

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The County is accepting applications from county residents to fill vacancies on several boards, commissions, and committees spanning a wide range of important local issues. For more information, visit the Boards and Commissions vacancy webpage on the County website or call the Council Office or County Executive's Office.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-077](#) Special Council for December 4, 2023
2. [MIN2023-078](#) Committee of the Whole for December 5, 2023
3. [MIN2023-079](#) Regular County Council for December 5, 2023
4. [MIN2023-080](#) Special Council for December 19, 2023

OPEN SESSION

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. To participate, please see instructions at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or contact the Council Office at 360.778.5010. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up. Speakers participating on-site in the Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those participating remotely.

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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. [AB2024-003](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Catholic Community Services to support case management and operations and maintenance at the Francis Place permanent supportive housing facility in the amount of \$314,529 for a total amended contract amount of \$484,570
2. [AB2024-004](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine to extend the term of the Jail Use Agreement until December 31, 2024
3. [AB2024-005](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Jessica Dubek, DDS of DentAll, PLLC for Inmate Dental Services in the amount of \$80,000 for a total amended amount of \$116,000.00
4. [AB2024-007](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cordant Health Solutions for Jail Alternatives Drug Testing in the amount of \$11,035.00 for a total amended amount of \$68,140.00
5. [AB2024-024](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Social & Health Services Developmental Disabilities Administration to provide services for people with developmental disabilities in the amount of \$609,873 for a total amended agreement amount of \$6,069,370

6. [AB2024-025](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for the Sheriff's Office boating safety program to continue to receive Vessel Registration Fees (VRF) and Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) grant funds
7. [AB2024-026](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Regional Council for Nursing Services in the Jail and Juvenile Detention in the amount of \$1,924,551.06 for a total amended amount of \$8,357,536.17
8. [AB2024-029](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to receive state funds to conduct climate planning activities in association with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and development regulations update, in the amount of \$475,000
9. [AB2024-033](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$500,112 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,566,919
10. [AB2024-035](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Natural Resources for the collection, processing, and delivery of lidar topographic and bathymetric mapping of the Nooksack and Sumas rivers, in the amount of \$349,600 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
11. [AB2024-036](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Marvin Wayne M.D., P.S. for the provision of Medical Program Director services in the amount of \$255,000.00
12. [AB2024-037](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Master's Touch LLC to provide printing and mailing of tax statements
13. [AB2024-038](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and AXIOM Armored Transport to provide armored car services in the amended amount of \$21,600 plus fuel surcharge for a total amended amount of \$58,000 plus fuel surcharge
14. [AB2024-051](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a three year contract between Whatcom County and PeaceHealth St. Joseph's Medical Center to provide emergency medical services for jail inmates in the amount of \$230,000 per year

15. [AB2023-811](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Everson for Department of Homeland Security FY2022 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$12,000.00
16. [AB2023-813](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Ferndale for Department of Homeland Security FY2022 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$12,000.00
17. [AB2023-814](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Lynden for Department of Homeland Security FY2022 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$12,000.00
18. [AB2023-815](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Sumas for Department of Homeland Security FY2022 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$12,000.00
19. [AB2023-816](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Blaine for Department of Homeland Security FY2022 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$12,000.00
20. [AB2023-817](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife for Department of Homeland Security FY2022 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$8,000.00
21. [AB2023-827](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into contract amendments between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department for Operation Stonegarden FY21 to extend the end date of the grant agreement, update the grant's personnel contact information and add \$73,125.00 for a total amended contract amount of \$229,417.50
22. [AB2023-836](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to provide prevention services that reduce risk to LGBTQ+ youth in the amount of \$25,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$100,000

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-001](#) Resolution updating the appendix of the 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
2. [AB2024-002](#) Request for motion to approve the updated Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) plan

3. [AB2023-822](#) Ordinance adopting two-tenths of one-percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding public health, safety, and justice facilities and services, including a new county jail, behavioral health, supportive housing, public safety, and criminal justice facilities and programs
4. [AB2023-840](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no 17, in the amount of \$1,400,000

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

5. [AB2024-063](#) Resolution requesting that the Governor of Washington declare a state of emergency in response to the opioid and fentanyl crisis
6. [AB2024-064](#) Resolution requesting that the President of the United States declare a federal emergency in response to the opioid and fentanyl crisis

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2024-039](#) Appointments to vacancies on the Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management (BBWARM) District Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Sherrie Jerrett-Green and Rebecca Hardie (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
2. [AB2024-040](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Board of Equalization, Applicant(s): Sonja Merk
3. [AB2024-041](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Heather Steele, Matthew Green
4. [AB2024-042](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force, Applicant(s): Brande Ortiz, Lyn Salazar, Vesla Tonnessen, Megan Juenemann, Sallye Quinn
5. [AB2024-043](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Climate Impact Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Charles Bailey, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Cooper, Jim Boyle, Jamie Hogue, David Frankel, Eddy Ury, Joshua Williams, Howard Sharfstein
6. [AB2024-044](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): George Kaas
7. [AB2024-045](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Dale Buys, Holly O'Neil, Ron Bronsema, Jeff De Jong, John Perry, and Bruce Bosch (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
8. [AB2024-046](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Noxious Weed Control Board, Applicant(s): George Kaas

9. [AB2024-047](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Public Health Advisory Board, Applicant(s): Sterling Chick, Emily O'Connor, Kelli Carroll, Julie Terry, Joni Hensley
10. [AB2024-048](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Planning Commission, Applicant(s): James Hansen and Frank James
11. [AB2024-049](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): William McCarter and Brandi Hutton

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. [AB2024-006](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 1.08 (Initiative, Referendum and Recall) to increase the length of the concise description of a ballot title from 30 to 75 words
2. [AB2024-027](#) Ordinance establishing a project budget for the Cedar Hills Culvert Replacement Project Fund; SWP #SWLW23-05
3. [AB2024-028](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Public Safety Radio System Fund, request no. 4
4. [AB2024-032](#) Resolution adopting the 2024 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space (CPROS) Plan
5. [AB2024-034](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of 1,693,840

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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