

Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

9:55 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Announcements

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Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2026-137](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17 for the period January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028
2. [AB2026-154](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology for the 2025-2027 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant, in the amount of \$120,000
3. [AB2026-156](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue to extend the current contract for fire investigation services by one year
4. [AB2026-160](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation to execute a Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the design phase of the Lakeway Drive - City of Bellingham to Cable Street - Pavement Rehabilitation Project, County Road Project 925001, in the amount of \$251,000
5. [AB2026-162](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal grant agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce to reimburse the 5% local match obligation required in the four FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grants, in the amount of \$1,500,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
6. [AB2026-163](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal cost reimbursement agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden to support 30% design of Phase 1 of the Mouw Ditch early action project with pass-through funding from Floodplains through Design (FbD) 2023-25 grant, in the amount of \$113,600 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

7. [AB2026-164](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group to increase the project management task budget to assist homeowners participating in the Hazard Mitigation Elevation Grant Program, in the amount of \$80,000, for a total amount of \$200,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2026-145](#) Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$1,804,963
2. [AB2026-114](#) Ordinance establishing the project budget for the Strawberry Point/Lake Whatcom Boulevard stormwater improvements, request no. 1
3. [AB2026-143](#) Ordinance establishing the Ferndale Senior Activity Center Improvements Fund and establishing an initial budget for the Ferndale Senior Activity Center Improvements Fund
4. [AB2026-134](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Courthouse Building Envelope Fund, request no. 7
5. [AB2026-165](#) Resolution to declare county-owned structures located at recently acquired property at South Fork Park as worthless

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment