

# **Whatcom County Council**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025  
6 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN  
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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council is currently holding meetings in hybrid format with options for in-person or remote viewing and participation. For instructions on remote participation, visit [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil) and register by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to speak remotely. Individuals who require special assistance to participate in the Council's meetings are asked to contact the Council Office at 360.778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance.

Per RCW 42.17A.555 the use of public facilities to support or oppose candidates or ballot issues is prohibited. Members of the public and the legislative body are not allowed to speak in support of, or in opposition to, a ballot measure or individual candidacy during an open public meeting. Please refrain from raising campaign issues when addressing the Council.

The County is accepting applications from county residents to fill vacancies on several boards, commissions, and committees spanning a wide range of important local issues. For more information, visit the Boards and Commissions vacancy webpage on the County website or call the Council Office or County Executive's Office.

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

### MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2025-027](#) Committee of the Whole for April 29, 2025
2. [MIN2025-028](#) Regular County Council for April 29, 2025
3. [MIN2025-029](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for April 29, 2025
4. [MIN2025-030](#) Special Committee of the Whole for April 22, 2025

**OPEN SESSION**

Participants requesting to speak during open session may attend in person. To speak remotely, please visit [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil) and register by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link.

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up. Speakers participating on-site in the Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those who have registered to speak remotely.

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Per RCW 42.36.060 Councilmembers are prohibited from engaging in ex parte communications in matters where the Council determines the legal rights, duties, or privileges of specific parties in a hearing or other contested case proceeding. Council serves in a quasi-judicial role as a decision-maker on major project permits, which cannot be discussed by members of the public at Council meetings. Examples of major project permits that cannot be discussed at Council meetings include MPP2024-00001 City of Bellingham Mitigation Bank, LSS2024-00001 R and R Acres Long Subdivision and Development Agreement, LSS2022-00001 Red Mountain Long Subdivision and Development Agreement, PUD2022-00001 Royal Emerald Motors Planned Unit Development, and MPP2024-00002 ALA Energy, Ferndale Terminal Existing and Planned Improvements.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2025-347](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Amendment No. 1 of the Interagency Agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health to provide additional funding for the Whatcom County Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program, in the amount of \$1,536,380 for a total amendment amount of \$3,015,374 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
2. [AB2025-354](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Mobile Mama Strategies, Inc to administer a mental health internship pilot project in the amount of \$133,100, for a total amended contract amount of \$297,335

3. [AB2025-360](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service for reimbursement of overtime patrols, in the amount of \$21,900
4. [AB2025-363](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Siemens Industry, Inc. to provide the 2025 - 2027 Service Agreement for HVAC Service, in the amount of \$120,096 plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax
5. [AB2025-364](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of radios, related installation parts, and programming, using the Washington State Contract #00318, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per calendar year for 2025 and 2026
6. [AB2025-369](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of a RapidHIT™ ID Sytem, using the Washington State Contract #20722. The vendor is Thermo Fisher Scientific/Life Technologies Corporation, and the total cost for this purchase will not exceed \$210,784.83
7. [AB2025-370](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Bode Technology for DNA training, analysis, and result storage, in the amount of \$70,000

## **OTHER ITEMS**

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

1. [AB2025-328](#) Resolution adopting an amendment to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan

## **CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.070(B), the council must confirm or reject executive appointments within 30 days of submission to the council. County code deems the appointee confirmed if council does not take action within this time.

1. [AB2025-350](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Tim Schermetzler to the Whatcom County Development Standards Technical Advisory Committee

## **ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION**

### **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. [AB2025-264](#) Ordinance to amend Whatcom County Code Section 3.08.100, Council approval required, to increase the threshold for contracts that require council approval

2. [AB2025-337](#) Ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$1,053,510
3. [AB2025-355](#) Ordinance authorizing interfund loans to finance cash flow for county road fund up to \$4 million for a term not to exceed two years
4. [AB2025-365](#) Receipt of a report from the 2025 Whatcom County Salary Commission

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES****ADJOURN**