

# **Whatcom County Council (Special)**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Minutes - Final**

**VIRTUAL MEETING - VIEW ONLINE (BUDGET WORK SESSION)**

**Thursday, October 29, 2020**

**9:30 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Rud Browne  
Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Carol Frazey  
Kathy Kershner

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

**Call To Order**

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. a.m. in a virtual meeting.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 6 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey and Ben Elenbaas

**Absent:** 1 - Kathy Kershner

**Discussion**

1. [AB2020-484](#) Discussion of the County Executive's recommended 2021-2022 Biennium Budget  
The following departments briefed the Councilmembers on their respective budgets and answered questions:

**Auditor**

**Diana Bradrick, County Auditor**

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**Treasurer**

**Steve Oliver, County Treasurer**

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**Planning and Development Services**

**Mark Personius, Planning and Development Services Department**

**Director**

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**Council**

**Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council**

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The meeting recessed then reconvened and the following departments briefed the Councilmembers on their respective budgets and answered questions:

**Public Defender**

**Starck Follis, Public Defender's Office Director**

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**Assessor**

**Rebecca Xczar, County Assessor**

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**District Court****Bruce Van Glubt, District Court Administrator**

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The following people also spoke and answered questions:

- Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED.**

2. [AB2020-468](#) Discussion of utilizing Cares Act funding to assist Whatcom County Water Districts
- Byrd gave a presentation and Councilmembers discussed whether his plan could be done and the proposed criteria and timeline for applications should they proceed.

The following people also spoke:

- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
- Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office
- Brad Bennett, Administrative Services Department
- Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

*Elenbaas moved* that they meet again on this item on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 2:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Donovan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Browne

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

Out of the Meeting: 1 - Buchanan

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.****Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on November 10, 2020.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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