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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

April 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, and Carol Frazey
Absent: None
Also Present: Barbara Brenner, Rud Browne, and Satpal Sidhu

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. AB2019-043 DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 1.28, STANDARDS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Buchanan reported on the discussion of this item at the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force (IPRTF).

Liz Gallery, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, gave a staff report on the history of corrections standards requirements. County Code allows suspension of the standards during periods of overcrowding, which occurred for quite some time. The request is for the Council to consider allowing the current standards in the code to continue to be suspended while they consider how to restructure the corrections standards.

The following staff answered questions:

- Bill Elfo, County Sheriff
- Wendy Jones, Chief of Corrections
- Jeff Parks, Undersheriff

Councilmembers and staff discussed the Sheriff's ability to suspend standards during periods of overcrowding, transparency of policies, and appropriate Whereas statements for an ordinance to suspend the guidelines.

Byrd moved to suspend the current requirements for the next twelve months or until the committee can update the guidelines.

Staff stated they would bring forward an ordinance in two weeks for Introduction that would allow the Council to temporarily suspend the guidelines.

Byrd amended and restated his motion to request the Prosecutor's Office bring forward an ordinance in two weeks that would temporarily suspend the current requirements and adopt the current operation manuals for the next twelve months or until the committee can update the guidelines.

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The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Buchanan, Byrd, and Frazey (3)
Nays: None (0)

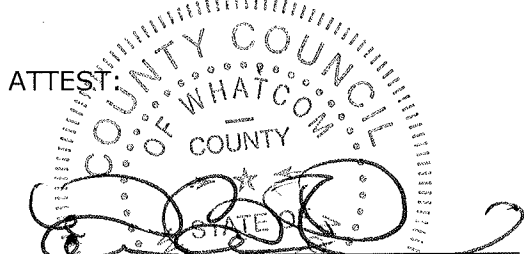
OTHER BUSINESS


There was no other business.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

ATTEST:






Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Committee Chair



Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription