



# Whatcom County

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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**TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Courthouse Improvement Fund, request no. 2

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

Request appropriation of an additional \$100,000 to fund improvements to the basement of the Courthouse for the purpose of providing additional office space.

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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
11/09/2022	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 6 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 1 Elenbaas	
		Absent: 0	
11/22/2022	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	
		Absent: 0	
11/22/2022	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	

Absent: 0

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**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance, Proposed Exhibit A, Supplemental Budget Request

PROPOSED BY: Executive Sidhu  
INTRODUCTION DATE: November 9, 2022

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-076**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE COURTHOUSE  
IMPROVEMENT FUND, REQUEST NO. 2**

**WHEREAS**, this fund was established by Ordinance No. 2014-073 to replace the Courthouse fire alarm system and the roof over Juvenile; and

**WHEREAS**, both of those projects have been completed and the project budget was amended to include several other courthouse repair and replacement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the additional projects have now been completed leaving an expenditure balance of \$91,013; and

**WHEREAS**, the county is experiencing a need for additional office space throughout the organization due to increases in staffing and many tenant improvement projects that have and will continue to temporarily displace staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration believes it to be efficient and resourceful to maximize all available and underutilized space within the courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently a need to temporarily relocate the Medical Examiner staff from their State Street office during the Waystation construction project; and

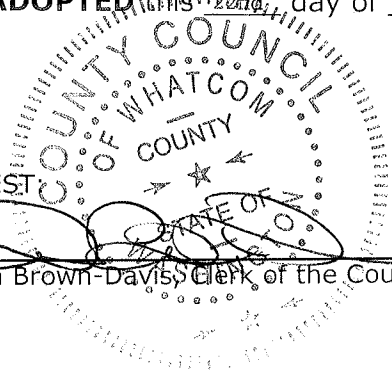
**WHEREAS**, there is available unfinished space in the courthouse basement that was formerly used as the emergency operations center which can be converted to three large offices to accommodate multiple employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration believes it to be in the best interest of the county to have readily available office space that can be utilized for temporary or long-term occupation when the need arises; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed improvements to this underutilized space will provide long-term benefits for the organization when office space is needed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2014-073 is hereby amended by adding \$100,000 of expenditure authority, as described in Exhibit A, to the amended project budget of \$1,071,907, for a total project budget of \$1,171,907.

**ADOPTED** this ~~11th~~ 29th day of November, 2022.

ATTEST:  [Signature]  
Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
[Signature]  
Todd Donovan, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
[Signature]  
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Christopher Quinn via e-mail 11/29/22 /JL  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Approved      ( ) Denied  
Date Signed: November 29, 2022

**EXHIBIT A**

**COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS - FUND 357, Cost Center 357100**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amended Project Budget</b>	<b>Amendment #3 to Ord. 2014-073</b>	<b>Total Amended Project Budget</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
6190	Direct Billing Rate	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
6510	Tools & Equipment	\$26,815	\$0	\$26,815
7060	Repairs & Maintenance	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$160,000
7350	Buildings & Structures	\$785,092	\$0	\$785,092
7380	Other Improvements	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000
		<b>\$1,071,907</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$1,171,907</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
8301.326	REET I Transfer	\$729,216	\$100,000	\$829,216
8301.332	Rural Sales Tax (EDI) Transfer	\$342,691	\$0	\$342,691
		<b>\$1,071,907</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$1,171,907</b>