducing both versions.

*Clerk's note:* They added that item as a sixteenth item under Introduction, and after the meeting, it was assigned a unique file number (AB2023-760).

***Kershner moved*** and Frazey seconded that Galloway's substitute ordinance be added to the list of introduction items.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, Kershner, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

***Frazey moved*** to introduce items one through sixteen (an agenda bill number for the substitute version in number sixteen was added after the meeting). The motion was seconded by Kershner (see votes on individual items below).

1. AB2023-693 Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund, Request No. 2

**Frazey moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

2. AB2023-697 Ordinance amending the project-based budget for the Jackson Road / Terrell Creek Bridge No. 81 Replacement Fund, request no. 1

**Frazey moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

3. AB2023-708 Ordinance Authorizing an Interfund Loan for the Purchase of Real Property

**Frazey moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

4. AB2023-714 Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Conservation Futures Purposes for 2024

**Frazey moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

The "substitute version" of this file was introduced and added below as item 16 and with a new agenda bill number (AB2023-760).

5. AB2023-715 Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County Road Purposes for 2024

**Frazey moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

6. AB2023-716 Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical Purposes for 2024

**Frazey moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

7. AB2023-717 Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County and State Purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the Year of 2024

**Frazey moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

8. AB2023-718 Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2024

**Frazey moved and Kershner seconded that the Resolution (FCZDBS) Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

9. AB2023-721 Resolution adopting the 2024 budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Subzones (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Frazey moved and Kershner seconded that the Resolution (FCZDBS) Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

10. AB2023-723 Ordinance establishing a Whatcom County Climate Action Fund and establishing an initial budget for the Climate Action Fund

**Frazey moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

11. AB2023-724 Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$16,303,061

**Frazezy moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazezy, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

12. AB2023-725 Ordinance closing the Triage Center Expansion Fund 374

**Frazezy moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazezy, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

13. AB2023-726 Ordinance amending the project budget for the Integrated Land Records and Permit Management System Fund, request no. 2.

**Frazezy moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazezy, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

14. AB2023-728 Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 15, in the amount of 1,295,786

**Frazezy moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazezy, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

15. AB2023-729 Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$54,123,315

**Frazezy moved and Kershner seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazezy, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Substitute version of Ordinance AB2023-714 added as new agenda item (AB2023-760).**

16. AB2023-760 Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures for 2024, in an increased amount of 5.6% from the previous year

**Frazezy moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. AB2023-654 Resolution authorizing the sale of personal property, pursuant to Whatcom County Code (WCC) 1.10 (capital equipment surplus)

Buchanan opened the Public Hearing and hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

**Kershner moved and Byrd seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2023-045

**OPEN SESSION**

The following people spoke:

- Richard Greenbaum
- Andrew Clarke
- Thom Harron
- Elli Harron
- Erica Simons
- Kathleen Greenbaum
- Corky Booze`
- Christopher Deile
- Bob Anderson
- Paul Stuart
- Janice Catrell

- Mark Porter
- Rosemary Van Beek
- Dan Malkovich
- Natalie Chavez
- Lyle Sorenson

Hearing no one else, Buchanan closed the Open Session.

## CONSENT AGENDA

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

*Kershner* reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* to approve Consent Agenda items one through eleven.

Byrd requested that they vote on Consent Agenda items three, ten, and eleven separately.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated that *Introduction Item* number fifteen (AB2023-279) was a substitute.

*Clerk's note:* Councilmembers took a short break before they voted on the consent items.

Councilmembers voted on Consent Agenda item numbers 1 and 2, and 4 through 9 (see votes on individual items below).

1. AB2023-678 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to increase the subscriber fees by \$1,260 for use of the City radio system, for a total amended annual contract amount of \$6,300

**Kershner reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

2. AB2023-695 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for funding to support ongoing maintenance and operations at the County's crisis stabilization center, in the amount of \$65,000

**Kershner reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion**



**carried by the following vote:****Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner**Nay:** 0

3. AB2023-698 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cando Recycling and Disposal to provide solid waste collection services in Point Roberts in the amount of \$475,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$950,000

This item was considered separately (see below).

4. AB2023-703 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Dr. Tyson Hawkins for Jail Administrative Physician Services in the amount of \$13,940.00 for a total amended amount of \$70,700.00

**Kershner reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner**Nay:** 0

5. AB2023-706 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with Shea, Carr & Jewell, Inc., dba SCJ Alliance, to perform certain tasks associated with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, urban growth area, and development regulations update in the amount of \$1,143,010

**Kershner reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner**Nay:** 0

6. AB2023-710 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Associated Earth Sciences, Inc. to complete the final two years of a three-year investigation to quantify the timing and magnitude of groundwater pumping on streamflow depletion, in the amount of \$364,486 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Kershner reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

7. AB2023-712 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to provide funding for the Alternative Response Team (ART) Program in the amount of \$1,174,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$3,387,000

**Kershner reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

8. AB2023-713 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Astound Business Solutions, LLC (formerly Wave Business Solutions, LLC) for a five year lease for fiber optic connectivity from the Courthouse to seven county buildings, in the amount of \$283,297.20

**Kershner reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

9. AB2023-730 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Security Solutions to provide for the 2023 annual testing of the fire and life safety systems at various Whatcom County buildings in the amount of \$37,688.45 for a total amended contract amount of \$79,033.25

**Kershner reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

10. AB2023-733 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham to compensate for Paramedic training program costs, in the amount of \$782,304.00

This item was considered separately (see below).

11. AB2023-734 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Fire Protection District #7 to compensate

for Paramedic training program costs, in the amount of \$318,892.00

This item was considered separately (see below).

### **CONSENT AGENDA CONSIDERED SEPARATELY**

3. AB2023-698 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cando Recycling and Disposal to provide solid waste collection services in Point Roberts in the amount of \$475,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$950,000

***Kershner*** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and ***moved*** that the Contract be AUTHORIZED.

Councilmembers discussed that this is the same contract they had last year and that this amendment adds another year.

**Kershner's motion that the Contract be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 2 - Byrd, and Elenbaas

10. AB2023-733 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham to compensate for Paramedic training program costs, in the amount of \$782,304.00

**Kershner reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Byrd

11. AB2023-734 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Fire Protection District #7 to compensate for Paramedic training program costs, in the amount of \$318,892.00

**Kershner reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Byrd

### **OTHER ITEMS**

**(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)**

1. AB2023-690 Appointment of one councilmember to serve as liaison for the Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) Project

Galloway reported for the Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee and stated there was not a recommendation from the committee.

*Elenbaas nominated* himself and spoke about why.

*Frazey nominated* Galloway.

Councilmembers discussed the time commitment.

Elenbaas was appointed by the following vote:

**Elenbaas:** 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Kershner

**Galloway:** 2 - Frazey and Galloway

**This agenda item was APPOINTED.**

Appointed Elenbaas with five votes.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. AB2023-679 Appointments to fill vacancies on the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee - Applicants: Janice Catrell, Pamela Gould, David Hamiter, Diane Harper, Janice Holmes, Carol Landt, Fabian Mendoza, Thomas Philpot, Catherine Shornick, Merritt Scott, and Tess Winds-Johnsons

Jill Nixon, Council Office Staff, explained the process for voting. She stated it was suggested by a speaker during open session (Bob Anderson) that they also appoint a fourth islander position beginning in February of 2024 to replace the position that Jim Dickenson would be vacating so that is the first question for Council.

*Buchanan moved* that they fill James Dickenson's position (a fourth position) beginning in February of 2024 (when it becomes vacant).

Councilmembers discussed the motion, whether applicants may not have applied at this time thinking they could apply in January, and that having three vacant positions adequately shows the need for people to apply.

Buchanan's motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay: 2 - Elenbaas and Frazey**

Nixon stated one of three islander vacancies (Position 3) is a partial term that expires in January 2024 and an idea was suggested to appoint someone to complete that partial term and then also fill the subsequent full term starting February 1st of 2024.

Councilmembers and staff discussed the options.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, and Nixon answered whether appointing the applicants and appointing the specific positions should be a separate vote.

**Donovan moved** to have all of the applicants for the four island positions (Pamela Gould, David Hamiter, Diane Harper, Janice Holmes, Thomas Philpot, Catherine Shornick, and Tess Winds-Johnson) considered for nomination. The motion was seconded by Frazey (this motion was not voted on but Councilmembers considered all the applicants in their appointment).

The following applicants addressed the Council:

- Pamela Gould
- Thomas Philpot
- Catherine Shornick
- Diane Harper
- Tess Winds-Johnson

Elenbaas asked Winds-Johnson when she graduated from Western Washington University.

Councilmembers cast their votes for the applicants and Pamela Gould (6 votes), Thomas Philpot (6 votes), Catherine Shornick (6 votes), and Diane Harper (5 votes) were appointed as follows:

**Buchanan:** Gould, Harper, Shornick, and Philpot

**Byrd:** Hamiter, Harper, Holmes, and Johnson

**Donovan:** Gould, Shornick, Harper, and Philpot

**Frazey:** Gould, Philpot, Shornick, and Johnson

**Galloway:** Gould, Harper, Philpot, and Shornick

**Kershner:** Shornick, Harper, Philpot, and Gould

**Elenbaas:** Johnson, Gould, Shornick, and Philpot

Buchanan stated the next step is to assign the islanders to specific

positions.

**Byrd moved** and Kershner seconded to assign the appointees to terms alphabetically as follows:

- Position 1: Pamela Gould
- Position 2: Diane Harper
- Position 3: Thomas Philpot
- Position 4: Catherine Shornick

Byrd's motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

Councilmembers considered the off-island positions.

**Donovan moved** and Frazey seconded to nominate both candidates (Janice Catrell and Merritt Scott) for Position 6.

Janice Catrell was appointed with seven votes as follows:

**Byrd:** Catrell

**Donovan:** Catrell

**Elenbaas:** Catrell

**Frazey:** Catrell

**Galloway:** Catrell

**Kershner:** Catrell

**Buchanan:** Catrell

Councilmembers considered the two applicants (Carol Landt and Fabian Mendoza) for Positions 8 and 9.

**Byrd moved** and Kershner seconded to appoint both applicants.

Byrd's motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, Kershner, Buchanan, and Byrd

**Nay:** 0

**Byrd moved** to extend Position 3 (Philpot) for an additional full term. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

Councilmembers discussed the motion, who was in Position 3, whether the group is diverse, and what will happen if they do not approve this motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Frazey, Galloway, Kershner, Buchanan, Byrd, and Donovan

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**This agenda item was APPOINTED.**

Motion approved 5-2, with Elenbaas and Frazey opposed, to fill James Dickenson's position beginning in February of 2024 (a fourth position).

Appointed the following Islanders plus a fourth position (James Dickenson's position): Pamela Gould (6 votes), Thomas Philpot (6 votes), Catherine Shornick (6 votes) and Diane Harper (5 votes).

Motion approved 7-0 to assign the appointees to terms alphabetically Pamela Gould (Position 1), Diane Harper (Position 2), Thomas Philpot (Position 3), Catherine Shornick (Position 4).

Appointed Catrell for Position 6 with a vote of 7-0.

Motion approved 7-0 to appoint both applicants (Landt and Mendoza) for Positions 8 and 9.

Motion approved 6-1, with Elenbaas opposed, to extend Position 3 (Philpot) for an additional full term.

2. AB2023-686 Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Forest Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Herbert Barker, Richard Donahue, Tracy Petroske, Tom Smith, Paul Stuart

**Donovan moved** to nominate or consider all the applicants. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

The following applicants addressed the Councilmembers and answered questions:

- Tracy Petroske
- Paul Stuart

Councilmembers discussed the applicants and when they will populate Galloway's new committee.

Petroske was appointed with six votes as follows:

**Donovan:** Tracy Petroske

**Elenbaas:** Tom Smith

**Frazey:** Tracy Petroske

**Galloway:** Tracy Petroske

**Kershner:** Tracy Petroske

**Buchanan:** Tracy Petroske

**Byrd:** Tracy Petroske

This agenda item was APPOINTED.

Appointed Petroske with six votes

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

- 1. AB2023-707 Request confirmation of the County Executive’s appointment of Chantel Welch to the Agricultural Advisory Committee

*Donovan moved* and Kershner seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED.

Buchanan asked if the appointee was available but she was not.

**Donovan's motion that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 2 - Byrd, and Elenbaas

**ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

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

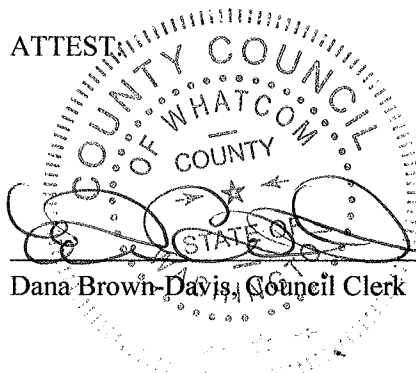
Councilmembers gave Committee reports and gave other updates.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on November 21, 2023.

ATTEST:



Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barry A. Buchanan'. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

*Kristi Felbinger*

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription