

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

8:45 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:45 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,
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OR CALL 360.778.5010)**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Elizabeth Boyle
Barry Buchanan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jessica Rienstra
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2026-347](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cascadia Law Group PLLC to increase the maximum consideration in the amount of \$50,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$200,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2026-348](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ceterra Northwest, LLC to provide on-call construction materials testing and materials inspection for Whatcom County Public Works projects in the amount not to exceed \$200,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2026-349](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections to conduct an innovative waste reduction program for large scale events, in the amount of \$83,588

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Special Presentation

1. [AB2026-332](#) Presentation by the Executive's Office and Finance Director on approach to 2027-2028 biennial budget

PRESENTED

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-346](#) Discussion regarding Council Office budget items for the 2027-2028 Biennial Budget
DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved that they create a three-member council team to work with the clerk to identify reduction scenarios for the seven and 10% reduction targets and appoint Stremmer, Scanlon, and Galloway

2. [AB2026-339](#) Ordinance establishing a Ferry District to fund and manage the Lummi Island ferry system
DISCUSSED
3. [AB2026-352](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the Austin Court Stormwater Improvement Project Fund, request no. 1
DISCUSSED
4. [AB2026-354](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the North Commercial Street Acquisition, request no. 1
DISCUSSED
5. [AB2026-356](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the New Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility, request no. 11
DISCUSSED
6. [AB2026-370](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 8, in the amount of \$8,914,924
DISCUSSED
7. [AB2026-371](#) Discussion of a resolution amending the 2026 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$34,964 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
DISCUSSED
8. [AB2026-372](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project based budget for the Lummi Nation Ferry Lease Fund-3901, request no. 1
DISCUSSED
9. [AB2026-377](#) Discussion of an ordinance increasing the Petty Cash Revolving Fund for the Parks and Recreation Department, in the amount of \$500
DISCUSSED
10. [AB2026-378](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the Central Shop National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 2
DISCUSSED

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment