

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
311 Grand Avenue, Ste #105
Bellingham, WA 98225-4038
(360) 778-5010**



Action Summary

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

3:25 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M., MAY BEGIN EARLY
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT
www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010)**

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

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2023-582](#) Discussion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocation

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to fund Pacific Northwest Plateful for \$115,000 out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the Food Security section.

Motion approved to hold the motion to add \$350,000 for Christian Health Care Center for an emergency Information Technology and communication situation to the funding list.

Motion approved to hold the motion to include Mt. Baker School District's request for \$150,000 in ARPA funding until the Mt. Baker School District can come to present on their proposal.

Motion approved to fund the East Whatcom Regional Center for \$150,000 to upgrade the kitchen to commercial standards.

2. [AB2023-479](#) Discussion of an ordinance to amend WCC 2.145, Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to strike the last Be it Finally Ordained clause in the ordinance.

Motion approved to change the first instance of the word “will” to “may” in Whatcom County Code 2.145.030 (D) so that it reads:

“The county council and the county executive MAY consider the committee’s recommendations and advice when making ferry-related decisions.”

3. [AB2023-583](#) Discussion of a resolution supporting the use of Economic Development Investment (EDI) funds for affordable housing

NOT ACTED UPON

4. [AB2023-569](#) Discussion of councilmember proposed mid-biennium modifications to the

2023-2024 Whatcom County Budget (modifications approved by council will be submitted to the Administration per budget instructions)

NOT ACTED UPON

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2023-636](#) Discussion and approval of a letter to Senator Cantwell, Senator Murray, and Rep. Larson regarding the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

NOT ACTED UPON

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment