

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2022-080](#) Special Council for November 17, 2022
2. [MIN2022-081](#) Committee of the Whole for November 22, 2022
3. [MIN2022-082](#) Regular County Council for November 22, 2022

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2022-581](#) Resolution to declare Whatcom County Real Property as Surplus and Approve Sale
2. [AB2022-587](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Blaine concerning planning, annexation and development within the Blaine Urban Growth Area

3. [AB2022-642](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Ferndale concerning planning, annexation and development within the Ferndale Urban Growth Area
4. [AB2022-643](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the seven cities concerning procedures for amending the Countywide Planning Policies
5. [AB2022-650](#) Ordinance Establishing Temporary one way traffic on Drayton Harbor Road
6. [AB2022-651](#) Ordinance to install stop signs on Bay Road at the intersection with Kickerville Road
7. [AB2022-652](#) Ordinance to install stop signs on Bay Road at the intersection with Valley View Road
8. [AB2022-653](#) Ordinance to remove a temporary stop sign on Drayton Harbor Road
9. [AB2022-654](#) Ordinance to remove stop signs on Harksell Road at the intersection with Woodland Road
10. [AB2022-665](#) Ordinance authorizing the 2023 Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule
11. [AB2022-673](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 3.72 (Construction Projects-Apprenticeship Requirements) to extend the start dates and enhance the requirements for utilization of the contractor apprenticeship program
12. [AB2022-688](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Whatcom County children and families for 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. [AB2022-667](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District for outreach, education and technical assistance with BBWARM stormwater programs, in the amount of \$93,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
2. [AB2022-668](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District for education and outreach assistance with Lake Whatcom stormwater utility stormwater programs, in the amount of \$64,600
3. [AB2022-676](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to support operations at the permanent supportive housing facility known as Heart House in the amount of \$63,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$120,145
4. [AB2022-679](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Julota to integrate data among various data storage platforms used to track and monitor services and care provided to individuals frequently seen by the Health Department's Response Systems Division Programs in the amount of \$85,207 for a total amended contract amount of \$168,418
5. [AB2022-680](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sun Community Services for emergency shelter operations at Sun House, in the amount of \$482,755
6. [AB2022-683](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Thomson Reuters for legal research purposes, in the amount of \$87,234.19
7. [AB2022-684](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services to operate emergency domestic violence shelters, in the amount of \$50,000
8. [AB2022-685](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham to provide funding to support the GRACE Program in the amount of \$392,000 annually
9. [AB2022-686](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Acme Water District No. 18 (Water District) for inclusion of the Water District's utility improvements into the Jones Creek Debris Flow Risk Reduction Project, for a cost share amount of \$33,000.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

10. [AB2022-687](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the U.S Department of Justice for the FY 2022 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment Program Grant, in the amount of \$300,000.00
11. [AB2022-689](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) for continued technical assistance for Flood Project Implementation, in the amount of \$40,000.00 over two years (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
12. [AB2022-690](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Regional Council to extend Nursing Services in the Jail and increase the maximum annual compensation by \$128,382.00 for a total of \$1,782,522
13. [AB2022-691](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Traffic Safety Commission for High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) patrols, in the amount of \$8,250.00
14. [AB2022-692](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Traffic Safety Commission for High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) patrols to address road safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, in the amount of \$14,000.00
15. [AB2022-693](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration for Cooperative State and Local Task Force Agreement FY2023
16. [AB2022-697](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement Supplemental No. 1 between Whatcom County and KPFF, Inc. to provide on-call professional mechanical engineering support for the Whatcom County ferry program in the amount of \$40,000
17. [AB2022-698](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement Supplemental No. 1 between Whatcom County and KPFF, Inc. to provide on-call professional structural engineering support for the Whatcom County bridge program
18. [AB2022-699](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement Supplement No. 1 between Whatcom County and Trantech Engineering, LLC to provide on-call professional structural engineering support for the Whatcom County bridge program in the amount of \$40,000

19. [AB2022-700](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health for the delivery and funding of various public health services in the amount of \$109,206, for a total amended agreement amount of \$8,487,174
20. [AB2022-701](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter in to a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Nurses Association for the period of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025
21. [AB2022-702](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Washington State Office of Public Defense for the purpose of improving the quality of public defense services in the amount of \$200,639.00
22. [AB2022-703](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Mount Baker Foothills Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$125,000
23. [AB2022-704](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$130,000
24. [AB2022-705](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism in the amount of \$250,000
25. [AB2022-709](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Northwest Regional Council in support of the Meals on Wheels Program in the amount of \$120,000
26. [AB2022-711](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease/contract between Whatcom County and Unity-Flora Development LLC, to lease space at 104 Unity Street, Bellingham, in the amount of \$88,512
27. [AB2022-714](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with Midwest Employer Casualty renewal for insurance protection for the self-insured workers compensation program in the amount of \$107,590 for calendar year 2023
28. [AB2022-715](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Summit Law Group to provide legal services for matters related to collective bargaining, in the amount not to exceed \$89,076 annually through December 31, 2023
29. [AB2022-716](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Council of Governments for provision of Boundary Review Board administration

30. [AB2022-718](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Habitat for Humanity for their purchase of a property in Everson for construction of 30 homes in the amount of \$449,256
31. [AB2022-719](#) Request approval for the County Executive to award Bid #22-58 Medical Outreach Van Modifications and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and North Point Metalworks, in the amount of \$45,096.15
32. [AB2022-720](#) Resolution certifying Whatcom County's property tax levies for collection in 2023 to the County Assessor

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2022-636](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.118, reactivating the Whatcom County Wildlife Advisory Committee beyond December 31, 2022
2. [AB2022-661](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 16.20, Whatcom County Shellfish Protection Districts

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

3. [AB2022-657](#) Ordinance amending the Silver Beach Creek Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request No. 1
4. [AB2022-659](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$9,737,304
5. [AB2022-660](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the North Lake Samish Road Bridge No. 107 Replacement Fund, request no. 2
6. [AB2022-662](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 16, in the amount of \$636,513
7. [AB2022-675](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and World Relief Western Washington to facilitate distribution of refugee relief funds, in the amount of \$150,000
8. [AB2022-677](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to support the Positive Adolescent Development Program in the amount of \$115,000

9. [AB2022-681](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$607,235 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,456,130
10. [AB2022-678](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$482,572 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,053,814

(From Council Planning and Development Committee)

1. [AB2022-627](#) Resolution approving recommendations on three applications for open space current use assessment

**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. [AB2022-696](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Valerie Billmire to the Whatcom County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

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. [AB2022-641](#) Ordinance adopting the Buildable Lands Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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