

Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

11 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,
OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 10.20.2025**

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. [AB2025-727](#) 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% match obligation required in the two elevation grants, in the amount of \$600,000 (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

2. [AB2025-728](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to administer the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Program in the amount of \$1,813,929, for a total amended contract amount of \$5,223,812

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

3. [AB2025-730](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a three-year contract between Whatcom County and Correctional Healthcare Partners Inc. for the provision of jail healthcare and juvenile detention nursing services, in the three-year total amount of \$22,896,000

This item was considered separately below.

Council "Consent Agenda" Items Considered Separately

3. [AB2025-730](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a three-year contract between Whatcom County and Correctional Healthcare Partners Inc. for the provision of jail healthcare and juvenile detention nursing services, in the three-year total amount of \$22,896,000

RECOMMENDED TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Recommended to Hold in Committee until November 5th

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-714](#) Discussion of resolution declaring the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District's intention to lease property on River Road (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

DISCUSSED

2. [AB2025-716](#) Discussion of a resolution declaring the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District's intention to lease property on East Main Street (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

DISCUSSED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2025-678](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the New Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility, request no. 9

SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

2. [AB2025-680](#) Resolution amending the 2025 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$49,400 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

3. [AB2025-682](#) Ordinance establishing the Silver Lake Lagoon Project Fund and establishing an initial budget for the Silver Lake Lagoon Bridge Fund

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

4. [AB2025-685](#) Ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 11, in the amount of \$517,671

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment