

# **Whatcom County Council**

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

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

**6 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - PLEASE NOTE: COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING ITS PUBLIC COMMENT RULES AND HAS SUSPENDED REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT VIA ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE SEE AGENDA NOTES UNDER "OPEN SESSION" FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

### **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.

## 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 how to watch or participate in the Council's meetings, visit [whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil) or contact the Council Office at 360.778.5010. 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.

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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. [MIN2024-009](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for February 20, 2024

## **OPEN SESSION**

**Please note: Remote public comment will not be offered at this meeting. Due to recent hate speech incidents at meetings across the state we are reviewing our public comment rules and procedures and are not offering a remote comment option at this time. We continue to offer public comment in-person, via email at [council@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:council@co.whatcom.wa.us), phone (360-778-5010), or mail. Any individual who will have difficulty attending a meeting of the County Council by reason of disability, limited mobility, or for any other reason that makes physical attendance at a meeting difficult, the Council shall, when feasible, provide an opportunity for that individual to provide oral comment remotely if oral comment from other members of the public will be accepted at the meeting. Please contact our office by noon on meeting day at 360-778-5010 to register.**

**All in-person 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.**

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## **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. [AB2024-147](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Julota to track and monitor services and care provided to individuals frequently seen by Health and Community Services' Response Systems Division Programs in the amount of \$110,008 for a total amended contract amount of \$278,426
2. [AB2024-149](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Everson for reimbursement of expenses for road gates installation in the amount of \$47,534.22
3. [AB2024-150](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Kittelson & Associates to implement an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study, in the amount of \$99,994.00

4. [AB2024-162](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Saturna Watershed Sciences LLC to implement a second phase of investigation into the extrapolation of initial recommended extrapolated instream flow information to unmeasured sites in support of watershed and salmon recovery planning, in the amount of \$81,585.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
5. [AB2024-171](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and PROTEC17 for the period January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025
6. [AB2024-174](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for Recreation Boating Safety Grant, in the amount of \$17,523.25
7. [AB2024-175](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Meridian School District for Sheriff's Office Substation lease, in the amount of \$69,528
8. [AB2024-182](#) Request approval for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Snohomish County which will allow reciprocal utilization of competitively bid contracts, pursuant to RCW Chapter 39.34 Interlocal Cooperation Act

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)**

1. [AB2024-161](#) Request approval for the County Executive to act as the authorized representative for the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Community Forest Program Grant #22-1301

### **(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

2. [AB2024-151](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Law Group / Rajeev Majumdar for hearing examiner services in the amount of \$5,500 for a total amended contract amount of \$225,820 for the 2-year contract
3. [AB2024-158](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to fund homelessness crisis response systems in the amount of \$1,801,736 for a total amended agreement amount of \$12,345,115

### **(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)**

4. [AB2024-145](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.145 to clarify member requirements on the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee

### **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2024-154](#) Request to change representation on the Surface Mining Advisory Committee from Committee Member Kathleen Greenbaum
2. [AB2024-165](#) Appointment to a special district vacancy on the Drainage Improvement District #15 Board of Supervisors, Position 3, Applicant: John Vreugdenhil
3. [AB2024-167](#) Appointment to a special district vacancy on the Butler Diking Drainage District Board of Supervisors, Position 2, Applicant: Mark Westhoff
4. [AB2024-177](#) Appointments to vacancies on the Justice Project Oversight and Planning Committee, Applicants: Richard Gleason, Corbett Hanson, Hannah Sloan, Robert Sullivan

### **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. [AB2024-164](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Holly Robinson to the Northwest Senior Services Board
2. [AB2024-169](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments of Richard Conoboy, Lynne Graham, and Brent Waggoner to the Veteran's Advisory Board
3. [AB2024-170](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Clay Pehl to the Agricultural Advisory Committee
4. [AB2024-181](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments of Jared Oberhaus and Elisabeth Mason to the Point Roberts Community 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. [AB2024-155](#) Resolution vacating a portion of County Road and an unnamed alley within the Amended Plat of South Wickersham
2. [AB2024-157](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 12.24, Franchise Requirements, to update procedures for processing applications

3. [AB2024-160](#) Ordinance establishing a temporary closure of Truck Road
4. [AB2024-166](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 8.10, Solid Waste and Residential Recycling Collection
5. [AB2024-173](#) Proposed ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 15, Buildings & Construction, to adopt by reference the 2021 Editions of the International Building, Residential, Mechanical, Fuel gas, existing building, fire codes, and the national fuel gas, Washington State Energy, uniform plumbing, & liquified petroleum gas codes, and the 1997 uniform code for the abatement of dangerous buildings, as amended as set forth herein, as required by RCW Chapter 19.27
6. [AB2024-178](#) Resolution amending the Flood Control Zone District & Subzones 2024 budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$564,477 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
7. [AB2024-179](#) Ordinance establishing a project-based budget for the Unity Street Acquisition Project Fund
8. [AB2024-180](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5 in the amount of \$9,827,008

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

### **ADJOURN**