

**Whatcom County
Council Committee of the Whole**

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 3:30 P.M.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

2:25 PM

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 2:25 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Committee Discussion

- [AB2020-345](#) Discussion of proposed Cherry Point amendments
Eddy Ury, RE Sources, updated the Councilmembers on the process for revisions to the draft Cherry Point amendments.
He and Councilmembers discussed progress on language regarding greenhouse gas, and the question about insurance.
This agenda item was DISCUSSED.
- [AB2020-219](#) Discussion and update on strategies and other items related to COVID-19 (Council and Health Board)
Erika Lautenbach, Health Department Director, presented information about increases in COVID-19 cases by region and age group, state and county trends, and the current chances of contracting the virus in various sizes of gatherings, then she answered questions.
The following additional person also spoke:
 - Satpal Sidhu, County ExecutiveCouncilmembers discussed how to solve the problem of people not following recommendations, looking at current messaging, supporting small businesses, and being examples as leaders.
Donovan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Frazey.
Lautenbach stated they have a presentation still to give on vaccination planning.
Donovan withdrew his motion to adjourn.

Amy Hockenberry, Health Department, gave a presentation about vaccination planning for Whatcom County.

Lautenbach answered questions about the data she presented, whether her data on cases included secondary transmissions, and COVID-19 testing at Camp 210.

Donovan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion to adjourn carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Donovan, Frazey, Browne, and Buchanan

Nay: 2 - Kershner and Byrd

Abstain: 1 - Elenbaas

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription