

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

2:55 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M., MAY BEGIN EARLY
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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.

Call To Order**Roll Call**

Present: 6 - Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: 1 - Tyler Byrd

Announcements**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2023-711](#) Mid Biennium 2023-2024 Budget Review

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to support \$25,000 toward WSAC broadband efforts.

Motion approved to fund three attorneys, two legal assistants and one witness and victim coordinator in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office (\$692,102).

Motion approved to fund two body scanners using the Jail Fund (\$440,000).

Motion approved to fund five FTEs for corrections deputies (\$584,080).

Motion approved to support the \$30,000 for the BOE temporary extra help and per diem.

Motion approved to approve \$70,000 for an added legislative clerk to the Council Office.

Motion approved to approve \$75,000 to support services for the Forest Resilience Task Force.

Motion approved to add four attorneys, one legal assistant, one investigator, and one behavior health specialist to the Public Defender's Office (No cost available yet).

**Clerk's note: Amounts received from the Executive's for requests are noted after each request if not already stated.

2. [AB2023-769](#) Discussion and request for a motion to approve Whatcom County Legislative Priorities

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to support the joint Whatcom County/ City of Bellingham/ Port of Bellingham legislative agenda as well as the Whatcom County budget and policy legislative agenda.

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment