

**Whatcom County
Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023
10:45 AM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 11:45 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON AT
311 GRAND AVENUE SUITE 101, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also Present: Tyler Byrd, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Announcements

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2023-177](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and S. S. Papadopulos & Associates, Inc. to make refinements and modifications to the Whatcom County Groundwater Model, in the amount of \$210,640 for a total contract amount of \$496,656 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2023-196](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Heston Hauling LLC to provide towing, removal and disposal services for abandoned vehicles that have been declared as junk on the county right of way in the amount of \$32,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2023-198](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology to the 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a total amended contract amount of \$75,000.00

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2023-206](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County, the City of Bellingham and Port of Bellingham for increased cost of joint consultation and government affairs services in the amount of \$48,000 per year

This item was considered separately below.

5. [AB2023-208](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine in support of the Wellfield Pump Station Infrastructure Project in the amount of a \$375,000 grant and a \$125,000 loan

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2023-209](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Pyramid Communications for public communications for the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force in the amount of \$138,850, for a total amended amount of \$227,650.

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2023-210](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine for the G Street Sewer improvement project in the amount of a \$1,875,000 grant and a \$625,000 loan

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8. [AB2023-215](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into a contract with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC for financial advisor services in the amount of \$39,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items Considered Separately

4. [AB2023-206](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County, the City of Bellingham and Port of Bellingham for increased cost of joint consultation and government affairs services in the amount of \$48,000 per year

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Donovan, and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Frazey

Absent: 0

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2023-149](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Academy Road Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 3

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2023-155](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.128, Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, to revise membership

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S)

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Motion approved to add three members in a new Subsection D.

Motion approved to also include in Subsection D the source for determining the largest employers in Whatcom County.

The new Subsection D would read:

The county council shall also appoint three voting representatives, one each, from three of the four largest employers in Whatcom County, based on the latest report of Whatcom County Top Employers by Western Washington University Center of Economic and Business Research.

This item was discussed further under Other Business.

3. [AB2023-185](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$7,015,999

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2023-186](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Courthouse Improvement Fund, request no. 4

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2023-189](#) Request for motion to approve the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Plan 2023-2025 Update

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL OF REQUEST

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2023-195](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to support operations at the permanent supportive housing facility 22 North in the amount of \$25,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$268,950

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 2 - Donovan, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Kershner

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment