

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Action Summary**

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024  
10:45 AM  
Hybrid Meeting**

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**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Kaylee Galloway

**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## **Announcement of Extension of Executive Session**

Council staff announced that the Executive Session would be extended until 11 a.m.

## **Call To Order**

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Tyler Byrd, Kaylee Galloway, and Todd Donovan

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

## **Announcements**

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

1. [AB2024-491](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Administrative Office of the Courts to support District Court Mental Health Court in the amount of \$178,600

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2024-495](#) Request authorization to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County Juvenile Court and Washington Health Care Authority for development and implementation of reentry services for youth transitioning out of Juvenile Detention- up to \$2,000,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2024-496](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Western Washington University to purchase and install a portable building intended to be used for two licensed childcare classrooms, in the amount of \$529,800

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2024-497](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to

acquire approximately 1,600 acres of forestland to be added to the existing Stewart Mountain Community Forest, in the amount of \$3,000,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

5. [AB2024-498](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Bellingham Food Bank to purchase and distribute diapers and infant formula, in the amount of \$867,688

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2024-499](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Office of Public Defense to be reimbursed for the cost of providing defense counsel consultation and representation for defendants facing charges or charged with simple possession or public use offenses under RCW 69.50.4011(1)(b) or (c) in the amount of \$183,635.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2024-500](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale School District to provide emergency management services to Ferndale School District in the amount of \$40,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

**Nay:** 0

8. [AB2024-501](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and SoundEarth Strategies LLC to provide remedial investigation/feasibility study and construction and permitting support services for the removal of existing underground storage tanks and site remediation at the Whatcom County Central Shop facility, in the amount of \$19,762 for a total amended contract amount of \$158,499

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

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

Nay: 0

9. [AB2024-502](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a no-cost interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to allow the Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) volunteer organization to provide communications services to the fire stations for emergency communications in the event of a disaster

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

10. [AB2024-504](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Crossroads Consulting LLC for facilitator services for the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force in the amount of \$169,650.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

11. [AB2024-506](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award Bid #24-74 for the purchase of two Skydio X10 drones, accessories, software, and training from Axon Enterprise Inc, located in Scottsdale, Arizona, in an amount not to exceed \$57,484.20

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

12. [AB2024-508](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Opportunity Council for pass through funding to provide services to low and moderate income persons in Whatcom, Island, and San Juan Counties in the amount of \$130,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

13. [AB2024-509](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for pass through funding to support the What-Comm Communications Center E911 operational expenses in the amount of \$52,900

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

14. [AB2024-511](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Mount Baker School District to provide funding for minor renovations necessary to construct a school-based health center, in the amount of \$30,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

15. [AB2024-514](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for funding to help support positions in the Sheriff's Office that are assigned to the Whatcom Gang and Drug Task Force, in the amount of \$150,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2024-519](#) Discussion regarding 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center funding

**DISCUSSED**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2024-513](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an access agreement between Blaine School District and Whatcom County for Bay Horizon Park

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

2. [AB2024-523](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham Fire Department, City of Lynden Fire Department, Whatcom Fire Protection District 1, Whatcom Fire Protection District 4, Whatcom County Fire Protection District 7, Whatcom Fire Protection District 8, Whatcom Fire Protection District 11, Whatcom Fire Protection District 14, Whatcom Fire Protection District 16, Whatcom Fire Protection District 17, Whatcom Fire Protection District 18, Whatcom Fire Protection District 19, Whatcom Fire Protection District 21 (dba North Whatcom Fire and Rescue), South Whatcom Fire Authority for First Response Medical Services, in the amount of \$25 million

**FORWARDED TO COUNCIL WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION**

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**