

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022
10:40 AM
Virtual Meeting**

VIRTUAL MEETING - ADJOURNS BY NOON, MAY BEGIN EARLY (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil OR CALL 360.778.5010)

COUNCILMEMBERS

Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Tyler Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2022-154](#) Report from Information Technology (IT) Division
Perry Rice, Administrative Services Department Information Technology Manager, reported.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2022-130](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to build a health, resource, and service navigation system that will provide timely connection of parents and children, pre-natal to five years, to a range of protective and supportive services, in the amount of \$77,797

Frazey moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Judy Ziels, Health Department, answered what the contract is measuring, whether there are any metrics or accountability, whether they are looking for certain outcomes, whether this six-month contract is just to get the budget started, and what they want the outcomes to be.

David Webster, Opportunity Council Director of Early Learning & Family Services, answered what kind of administrative costs are built into this contract, what the metrics are for the Single Entry Access to Services (SEAS) program, whether this program acts as a hub for services, and how this information gets out to families so they know the service is available to them.

Councilmembers and the speakers discussed that this is the first step of having a list of supports and services that families are saying they need but that we do not have in our community, how many services or programs are currently available through the county and Health Department that are specifically for pre-natal to five years old, whether services for children with special health needs are well-received and what positive outcomes they have seen, that the SEAS program will not be able to do it all but will be a coordinated effort with other resources, and what happens when a family is referred to the SEAS program.

Frazey's motion that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2022-155](#) Resolution updating the appendix of the 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)

Byrd stated it was requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Kershner moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, briefed the Councilmembers on the item and answered whether it is up to the cities what they want to put forward for this list, what drives what they might want or not want to put in, and why some jurisdictions get into more detail than others.

Kershner's motion that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

Kershner moved to approve Consent Agenda items one through four. Councilmembers voted on those items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2022-106](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism for support of a tourism economic recovery plan in the amount of \$95,000

Kershner moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2022-127](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Justice for Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), in the amount of \$2,500.00

Kershner moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2022-129](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for Recreational Boating Safety Federal Financial Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$13,979.19

Kershner moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2022-133](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Quest Diagnostics Clinical Laboratories, Inc. for laboratory services in the amount of \$70,000.00

Kershner moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

AB2022-155 was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. See above.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Tyler Byrd-via email 3/15/2022

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Tyler Byrd, Committee Chair

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