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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
**Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

May 21, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Satpal Sidhu called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

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

- The Governor's recent drought proclamation
- The status of bargaining contracts

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**1. AB2019-293 DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE FOR LAKE WHATCOM STORMWATER UTILITY**

Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, gave a presentation on the funding shortfall and cost of services, and requirements of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) permit. He answered questions on consultant fees and the Homeowner Incentive Program (HIP).

John Ghilarducci, FCS Consulting, answered questions.

Larry Brown, Sudden Valley Board, submitted a handout and spoke on stormwater management and the implication of double taxation for Sudden Valley residents.

Sidhu stated this item is referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting to address the five points of discussion identified in the presentation: capital facilities charge, rate credits reserve amounts, inflation adjustments, Homeowner Improvement Program (HIP), and Sudden Valley.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

**1. AB2019-263 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 7, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$907,787**

***Byrd moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

1 The motion carried by the following vote:

2 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

3 **Nays:** None (0)

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5 **2. AB2019-265 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE**  
6 **PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM FUND, REQUEST NO. 1**

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8 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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10 Jack Louws, County Executive, answered questions on the difference between the  
11 ordinance creating the project budget and the ordinance allocating the funds.

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13 The motion carried by the following vote:

14 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

15 **Nays:** None (0)

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17 **3. AB2019-280 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**  
18 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WHATCOM**  
19 **COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #11 TO PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTARY**  
20 **NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285 A YEAR FOR SIX YEARS**

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22 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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24 The motion carried by the following vote:

25 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

26 **Nays:** None (0)

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28 **4. AB2019-281 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**  
29 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**  
30 **AND WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #8 TO PROVIDE FIRE**  
31 **PROTECTION SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2500 FOR 2019 AND 2020**  
32 **AND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2625 FOR 2021 AND 2022**

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34 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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36 The motion carried by the following vote:

37 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

38 **Nays:** None (0)

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40 **5. AB2019-276 RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF SURPLUS**  
41 **PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SETTING A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING,**  
42 **PURSUANT TO WCC 1.10**

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

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46 The motion carried by the following vote:

47 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

48 **Nays:** None (0)

1 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**  
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- 3 1. **AB2019-172 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**  
4 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND MERIDIAN**  
5 **SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A FIVE YEAR LEASE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUB-**  
6 **STATION AT 194 W. LAUREL WITH A TOTAL COST OF \$59,977**  
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8 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.  
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10 Jack Louws, County Executive, answered questions on the length of the lease.  
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12 The motion carried by the following vote:

13 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

14 **Nays:** None (0)  
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- 16 2. **AB2019-286 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**  
17 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND HERRERA**  
18 **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS TO DO A COMPREHENSIVE**  
19 **BIOINFILTRATION SWALE EVALUATION OF THE GENEVA RETROFITS IN THE**  
20 **AMOUNT OF \$99,821**  
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22 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.  
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24 The motion carried by the following vote:

25 **Ayes:** Frazey and Sidhu (2)

26 **Nays:** None (0)

27 **Abstains:** Byrd (1)  
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- 29 3. **AB2019-290 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**  
30 **ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE**  
31 **COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD IN ORDER TO RECEIVE RURAL**  
32 **ARTERIAL PRESERVATION GRANT FUNDING FOR THE BIRCH BAY/LYNDEN**  
33 **ROAD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT, ENTERPRISE ROAD TO**  
34 **RATHBONE ROAD, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,000**  
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36 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.  
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38 Jim Karcher, Public Works Department, gave a staff report.  
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40 The motion carried by the following vote:

41 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

42 **Nays:** None (0)  
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- 44 4. **AB2019-291 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**  
45 **ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE**  
46 **COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD IN ORDER TO RECEIVE RURAL**  
47 **ARTERIAL PRESERVATION GRANT FUNDING FOR THE EAST SMITH ROAD**  
48 **PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT, HANNEGAN ROAD TO EVERSON-**  
49 **GOSHEN ROAD, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,035,000**  
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51 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.  
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1 Jim Karcher, Public Works Department, answered questions on location of the  
2 project.

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4 The motion carried by the following vote:

5 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

6 **Nays:** None (0)

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8 **5. AB2019-298 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**  
9 **ENTER INTO THE 2019-2020 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**  
10 **BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL**  
11 **EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 17**

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13 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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15 Councilmembers discussed the job share agreement provision.

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17 The motion carried by the following vote:

18 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

19 **Nays:** None (0)

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22 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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24 There was no other business.

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27 **ADJOURN**

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29 The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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32 ATTEST:

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38 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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43 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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38 Satpal Sidhu, Committee Chair