



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$7,123,065

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Supplemental #3 requests funding from the General Fund:

1. To appropriate \$16,000 in Parks & Recreation to fund procurement and implementation of a modernized reservation and sale software.
2. To appropriate \$94,107 in Non-Departmental to fund 911 emergency services using grant fund.

From the Countywide EMS Tax Fund:

3. To appropriate \$11,000 in Non-Departmental to fund EMS equipment for WCFD 7 Captain.

From the Convention Center Fund:

4. To appropriate \$1,500 in Parks & Recreation to fund cleaning and maintenance of Glacier restroom facility using LTAC funds.

5. To appropriate \$475,750 in Non-Departmental to fund the Glacier Restroom Improvement Project; companion to suppl #5316.

From the Conservation Futures Fund:

6. To appropriate \$100,000 in Public Works to fund demolition of structures on Acme Floodplain.

7. To appropriate \$665,402 in Public Works to fund development of Stewart Mountain

Community Forest using grant funds.

From the Parks Special Revenue Fund:

8. To appropriate \$118,000 in Parks & Recreation to fund repairs to Nessel Farm

Caretaker residence, using donation from the Nessel Foundation.

9. To appropriate \$30,674 in Parks & Recreation to fund South Fork Park - Nessel Trail connection using donation from the Nessel Foundation.

10. To appropriate \$584,000 in Parks & Recreation to fund Carrasco - Nessel trail connection using grant funds, donations, and REET II funding.

From the Real Estate Excise Tax II (REET II) Fund:

11. To appropriate \$13,540 in Parks & Recreation to fund design and engineering for backup generator at Van Zandt Community Hall.

12. To appropriate \$113,092 in Non-Departmental to fund Parks Special Revenue Fund; this is a companion to suppl #5327.

13. To appropriate \$900,000 in Non-Departmental to fund purchase and tenant improvements to 333 32nd St.; this is a companion to suppl #5327.

From the Public Utilities Improvement Fund:

14. To appropriate \$1,000,000 in Non-Departmental to fund purchase and tenant improvements to 333 32nd St.; this is a companion to suppl #5327.

From the Capital Facilities Reserve Fund:

15. To appropriate \$3,000,000 in Non-Departmental to fund purchase and tenant improvements to 333 32nd St.; this is a companion to suppl #5327.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
01/27/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 5 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremier	
02/10/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 5 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremier	
02/10/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 5 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremier	

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Summary Listing, Summary by Fund, Supplemental Requests, Notice of Action Proposed on 1.27.2026

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 1/27/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-009
AMENDMENT NO.3 OF THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 budget was adopted November 19, 2024; and
WHEREAS, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 2025-2026 budget;
and

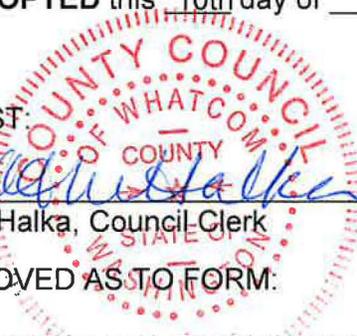
WHEREAS, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the
Whatcom County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 2025-2026
Whatcom County Budget Ordinance #2024-057 is hereby amended by adding the following additional
amounts to the 2026 budget included therein:

Fund	Expenditures	Revenues	Net Effect
General Fund 1000	110,107	(94,107)	16,000
Countywide EMS Tax Fund 1240	11,000	-	11,000
Convention Center Fund 1244	477,250	-	477,250
Conservation Futures Fund 1246	765,402	(665,402)	100,000
Parks Special Revenue Fund 1800	732,674	(1,296,200)	(563,526)
Real Estate Excise Tax II (REET II) Fund 3240	1,026,632	-	1,026,632
Public Utilities Improvement Fund 3242	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Capital Facilities Reserve Fund 3515	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Total Supplemental	7,123,065	(2,055,709)	5,067,356

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:


Cathy Halka
Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email: B Waldron/A Tan
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway
Kaylee Galloway, Chair of Council

Approved () Denied

Satpal Sidhu
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 2.11.26