

Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

11 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 12:30 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 5.22.2026

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Announcements

If you require special assistance to participate, please contact the Council Office at 360-778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance. Assistive listening devices are available in Council Chambers, and live captions are available through Zoom for those participating remotely. This committee meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Whatcom County Council, with the agenda limited to committee business.

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2026-368](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and EKS Evaluation Consulting to develop a comprehensive evaluation plan for the five key Response Systems Division programs within Whatcom County Health and Community Services, in the amount of \$83,150
2. [AB2026-381](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Police Department for a commitment of funding from the Bellingham Police Department to maintain operations of the Alternative Response Team Program, in the amount of \$688,760
3. [AB2026-382](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to increase funding for the Consolidated Homeless Grant, which supports the priorities outlined in the Whatcom County Plan to End Homelessness, in the amount of \$1,546,981 for a total amended agreement amount of \$20,366,072
4. [AB2026-385](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to provide funding for various public health programs, in the amount of \$57,008 for a total amended contract amount of \$11,286,805
5. [AB2026-386](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Kulshan Community Land Trust to provide eighteen units of permanently affordable homeownership units for households earning less than 80% Area Median Income, in the amount of \$394,012.06
6. [AB2026-387](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Shea, Carr & Jewell, Inc. dba SCJ Alliance to provide flood mitigation planning for the City of Sumas, in the amount of \$274,981.33 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

7. [AB2026-391](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department for the elevation of sixteen structures in flood-prone areas, in the amount of \$4,156,725 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
8. [AB2026-392](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Herrera Environmental Consultants to support the next phase of Lower Nooksack River Floodplain Integrated Planning, in the amount of \$1,250,229 for a total contract amount of \$4,248,598 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
9. [AB2026-393](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lake Whatcom Residential Treatment Center to support the development of 37 units of affordable rentals for adults with behavioral health needs, including 11 units dedicated to Trueblood Class Members, in the amount of \$3,087,940
10. [AB2026-394](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an amended agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement of costs related to water adjudication, in the amended amount of \$2,538,200
11. [AB2026-397](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department to enhance security and preparedness for the 2026 International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) World Cup events, in the amount of \$62,963
12. [AB2026-398](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the SeattleFWC26 to enhance security and preparedness for the 2026 International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) World Cup events, in the amount of \$97,556
13. [AB2026-401](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to clarify eligible construction reimbursement methods for the Bear Creek Corridor Mitigation Bank Project in the amount of \$0, for a total amended contract amount of \$1,000,000

Special Presentation

1. [AB2026-399](#) Presentation from the Western Washington University Small Business Development Center regarding its services and economic impacts in Whatcom County
2. [AB2026-400](#) Presentation by the Executive Office on the Economic Development Investment Fund and Program

Committee Discussion

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

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2026-333](#) Ordinance increasing the Petty Cash Revolving Fund for the Parks and Recreation Department, in the amount of \$500
2. [AB2026-351](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Austin Court Stormwater Improvement Project Fund, request no. 1
3. [AB2026-353](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the North Commercial Street Acquisition, request no. 1
4. [AB2026-355](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the New Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility, request no. 11
5. [AB2026-369](#) Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 8, in the amount of \$8,914,924
6. [AB2026-373](#) 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)
7. [AB2026-374](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Lummi Nation Ferry Lease Fund-3901, request no. 1
8. [AB2026-379](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Central Shop National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 2
9. [AB2026-402](#) Resolution appointing the County Treasurer and Finance Director as the county representatives authorized to designate certain expenditures for reimbursement from future tax-exempt obligations

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2026-418](#) Request for motion to support modifying the Flood District Fund reserve policy to allow for levee repairs

ITEM ADDED 5.22.2026

Other Business

Adjournment