

# **Whatcom County Council (Special)**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Minutes - Final**

**Monday, December 4, 2023**

**1 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Carol Frazey  
Kaylee Galloway  
Kathy Kershner

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

**Call To Order**

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 6 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, and Kaylee Galloway

**Absent:** 1 - Kathy Kershner

**Announcements**

**Council Consideration and Action**

- 1. [AB2023-650](#) Resolution certifying amounts to be levied by Whatcom County taxing districts to the County Assessor

Rebecca Xczar, County Assessor, stated the districts submitted the information straight to the Council and the Assessor just received a copy so she did not have any brief for the Councilmembers.

*Donovan moved* and Buchanan seconded that the Resolution be APPROVED.

Donovan stated he understands that the Assessor's Office does not have a role in certifying the accuracy of the submissions but the Council needs to pass a resolution. It is essentially up to these taxing districts to provide proper information.

Xczar stated that is correct and the Assessor's Office just verifies that it meets their legal limits in the end.

Donovan stated it would be easier to go through them if there was one template or way for the districts to report and Xczar stated the Department of Revenue is looking into some training for the districts. Donovan asked whether the Greenways levy passed for the City of Bellingham, and Xczar stated she believes so.

**Donovan's motion that the Resolution be APPROVED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Galloway

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Kershner

Enactment No: RES 2023-050

**Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on January 9, 2024.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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