

# **Whatcom County Council**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

**6 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
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Ben Elenbaas  
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Kaylee Galloway  
Kathy Kershner

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

### MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-008](#) Committee of the Whole for January 10, 2023
2. [MIN2023-009](#) Regular County Council for January 10, 2023
3. [MIN2023-010](#) Water Work Session for January 17, 2023
4. [MIN2023-011](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for January 24, 2023
5. [MIN2023-012](#) Committee of the Whole for January 24, 2023
6. [MIN2023-013](#) Regular County Council for January 24, 2023

### 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. [AB2023-067](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State University to continue the jointly shared costs for faculty positions and program support for WSU Extension in the amount of \$255,071 for a total amended contract amount of \$2,986,499.90
2. [AB2023-085](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a two year interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for work crew services, in the amount of \$55,250.00 per year
3. [AB2023-091](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections to provide substance use disorder assessments and post-assessment treatment coordination for people releasing from the Whatcom County Jail or who are referred through criminal/legal referral channels, in the amount of \$138,642
4. [AB2023-094](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department for FY2019 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$54,069.48
5. [AB2023-099](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Ferndale for County coordinated opioid misuse prevention and abatement strategies within the Ferndale community, in the amount of \$15,434.66
6. [AB2023-101](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Road2Home to operate overnight severe weather shelters in the amount of \$40,561 for a total amended contract amount of \$79,729
7. [AB2023-111](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sean Humphrey House to provide a forgivable grant and recoverable loan for the acquisition of an affordable assisted housing unit in the amount of \$200,000

**OTHER ITEMS**

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2023-077](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$6,395,173
2. [AB2023-078](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Plantation Rifle Range Lead Reclamation and Capital Improvement by adding \$700,000 for a total amount of \$1,355,000
3. [AB2022-731](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Hunt Forensics for increased costs of services in the amount of \$893,449.13 for the total amount of \$3,356,602

**(From Council Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee)**

4. [AB2023-069](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.09 to conform with newly adopted and amended Court rules

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2023-109](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Jane Olson Mauk
2. [AB2023-110](#) Appointment to fill vacancy on the Laurel Watershed Improvement District Board
3. [AB2023-112](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on the Wildlife Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Barry Wenger
4. [AB2023-113](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission, Council District 2 or 4, Applicant(s): Daniel Dahlquist

**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. [AB2023-103](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Trevor Gearhart to the Whatcom County Food System Committee
2. [AB2023-104](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Shannon Boustead to the Whatcom County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee
3. [AB2023-114](#) Request confirmation of Executive Sidhu's appointment of Patrick Alesse to the Whatcom County 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. [AB2023-090](#) Ordinance repealing Whatcom County Code 1.28, Standards for Correctional Facilities, in its entirety
2. [AB2023-098](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Shallow Shore Project Based Budget Fund, request no. 2
3. [AB2023-108](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$4,791,300
4. [AB2023-095](#) Ordinance Regarding Installation of stop signs on certain county roads
5. [AB2023-097](#) Ordinance establishing a speed limit for the plat of Harbor View Heights

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES****ADJOURN**