

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Action Summary**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024  
2:30 PM  
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4 P.M., MAY BEGIN EARLY  
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT  
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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway  
Jon Scanlon  
Mark Stremler

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

**Call To Order****Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

**Announcements****Special Presentation**

1. [AB2024-031](#) Presentation from the Department of Natural Resources on the identification of lands to be set aside, as directed by the State Legislature’s Natural Climate Solutions Proviso

**PRESENTED**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2024-063](#) Resolution requesting that the Governor of Washington declare a state of emergency in response to the opioid and fentanyl crisis

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S)**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Motion approved to amend the Resolution to delete page 3, lines 2-4.

Motion approved to amend the Resolution to delete page 2, line 50-52.

Motion approved to amend the Resolution to add a statement, “Now Therefore Be It Finally Resolved that Whatcom County respectfully requests that the State Senate and the State House (the Legislature) partner with the Governor to rapidly reassess our response to this crisis.”

2. [AB2024-064](#) Resolution requesting that the President of the United States declare a federal emergency in response to the opioid and fentanyl crisis

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S)**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Motion approved to amend the Resolution to delete page 3, lines 38-40.

Motion approved to amend page 4 of the Resolution to add a statement, “Now Therefore Be It Finally Resolved that Whatcom County respectfully requests that the President of the United States partner with Congress to rapidly reassess our response to this crisis.”

### **Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2024-068](#) Discussion of legislative priorities

**DISCUSSED**

### **Items Added by Revision**

### **Other Business**

### **Adjournment**