

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT
INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract No.
201911034

Originating Department:	Council
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)	Click here to enter text.
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Cathy Halka
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Michael Bobbink

Is this a New Contract? If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes No
 Yes No If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: _____

Does contract require Council Approval? Yes No If No, include WCC: _____
 Already approved? Council Approved Date: _____ (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)

Is this a grant agreement? Yes No If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): _____ CFDA#: _____

Is this contract grant funded? Yes No If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____

Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Yes No If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): RFP #19-70 Contract Cost Center: 1600.6630

Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No Yes If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.

- If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:
- Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.
 - Contract work is for less than \$100,000.
 - Contract work is for less than 120 days.
 - Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).
 - Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).
 - Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.
 - Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.

Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments): \$ <u>97,661.65</u>	Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards exceeding \$40,000 , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, except when: 1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council. 2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance. 3. Bid or award is for supplies. 4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance 5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.
This Amendment Amount: \$ _____	
Total Amended Amount: \$ <u>97,661.65</u>	

Summary of Scope:
 The contractor shall perform the following hearing examiner duties in accordance with Whatcom County Code:

- Review applicable ordinances, statutes, and files in preparation for public hearing
- Preside over the hearing. Set the order of the testimony and ensure that all relevant material is included in the hearing record. Interrogate staff members and witnesses when appropriate.
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- Prepare all written recommendations and decisions of applications for land use permits and administrative appeals within the time frame outlined in the Whatcom County Code.
- On rare occasions, the Hearing Examiner may appoint a Hearing Examiner Pro Tem to conduct hearings.

Term of Contract: 1 year	Expiration Date: 12/31/2020
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Contract Routing: 1. Prepared by: Cathy Halka Date: 11/1/2019
 2. Attorney signoff: KAF Date: 11/7/19
 3. AS Finance reviewed: MTC Date: 11/7/19

4. IT reviewed (if IT related):	_____	Date:	_____
5. Contractor signed:	_____ ✓	Date:	10-13-19
6. Submitted to Exec.:	_____ ✓	Date:	11-26-19.
7. Council approved (if necessary):	_____ ✓	Date:	12.3.19
8. Executive signed:	_____ ✓	Date:	12.4.19
9. Original to Council:	_____ ✓	Date:	12-16-19

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT
HEARING EXAMINER SERVICES

Michael Bobbink, hereinafter called **Contractor**, and Whatcom County, hereinafter referred to as **County**, agree and contract as set forth in this Agreement, including:

- General Conditions, pp. 3 to 7,
- Exhibit A (Scope of Work), p. 8,
- Exhibit B (Compensation), p. 9.

Copies of these items are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of January, 2020, and shall, unless terminated or renewed as elsewhere provided in the Agreement, terminate on the 31st day of December, 2020.

The general purpose or objective of this Agreement is to: Provide hearing examiner services, as more fully and definitively described in Exhibit A hereto. The language of Exhibit A controls in case of any conflict between it and that provided here.

The maximum consideration for the initial term of this agreement or for any renewal term shall not exceed \$ 97,661.65. The Contract Number, set forth above, shall be included on all billings or correspondence in connection therewith.

Contractor acknowledges and by signing this contract agrees that the Indemnification provisions set forth in Paragraphs 11.1, 21.1, 30.1, 31.2, 32.1, 34.2, and 34.3, if included, are totally and fully part of this contract and have been mutually negotiated by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement this 13th day of November, 20 19.

CONTRACTOR:

Michael Bobbink

Michael Bobbink
Michael Bobbink, Owner

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Whatcom)

On this 13th day of Nov., 2019, before me personally appeared Michael Bobbink to me known to be the owner (title) of hearing examiner services (Company) and who executed the above instrument and who acknowledged to me the act of signing and sealing thereof.

Wadean Hanson
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing at Bellingham My commission expires 3-29-20



WHATCOM COUNTY:

Recommended for Approval:

[Signature] 11.21.19
Department Director Date

Approved as to form:

[Signature] 11/5/19
Prosecuting Attorney Date

Approved:

Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: [Signature]
Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss
COUNTY OF WHATCOM)

On this 4th day of Dec, 2019, before me personally appeared Jack Louws, to me known to be the Executive of Whatcom County, who executed the above instrument and who acknowledged to me the act of signing and sealing thereof.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing at
Bellingham, WA, commission expires 05-25-2023



CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Michael Bobbink
528 Clark Road
Bellingham, WA 98225

Contact Name: Michael Bobbink

Contact Phone: 360-734-9690
360-220-1134

Contact Email: mbobbink@comcast.net

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Series 00-09: Provisions Related to Scope and Nature of Services

0.1 Scope of Services:

The Contractor agrees to provide to the County services and any materials as set forth in the project narrative identified as Exhibit "A", during the agreement period. No material, labor, or facilities will be furnished by the County, unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement.

Series 10-19: Provisions Related to Term and Termination

10.1 Term:

Services provided by Contractor prior to or after the term of this contract shall be performed at the expense of Contractor and are not compensable under this contract unless both parties hereto agree to such provision in writing. The term of this Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties; provided, however, that the Agreement is in writing and signed by both parties.

10.2 Extension:

The duration of this Agreement may be extended by mutual written consent of the parties, for a period of up to one year, and for a total of no longer than three years.

11.1 Termination for Default:

If the Contractor defaults by failing to perform any of the obligations of the contract or becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, the County may, by depositing written notice to the Contractor in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, terminate the contract, and at the County's option, obtain performance of the work elsewhere. Termination shall be effective upon Contractor's receipt of the written notice, or within three (3) days of the mailing of the notice, whichever occurs first. If the contract is terminated for default, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payments under the contract until all work called for has been fully performed. Any extra cost or damage to the County resulting from such default(s) shall be deducted from any money due or coming due to the Contractor. The Contractor shall bear any extra expenses incurred by the County in completing the work, including all increased costs for completing the work, and all damage sustained, or which may be sustained by the County by reason of such default.

11.2 Termination for Reduction in Funding:

In the event that funding from State, Federal or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Agreement, and prior to its normal completion, the County may summarily terminate this Agreement as to the funds withdrawn, reduced, or limited, notwithstanding any other termination provisions of this Agreement. If the level of funding withdrawn, reduced or limited is so great that the County deems that the continuation of the programs covered by this Agreement is no longer in the best interest of the County, the County may summarily terminate this Agreement in whole, notwithstanding any other termination provisions of this Agreement. Termination under this section shall be effective upon receipt of written notice as specified herein, or within three days of the mailing of the notice, whichever occurs first.

11.3 Termination for Public Convenience:

The County may terminate the Agreement in whole or in part whenever the County determines, in its sole discretion, that such termination is in the interests of the County. Whenever the Agreement is terminated in accordance with this paragraph, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for actual work performed at unit contract prices for completed items of work. An equitable adjustment in the contract price for partially completed items of work will be made, but such adjustment shall not include provision for loss of anticipated profit on deleted or uncompleted work. Termination of this Agreement by the County at any time during the term, whether for default or convenience, shall not constitute breach of contract by the County.

Series 20-29: Provisions Related to Consideration and Payments

20.1 Accounting and Payment for Contractor Services:

Payment to the Contractor for services rendered under this Agreement shall be as set forth in Exhibit "B." Where Exhibit "B" requires payments by the County, payment shall be based upon written claims supported, unless otherwise provided in Exhibit "B," by documentation of units of work actually performed and amounts earned, including, where appropriate, the actual number of days worked each month, total number of hours for the month, and the total dollar payment requested, so as to comply with municipal auditing requirements.

Unless specifically stated in Exhibit "B" or approved in writing in advance by the official executing this Agreement for the County or his designee (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrative Officer") the County will not reimburse the Contractor for any costs or expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of this contract. Where required, the County shall, upon receipt of appropriate documentation, compensate the Contractor, no more often than monthly, in accordance with the County's customary procedures, pursuant to the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "B."

21.1 Taxes:

The Contractor understands and acknowledges that the County will not withhold Federal or State income taxes. Where required by State or Federal law, the Contractor authorizes the County to withhold for any taxes other than income taxes (i.e., Medicare). All compensation received by the Contractor will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service at the end of the calendar year in accordance with the applicable IRS regulations. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to make the necessary estimated tax payments throughout the year, if any, and the Contractor is solely liable for any tax obligation arising from the Contractor's performance of this Agreement. The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify the County against any demand to pay taxes arising from the Contractor's failure to pay taxes on compensation earned pursuant to this Agreement.

The County will pay sales and use taxes imposed on goods or services acquired hereunder as required by law. The Contractor must pay all other taxes, including, but not limited to, Business and Occupation Tax, taxes based on the Contractor's gross or net income, or personal property to which the County does not hold title. The County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax.

22.1 Withholding Payment: Not Applicable

23.1 Labor Standards: Not Applicable

Series 30-39: Provisions Related to Administration of Agreement

30.1 Independent Contractor:

The Contractor's services shall be furnished by the Contractor as an independent contractor, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to create a relationship of employer-employee or master-servant, but all payments made hereunder and all services performed shall be made and performed pursuant to this Agreement by the Contractor as an independent contractor.

The Contractor acknowledges that the entire compensation for this Agreement is specified in Exhibit "B" and the Contractor is not entitled to any benefits including, but not limited to: vacation pay, holiday pay, sick leave pay, medical, dental, or other insurance benefits, or any other rights or privileges afforded to employees of the County. The Contractor represents that he/she/it maintains a separate place of business, serves clients other than the County, will report all income and expense accrued under this contract to the Internal Revenue Service, and has a tax account with the State of Washington Department of Revenue for payment of all sales and use and Business and Occupation taxes collected by the State of Washington.

Contractor will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents or employees from any loss or expense, including, but not limited to, settlements, judgments, setoffs, attorneys' fees or costs incurred by reason of claims or demands because of breach of the provisions of this paragraph.

30.2 Pro Tempore Assignment:

On rare occasions, there may be hearings that the Hearing Examiner will not be able to conduct for reasons including, but not limited to, conflict of interest, illness, accident, or persona/family crisis. In those instances, the Hearing Examiner is granted the authority to appoint a Hearing Examiner Pro Tem to assist in the matter. The appointed Pro Tem shall be free of conflicts of interest in the matter and must be an active member of the Washington State Bar Association with experience related to the matter before the Hearing Examiner. The County reserves the right to reject the appointment. Payment for pro tem services is included in the gross compensation provided to the Hearing Examiner under the terms of this contract and is the sole responsibility of the Hearing Examiner. All terms and Conditions of the Agreement shall apply to the Hearing Examiner Pro tem.

30.3 No Guarantee of Employment:

The performance of all or part of this contract by the Contractor shall not operate to vest any employment rights whatsoever and shall not be deemed to guarantee any employment of the Contractor or any employee of the Contractor or any subcontractor or any employee of any subcontractor by the County at the present time or in the future.

31.1 Ownership of Items Produced:

All writings, programs, data, public records or other materials prepared by the Contractor and/or its consultants or subcontractors, in connection with performance of this Agreement, shall be the sole and absolute property of the County.

31.1 Ownership of Items Produced:
When the Contractor creates any copyrightable materials or invents any patentable property, the Contractor may copyright or patent the same, but the County retains a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, recover, or otherwise use the materials or property and to authorize other governments to use the same for state or local governmental purposes. Contractor further agrees to make research, notes, and other work products produced in the performance of this Agreement available to the County upon request.

31.2 Patent/Copyright Infringement: Not Applicable

32.1 Confidentiality:
The Contractor, its employees, subcontractors, and their employees shall maintain the confidentiality of all information provided by the County or acquired by the Contractor in performance of this Agreement, except upon the prior written consent of the County or an order entered by a court after having acquired jurisdiction over the County. Contractor shall immediately give to the County notice of any judicial proceeding seeking disclosure of such information. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officials, agents or employees from all loss or expense, including, but not limited to, settlements, judgments, setoffs, attorneys' fees and costs resulting from Contractor's breach of this provision.

33.1 Right to Review:
This contract is subject to review by any Federal, State or County auditor. The County or its designee shall have the right to review and monitor the financial and service components of this program by whatever means are deemed expedient by the Administrative Officer or by the County Auditor's Office. Such review may occur with or without notice and may include, but is not limited to, on-site inspection by County agents or employees, inspection of all records or other materials which the County deems pertinent to the Agreement and its performance, and any and all communications with or evaluations by service recipients under this Agreement. The Contractor shall preserve and maintain all financial records and records relating to the performance of work under this Agreement for three (3) years after contract termination, and shall make them available for such review, within Whatcom County, State of Washington, upon request. Contractor also agrees to notify the Administrative Officer in advance of any inspections, audits, or program review by any individual, agency, or governmental unit whose purpose is to review the services provided within the terms of this Agreement. If no advance notice is given to the Contractor, then the Contractor agrees to notify the Administrative Officer as soon as it is practical.

34.1 Proof of Insurance: Not Applicable

34.2 Industrial Insurance Waiver: Not Applicable

34.3 Defense & Indemnity Agreement:
The Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify and save harmless the County, its appointed and elective officers and employees, from and against all loss or expense, including, but not limited to, judgments, settlements, attorneys' fees and costs by reason of any and all claims and demands upon the County, its elected or appointed officials or employees for damages because of personal or bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons and on account of damage to property, including loss of use thereof, whether such injury to persons or damage to property is due to the negligence of the Contractor, its subcontractors, its successor or assigns, or its agents, servants, or employees, the County, its appointed or elected officers, employees or their agents, except only such injury or damage as shall have been occasioned by the sole negligence of the County or its appointed or elected officials or employees. In case of damages caused by the concurrent negligence of Contractor, its subcontractors, its successors or assigns, or its agents, servants, or employees, and the County, its appointed or elected officers, employees or their agents, then this indemnification provision is enforceable only to the extent of the negligence of the Contractor, its agents, or its employees.

It is further provided that no liability shall attach to the County by reason of entering into this contract, except as expressly provided herein. The parties specifically agree that this agreement is for the benefit of the parties only and this agreement shall create no rights in any third party.

35.1 Non-Discrimination in Employment:
The County's policy is to provide equal opportunity in all terms, conditions and privileges of employment for all qualified applicants and employees without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, or veteran status. The Contractor shall comply with all laws prohibiting discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, or veteran status, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification.

Furthermore, in those cases in which the Contractor is governed by such laws, the Contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed, and treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification.

Such action shall include, but not be limited to: advertising, hiring, promotions, layoffs or terminations, rate of pay or other forms of compensation benefits, selection for training including apprenticeship, and participation in recreational and educational activities. In all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by them or on their behalf, the Contractor shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The foregoing provisions shall also be binding upon any subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply to contracts or subcontractors for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, or to sole proprietorships with no employees.

35.2 Non-Discrimination in Client Services:

The Contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status; or deny an individual or business any service or benefits under this Agreement; or subject an individual or business to segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to his/her/its receipt any service or services or other benefits provided under this Agreement; or deny an individual or business an opportunity to participate in any program provided by this Agreement.

36.1 Waiver of Noncompetition: Not Applicable

36.2 Conflict of Interest:

If at any time prior to commencement of, or during the term of this Agreement, Contractor or any of its employees involved in the performance of this Agreement shall have or develop an interest in the subject matter of this Agreement that is potentially in conflict with the County's interest, then Contractor shall immediately notify the County of the same. The notification of the County shall be made with sufficient specificity to enable the County to make an informed judgment as to whether or not the County's interest may be compromised in any manner by the existence of the conflict, actual or potential. Thereafter, the County may require the Contractor to take reasonable steps to remove the conflict of interest. The County may also terminate this contract according to the provisions herein for termination.

37.1 Administration of Contract:

This Agreement shall be subject to all laws, rules, and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Washington, and political subdivisions of the State of Washington. The Contractor also agrees to comply with applicable federal, state, county or municipal standards for licensing, certification and operation of facilities and programs, and accreditation and licensing of individuals.

The County hereby appoints, and the Contractor hereby accepts, the Whatcom County Executive, and his or her designee, as the County's representative, hereinafter referred to as the Administrative Officer, for the purposes of administering the provisions of this Agreement, including the County's right to receive and act on all reports and documents, and any auditing performed by the County related to this Agreement. The Administrative Officer for purposes of this agreement is:

Whatcom County Council Chair
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105
Bellingham, WA 98225

37.2 Notice: Not Applicable

38.1 Certification of Public Works Contractor's Status under State Law: Not Applicable

38.2 Certification Regarding Federal Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions: Not Applicable

38.3 E-Verify: Not Applicable

Series 40-49: Provisions Related to Interpretation of Agreement and Resolution of Disputes

40.1 Modifications:

Either party may request changes in the Agreement. Any and all agreed modifications, to be valid and binding upon either party, shall be in writing and signed by both of the parties.

40.2 Contractor Commitments, Warranties and Representations: Not Applicable

41.1 Severability:

If any term or condition of this contract or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition or application. To this end, the terms and conditions of this contract are declared severable.

41.2 Waiver:

Waiver of any breach or condition of this contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. No term or condition of this contract shall be held to be waived, modified or deleted except by an instrument, in writing, signed by the parties hereto. The failure of the County to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants and agreements of this Agreement, or to exercise any option herein conferred in any one or more instances, shall not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of any such, or any other covenants or agreements, but the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.

42.1 Disputes:

a. General:

Differences between the Contractor and the County, arising under and by virtue of the Contract Documents, shall be brought to the attention of the County at the earliest possible time in order that such matters may be settled or other appropriate action promptly taken. Except for such objections as are made of record in the manner hereinafter specified and within the time limits stated, the records, orders, rulings, instructions, and decisions of the Administrative Officer shall be final and conclusive.

b. Notice of Potential Claims:

The Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation which otherwise may be payable, or to extension of time for (1) any act or failure to act by the Administrative Officer or the County, or (2) the happening of any event or occurrence, unless the Contractor has given the County a written Notice of Potential Claim within ten (10) days of the commencement of the act, failure, or event giving rise to the claim, and before final payment by the County. The written Notice of Potential Claim shall set forth the reasons for which the Contractor believes additional compensation or extension of time is due, the nature of the cost involved, and insofar as possible, the amount of the potential claim. Contractor shall keep full and complete daily records of the work performed, labor and material used, and all costs and additional time claimed to be additional.

c. Detailed Claim:

The Contractor shall not be entitled to claim any such additional compensation, or extension of time, unless within thirty (30) days of the accomplishment of the portion of the work from which the claim arose, and before final payment by the County, the Contractor has given the County a detailed written statement of each element of cost or other compensation requested and of all elements of additional time required, and copies of any supporting documents evidencing the amount or the extension of time claimed to be due.

d. Arbitration: Not Applicable

43.1 Venue and Choice of Law:

In the event that any litigation should arise concerning the construction or interpretation of any of the terms of this Agreement, the venue of such action of litigation shall be in the courts of the State of Washington in and for the County of Whatcom. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington.

44.1 Survival:

The provisions of paragraphs 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 21.1, 22.1, 30.1, 31.1, 31.2, 32.1, 33.1, 34.2, 34.3, 36.1, 40.2, 41.2, 42.1, and 43.1, if utilized, shall survive, notwithstanding the termination or invalidity of this Agreement for any reason.

45.1 Entire Agreement:

This written Agreement, comprised of the writings signed or otherwise identified and attached hereto, represents the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior oral statements, discussions or understandings between the parties.

EXHIBIT "A"
(SCOPE OF WORK)

The contractor shall perform the following hearing examiner duties in accordance with Whatcom County Code:

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- Preside over the hearing. Set the order of the testimony and ensure that all relevant material is included in the hearing record. Interrogate staff members and witnesses when appropriate.
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- Prepare all written recommendations and decisions of applications for land use permits and administrative appeals within the time frame outlined in the Whatcom County Code.
- On rare occasions, the Hearing Examiner will appoint a Hearing Examiner Pro Tem to conduct hearings.

The County reserves the right to negotiate the assignment of major project permit applications outside of this contract

EXHIBIT "B"
(COMPENSATION)

In consideration of the services performed under the terms if this contract, the contractor shall be paid Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty Eight and Forty Eight Cents (\$8,138.47) per month for a total not to exceed Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One and Seventy Five Cents (\$97,661.65) to the end of the contract date of December 31, 2020.

Billing Procedures: The contractor shall submit written claims on a monthly basis for reimbursement of services provided unless otherwise approved in writing by the County. It is agreed that the contractor shall be paid for his services within 30 days of receipt of the monthly claim and upon determination of accuracy. Monthly claims are to be submitted to the Clerk of the Council.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Louws, County Executive
FROM: Cathy Halka, Legislative Analyst
RE: Contract for Hearing Examiner Services
DATE: November 1, 2019

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JACK LOUWS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Enclosed are two (2) originals of a professional services contract between Whatcom County and Michael Bobbink Land Use Services, Inc. for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Michael Bobbink was the sole respondent to Whatcom County's Request for Proposals (RFP) for hearing examiner services. He has served as Whatcom County's hearing examiner for the last 24 years.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract is included in the Hearing Examiner's 2020 budget and additional funds are included in a 2020 supplemental budget request. Mr. Bobbink is asking for a 10% increase in compensation. Mr. Bobbink has not requested an increase in compensation for the last 5 years. The last increase in funding for this contract was issued in 2015 in the amount of a \$6,194, a 7.5% increase, bringing the total compensation to \$88,783.32. The requested 10% increase (\$8,878.33) is less than the 13% Cost of Living increases provided over the last 5 years to Whatcom County unrepresented employees, and the new compensation of \$97,661.65 is comparable to hearing examiners in other Washington counties.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

The terms of the agreement are mostly the same as the previous contract with the exception of the expiration date and the 10% increase in the contract amount and minor changes.

Please contact Cathy Halka at extension 5019, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.