

**Whatcom County  
Council Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Action Summary**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

**9:50 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLY/LATE - ADJOURNS BY 12:00 P.M.  
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT  
[www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil), OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA  
REVISION 4.13.2026**

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Elizabeth Boyle  
Barry Buchanan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway  
Jessica Rienstra  
Jon Scanlon  
Mark Stremmler

**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## **Call To Order**

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 6 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon,  
and Mark Stremler

**Absent:** 1 - Kaylee Galloway

## **Announcements**

## **Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2026-305](#) Discussion with STV on Justice Project validation process

**WITHDRAWN**

See AB2026-322 under Items Added by Revision

2. [AB2026-306](#) Discussion with the Executive's Office on Justice Project financial framework, risks,  
mitigation measures, and Finance and Facility Advisory Board deliberations;  
presentation of draft resolution on project financial framework and interlocal

**WITHDRAWN**

See AB2026-322 under Items Added by Revision

3. [AB2026-307](#) Presentation and discussion with consultants and staff on jail population forecast  
analysis and behavioral health analysis

**WITHDRAWN**

See AB2026-322 under Items Added by Revision

4. [AB2026-308](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending Whatcom County Code section 5.04.080  
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Oversight Board and Section 5.04.085 EMS  
Technical Advisory Board to change the membership of the EMS Oversight Board  
and the EMS Technical Advisory Board

**DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED**

MOTION 1

Motion approved to recommend the Revised Substitute Ordinance as amended.

MOTION 2

Motion approved to strike the language beginning with "alternative" (under section A, number 10 of Exhibit A) and retain the language as presented for nine and ten with an amendment to the original number 10 so that Section A, subsections 9 and 10 would read:

9. A community member at large, appointed jointly by the county executive and mayor of Bellingham; and
10. Two EMS/Fire personnel or community members who reflect diverse perspectives and community representation, appointed jointly by the county executive and mayor of Bellingham

**Items Added by Revision**

1. [AB2026-322](#) Discussion on Justice Project priorities, validation process, financial framework, behavioral health analysis, jail population forecast analysis and draft Council resolution

**PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**