

# **Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Action Summary**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 11:40 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,  
SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil),  
OR CALL 360.778.5010), AGENDA REVISED 6.9.2025**

### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## **Call To Order**

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Barry Buchanan

Also Present: Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmler

## **Announcements**

## **Council "Consent Agenda" Items**

1. [AB2025-416](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Northwest ESD 189 to provide substance use prevention services, in the amount of \$121,000

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2025-423](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Cascade Connections to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,661,673

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2025-424](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Kulshan Supported Employment to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,588,773

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2025-426](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington Vocational Services to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$255,333

### **RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

5. [AB2025-427](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Work Opportunities to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,166,120

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

6. [AB2025-429](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cascadia Law Group, PLLC to provide investigation and legal defense of County and District water rights, in the amount of \$300,000 for a total amended amount of \$325,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

7. [AB2025-430](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award construction project Bid # 19088003 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Northwest Brush Busters, LLC for the Subzone Levee Vegetation Maintenance 2025 project, in the amount of \$62,286.97

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

8. [AB2025-431](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc. to provide transportation and disposal of moderate risk waste from the Disposal of Toxics Facility, in an estimated amount of \$350,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

9. [AB2025-433](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and DVSAS to operate and maintain three safe shelters in the amount of \$131,052, for a total amended contract amount of \$287,922

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

10. [AB2025-435](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and YWCA Bellingham for housing case management and other operational support services for shelter and permanent supportive housing units in the amount of \$910,503, for a total amended contract amount of \$1,335,515

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

**Special Presentation**

1. [AB2025-371](#) Report from the Human Resources Division of the Administrative Services Department

**WITHDRAWN**

**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2025-441](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$18,235,908

**DISCUSSED**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2025-379](#) Resolution amending the 2025 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$445,550 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

2. [AB2025-437](#) Resolution to update position titles for the Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Board

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**