

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010), AGENDA REVISED 7.10.2023

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-043](#) Special Committee of the Whole for June 13, 2023
2. [MIN2023-044](#) Water Work Session for June 13, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2023-415](#) Ordinance providing for submission of a proposition to the qualified electors of Whatcom County pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 authorizing the collection of a local sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with public health, safety and justice facilities and services, including behavioral health, supportive housing, public safety, and criminal justice facilities and programs

2. [AB2023-416](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 11.20.025, Flotation Devices on the South Fork of the Nooksack River, to better protect ESA-listed Chinook salmon

OPEN SESSION

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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. [AB2023-411](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and The Arc of Whatcom County to provide information, education and family support services to individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and the general public in the amount of \$172,464 for a total amended contract amount of \$480,144
2. [AB2023-412](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the U.S. Department of Justice for Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) PA-WAW-0376, in the amount of \$5,000.00
3. [AB2023-413](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for Registered Sex Offender Verification Program Funding 2023-2024, in the amount of \$135,992.00
4. [AB2023-419](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services - Development Disabilities Administration to provide services for persons with development disabilities, in the amount of \$5,459,497.00
5. [AB2023-421](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Environmental Science Associates to complete a climate vulnerability assessment, in the amount of \$69,997

6. [AB2023-424](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health to provide funding for the Whatcom County Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program, in the amount of \$1,478,994 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
7. [AB2023-426](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Drayton Archaeology to provide on-call cultural and historical resource services for July 2023 through July 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$100,000
8. [AB2023-428](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cascade Connections to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities in the estimated amount up to \$1,657,818
9. [AB2023-429](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Kulshan Supported Employment to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities in the estimated amount up to \$1,547,837
10. [AB2023-430](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington Vocational Services to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities in the estimated amount up to \$295,353
11. [AB2023-431](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Work Opportunities to provide services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities in the estimated amount up to \$979,423
12. [AB2023-433](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Language Line Services, Inc. to provide telephonic and video language interpretation services in the amount of \$15,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$48,000
13. [AB2023-440](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Pacific Surveying and Engineering Services, Inc. to evaluate the current stormwater system and determine appropriate Stormwater BMPs to improve the site's water quality and provide an NPDES Engineering Report to DOE, in the amount of \$63,531.06
14. [AB2023-441](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Pacific Power Group to provide generator preventative maintenance per agreement, in the amount of \$49,823.00

15. [AB2023-442](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and RE Sources to implement waste reduction and recycling education programs, in the amount of \$65,000
16. [AB2023-443](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Environmental Science Associates to continue to develop and implement the WRIA 1 integrated funding strategy, in the amount of \$45,000.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
17. [AB2023-444](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to fund homelessness crisis response systems, in the amount of \$10,543,379
18. [AB2023-450](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the Bellingham Food Bank to extend the agreement through December 2024 for an additional \$1,000,000 for a total cost of \$1,500,000
19. [AB2023-452](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$4,744,770

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

1. [AB2023-427](#) Resolution acknowledging the rights of the Southern resident orcas

WITHDRAWN 7.10.2023 - WILL BE RESCHEDULED

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2023-446](#) Appointment of members to serve on SWISS (Skagit, Whatcom, Island, Snohomish, and San Juan Counties regional cooperation committee) strategic plan subcommittees

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. [AB2023-417](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Sheli Moore to the Parks and Recreation Commission

2. [AB2023-432](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Ryan Corley to the Bicycle Pedestrian 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. [AB2023-448](#) Ordinance Establishing the Central Shop NPDES Stormwater Improvements Project Based Budget
2. [AB2023-451](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 10, in the amount of 1,493,534
3. [AB2023-455](#) Receipt of application to fill a vacancy on the Surface Mining Advisory Committee, position for a representative of a potable domestic groundwater supply, preferably a public water system representative or private well owner - Applicant(s): Kathleen Greenbaum (additional applications for this position are due at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023)

ADDED 7.10.2023

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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