

**Whatcom County
Council Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022
2:25 PM
Virtual Meeting**

**VIRTUAL MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 2:40 P.M. (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, and Carol Frazey

Absent: None

Also Present: Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Announcements

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2022-048](#) Ordinance authorizing Superior Court to appoint a statutory commissioner Karen Frakes, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, briefed the Councilmembers and stated she drafted and is familiar with the Ordinance but is not familiar with the circumstances in Superior Court that motivated them wanting to create this position.

Byrd moved to hold this item until someone from Superior Court can come and give the Council an update on it.

Frakes answered what a Commissioner does, whether they are appointed by judges, and whether this would help Superior Court with its caseload.

Councilmembers discussed the motion and whether they could get more information and then dispense with the item tonight

Byrd amended his motion to hold until we receive further information.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Frazey, Byrd, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

This agenda item was FORWARDED TO COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDED MOTION(S).

Motion approved to hold until they receive further information.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

Kershner stated she would like to talk about the current situation with the Jail when the Sheriff is ready to do that.

Councilmembers concurred that it should be added to an agenda as soon as possible.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Barry Buchanan-via email 2/10/2022

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Committee Chair

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