

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:20 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**AGENDA REVISED 3.7.2025 - HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,
SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil
OR CALL 360.778.5010)**

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 Stremler

Announcements

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2025-186](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families in the amount of \$8,840, for a total amended agreement amount of \$827,677.20

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED AGAIN BELOW.

2. [AB2025-192](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$229,668.06

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

3. [AB2025-195](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Aha! Childcare & Family Learning Center to increase kindergarten readiness for enrolled children at a licensed childcare facility, in the amount of \$106,773

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

4. [AB2025-197](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire District 19 to lease the property located at 9186 Mt Baker Highway, in the amount of \$1.00 per year

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

5. [AB2025-199](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to provide funding for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program in the amount of \$40,262, for a total amended agreement amount of \$1,216,096

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

6. [AB2025-200](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections to provide funding for the Food Recovery Program in the amount of \$11,667, for a total amended contract amount of \$113,542

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

7. [AB2025-201](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections to provide behavioral health services in the Whatcom County Jail, Work Center, and for Court Involved Youth in the amount of \$211,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$3,402,810

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

8. [AB2025-204](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for Correctional Services

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

9. [AB2025-206](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a loan and grant agreement between Whatcom County and Habitat for Humanity for the acquisition of property that will allow for the construction of at least 40 affordable homes in the amount of a \$231,000 grant and a \$469,000 loan for a total of \$700,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

10. [AB2025-207](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Mount Baker School District to provide funding for renovations necessary to construct a school-based health center in the amount of \$55,000, for a total amended agreement amount of \$85,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

11. [AB2025-209](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to provide funding for various public health services in the amount of \$53,403, for a total amended agreement amount of \$5,318,686

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

12. [AB2025-214](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Ferndale School District to increase kindergarten readiness for students ages 3-5, in the amount of \$149,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

13. [AB2025-215](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Cozy Bears Early Learning to increase kindergarten readiness and expand licensed childcare capacity, in the amount of \$43,500

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Special Presentation

1. [AB2025-216](#) Report from the Information Technology Division

REPORTED

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-198](#) Discussion of proposed ordinance temporarily amending the funding limit of cash flow loans from the Road Fund to North Lake Samish Bridge No.107 Replacement Fund

-3905 from \$2,000,000 up to \$6,656,262.32 for a term not to exceed two years

DISCUSSED

2. [AB2025-222](#) Discussion of the Ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$1,751,265

DISCUSSED

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED AGAIN BELOW.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2025-046](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Attorney General of Washington for cy pres funding, in the amount of \$125,000

SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 2 - Donovan, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

ITEMS DISCUSSED AGAIN

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Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment