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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

May 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Member Tyler Byrd called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tyler Byrd and Carol Frazey
Absent: Satpal Sidhu
Also Present: Barbara Brenner, Barry Buchanan, Rud Browne, and Todd Donovan

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Jack Louws, County Executive, reported on the following items:

- A certificate of good practice awarded to the Public Works Department
- The appointment of Mike Health to the citizen severe weather committee
- The legislative impacts to the County from the State budget

The Executive and councilmembers discussed State funding for the operation of the crisis stabilization facility.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. AB2019-228 ANNUAL PRESENTATION ON THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMISSION ON SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Susan Marks, Bellingham/Whatcom County Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence Director, submitted handouts (*on file*) and read from a presentation on coordinating community efforts to address sexual and domestic violence and answered questions on restorative practices, the legal implications of acknowledging responsibility, and contributions to the Commission from the small cities.

2. AB2019-259 REPORT FROM WHATCOM COUNTY'S FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Rob Ney, Administrative Services Department, gave a presentation on various County projects, including the courthouse exterior project, crisis stabilization facility construction, jail repairs, swapping the Law Library and Elections Office basement spaces, fire alarm and other security improvement projects, and the Facilities Division move to the Williamson Way location.

Jack Louws, County Executive, answered questions.

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2 Councilmembers and staff discussed the engineer's estimate versus the bid for the
3 jail door project.
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6 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**
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8 **1. AB2019-267 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**
9 **TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
10 **COMPASS HEALTH AND T-MOBILE WEST LLC FOR THIRD AMENDMENT TO**
11 **SITE EASEMENT WITH OPTIONS**
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13 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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15 Rusty Noble, Administrative Services Department, answered questions on the
16 expanded fence.
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18 The motion carried by the following vote:

19 **Ayes:** Byrd and Frazey (2)

20 **Nays:** None (0)

21 **Absent:** Sidhu (1)
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23 **2. AB2019-250 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**
24 **TO ENTER IN TO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE US ARMY CORPS**
25 **OF ENGINEERS FOR REPAIRS TO THE TWIN VIEW LEVEE ALONG THE LEFT**
26 **BANK OF THE NOOKSACK RIVER NEAR THE TOWN OF EVERSON IN THE**
27 **AMOUNT OF \$357,500 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD**
28 **CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)**
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30 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.
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32 The motion carried by the following vote:

33 **Ayes:** Byrd and Frazey (2)

34 **Nays:** None (0)

35 **Absent:** Sidhu (1)
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37 **3. AB2019-211 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**
38 **TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
39 **AND NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE**
40 **MATCH FUNDS FOR CONTINUING THE PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN**
41 **TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS (PATH) FEDERAL GRANT ACTIVITIES IN**
42 **WHATCOM COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,469.**
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44 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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46 Perry Mowery, Health Department, gave a staff report and answered questions on
47 the number of people being served.
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49 The motion carried by the following vote:

50 **Ayes:** Byrd and Frazey (2)

51 **Nays:** None (0)

52 **Absent:** Sidhu (1)
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1 4. **AB2019-254 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**
2 **TO AWARD BID #19-25 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM**
3 **COUNTY AND COWDEN, INC., FOR THE SUPPLY OF CRUSHED AGGREGATE TO**
4 **BE STOCKPILED AT VARIOUS WHATCOM COUNTY PIT SITES INCLUDING**
5 **POINT ROBERTS, LUMMI ISLAND AND WHATCOM COUNTY'S ABEL PIT AND**
6 **USED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS-MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS DIVISION**
7 **FOR THE ANNUAL CHIP SEALING PROGRAM; ADDITIONALLY, WORK SHALL**
8 **INCLUDE HAULING OF DITCHING WASTE MATERIAL FROM POINT ROBERTS**
9 **TO WHATCOM COUNTY MAINLAND, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$843,248.00**

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11 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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13 Gina Miller, Public Works Department, answered questions on the cost of additional
14 trip requirements in moving materials through Canada.

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16 The motion carried by the following vote:

17 **Ayes:** Byrd and Frazey (2)

18 **Nays:** None (0)

19 **Absent:** Sidhu (1)

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21 5. **AB2019-273 REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
22 **INVESTMENT (EDI) BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING OF THE**
23 **PORT OF BELLINGHAM'S REQUEST FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF**
24 **\$750,000, AND OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S REQUEST FOR A**
25 **GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$515,000**

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27 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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29 The following presenters gave information on the projects and answered questions:

- 30 • Jack Louws, County Executive
- 31 • Gina Stark, Port of Bellingham
- 32 • Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office
- 33 • John Gargett, Sheriff's Office
- 34 • Bill Elfo, County Sheriff

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36 Councilmembers and presenters discussed existing fiberoptic infrastructure, whether
37 the estimate for ongoing operating costs is accurate, whether they are really creating any
38 jobs with the use of the Economic Development Investment (EDI) funds, the EDI scoring
39 mechanism, creating redundancy in the infrastructure, keeping the existing Sheriff's Office
40 radio system, the use of the Emergency Management Services (EMS) funds, and options for
41 redundant routes.

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43 The motion failed by the following vote:

44 **Ayes:** Frazey (1)

45 **Nays:** Byrd (1)

46 **Absent:** Sidhu (1)

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49 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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51 There was no other business.

1 **ADJOURN**

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3 The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

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6 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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12 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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17 Tyler Byrd, Acting Committee Chair

Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription