



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 9, in the amount of \$7,941,775

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Supplemental #9 requests funding from the General Fund:

1. To appropriate \$500,000 in Public Defender to fund outside conflict attorneys and experts.
2. To appropriate \$52,598 in County Clerk to fund specialty clerk and position reclass for water rights adjudication using grant funds.
3. To appropriate \$226,478 in Superior Court to fund supplemental staff for water rights adjudication using grant funds.

From the Conservation Futures Fund:

4. To appropriate \$1,300,000 in Planning & Development Services to fund Steensma agriculture and riparian conservation easement.

From the Community Priorities Fund:

5. To appropriate \$115,680 in Health to fund minor remodeling of the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center kitchen.

From the Jail Fund:

6. To appropriate \$12,500 in Jail to fund purchase of a dump trailer for the Whatcom County Offender Forestry Work Crew using grant funds.
7. To appropriate \$12,500 in Jail to fund purchase of a tilt trailer for the Whatcom County Offender Forestry Work Crew using grant funds.

8. To appropriate \$38,100 in Jail to fund replacement of a Bobcat track loader for the Whatcom County Offender Forestry Work Crew using grant funds.

From the Homeless Housing Fund:

9. To appropriate \$4,522,119 in Health to fund housing services contract extensions using grant funds.
10. To appropriate \$262,300 in Health to fund essential needs contract extensions using grant funds.

From the Affordable Housing, Behavioral Health Facilities and Related Services Fund:

11. To appropriate \$500,000 in Health to fund affordable housing projects.

From the Road Fund:

12. To appropriate \$399,500 in Public Works to fund central shop stormwater improvements; companion to SBR 5408.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
06/09/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer
06/23/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer
06/23/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Summary Listing, Summary by Fund, Supplemental Requests, Notice of Action Proposed on 6.9.2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-034

AMENDMENT NO. 9 OF THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 budget was adopted November 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 2025-2026 budget; and

WHEREAS, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the Whatcom County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that by the Whatcom County Council that the 2025-2026 Whatcom County Budget Ordinance #2024-057 is hereby amended by adding the following additional amounts to the 2026 budget included therein:

Fund	Expenditures	Revenues	Net Effect
General Fund 1000	779,076	(323,000)	456,076
Conservation Futures Fund 1246	1,300,000	-	1,300,000
Community Priorities Fund 1247	115,680	-	115,680
Jail Fund 1350	63,100	(63,100)	-
Homeless Housing Fund 1852	4,784,419	(4,784,419)	-
Affordable Housing, Behavioral Health Facilities and Related Services Fund 1856	500,000	-	500,000
Road Fund 1900	399,500	-	399,500
Total Supplemental	<u>7,941,775</u>	<u>(5,170,519)</u>	<u>2,771,256</u>

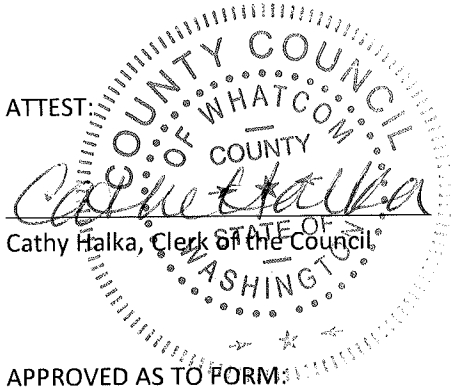
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT the Whatcom County Council that Exhibit B – Capital Appropriations in the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance should also be amended to provide for the changes outlined in the attached exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Exhibit C – Position Control Changes in the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance should also be amended to provide for the following FTE changes in the Superior Court and Superior Court Clerk's Offices:

- **Add one FTE – Superior Court, Court Programs and Technology Coordinator**
- **Add one FTE – Superior Court Clerk, Specialty Court Clerk**

ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2026

ATTEST:



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by Email: B. Waldron/A. Tan

Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

☒ Approved () Denied

Date Signed: 6.26.26

Exhibit B
Capital Appropriations
2025-2026 Budget

Dept/Div	Fund	Description of Assets to be Purchased	Budget Year	Cost	Assets Being Replaced	Year	Replaced Equip #
Jail Fund							
Jail	1350	12' 14K Dump Trailer	2026	\$ 12,500	New		
Jail	1350	16' 14k Tilt Trailer	2026	\$ 12,500	New		
Jail	1350	Bobcat MT100	2026	\$ 38,100	New		
Total Added				<u>\$ 63,100</u>			