

**Whatcom County  
Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Action Summary**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024  
9:10 AM  
Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

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**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Kaylee Galloway

**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## **Call To Order**

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Tyler Byrd, Kaylee Galloway, and Todd Donovan

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

## **Announcements**

## **Council "Consent Agenda" Items**

1. [AB2024-682](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Bellingham and Whatcom County Housing Authorities to develop a licensed child care facility in the Samish Commons affordable housing complex, in the amount of \$1,093,637

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2024-709](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District to provide emergency management services to Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District in the amount of \$50,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2024-711](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Elizabeth Boyle Consulting to provide meeting facilitation services in the amount of \$23,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$46,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2024-715](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the purchase of brine at a cost of \$.63 per gallon

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

5. [AB2024-716](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Sanitary Service Company, Inc. to collect waste along Birch Bay Drive in the amount of \$15,000, for a total contract amount of \$43,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2024-717](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Elliot Bay Design Group, LLC, to provide engineering services for the annual dry dock of the MV Whatcom Chief ferry along with other on-call services as needed for the Lummi Island Ferry System, in the amount of \$75,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2024-720](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a three year subscription agreement with West Publishing for legal research databases in the amount of \$151,672.68

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

8. [AB2024-721](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the What-Comm Communications Center in support of reimbursement for E911 capital equipment expenses in the amount of \$43,747

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

9. [AB2024-726](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Fire Protection District 5 (Point Roberts) for Basic Life Support Services in Whatcom County, in the amount of \$21,869.16

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

10. [AB2024-727](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce to examine the potential for an Office of Healthy Housing in the amount of \$190,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

11. [AB2024-734](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) for Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation # PA-WAW-0376, in the amount of \$5,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

12. [AB2024-735](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) for Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation # PA-WAW-0385, in the amount of \$5,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

13. [AB2024-736](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) for Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation PA-WAW-0386, in the amount of \$5,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

14. [AB2024-737](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) for Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation # PA-WAW-0387, in the amount of \$5,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

15. [AB2024-738](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for High Visibility Emphasis (HVE) patrols, in the amount of \$28,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

16. [AB2024-740](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lutheran Community Services Northwest to lease a facility intended for use as the 2024-2025 winter shelter, in the amount of \$66,625

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

**Special Presentation**

1. [AB2024-702](#) Report from the Facilities Division of the Administrative Services Department

**REPORTED**

**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2024-757](#) Discussion regarding the Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board recommendations in response to the County Council's request to update the EDI policies consistent with changes to RCW 82.14.370

**DISCUSSED**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2024-654](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale School District to purchase and install an ADA-compliant playground, in the amount of \$700,000

**SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

**Nay:** 0

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**