

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN NOON

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

9 AM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Tyler Byrd
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also present: Barry Buchanan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas, and Todd Donovan

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2020-344](#) Presentation from Mike Hilley regarding the Whatcom County EMS System
PRESENTED
2. [AB2020-387](#) Report from Finance Division
REPORTED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2020-383](#) Request Council Approval of the 2020-2021 Criminal Justice Treatment Account Plan Update
RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION
Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
2. [AB2020-357](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology 2020-2021 Washington Conservation Corps Crew Agreement (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION
Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
3. [AB2020-356](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District to amend the 2019 Interlocal and Subrecipient Agreement for the Pollution Identification and Correction Program Non-Dairy Agricultural Technical Assistance in the amount of \$223,932.00 for a total amended contract amount of \$530,182.00 (Council acting as the Flood

Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2020-417](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to provide funding for the delivery of various public health programs and services in the amount of \$5,962,796 for a total amended contract amount of \$10,890,796

See action for this item after item number 10 (AB2020-392).

5. [AB2020-368](#) Ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 17, in the amount of \$871,548

MOTION TO RECOMMEND FAILED

Aye: 1 - Browne

Nay: 2 - Byrd and Kershner

Absent: 0

6. [AB2020-371](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.09, Public Defender, to reflect current standards of practice outlined under RCW 10.101.030 and the ethical standards relating to conflicts of interest outlined by Washington court rules of professional conduct

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2020-377](#) Ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 18, in the amount of \$220,000

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 2 - Browne and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

8. [AB2020-396](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into this Memorandum of Agreement between Whatcom County and PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center

and Opportunity Council and Unity Care NW to initiate a capital campaign for the construction of the “The Way Station” at the County owned building at 1500 State St. in Bellingham, that will provide services to people who are homeless and living either in shelters or who are unsheltered

HELD IN COMMITTEE

Aye: 2 - Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Browne

Absent: 0

9. [AB2020-388](#) Resolution accepting the 2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Project List update

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

10. [AB2020-392](#) Amendment 2 to Resolution 2019-061 for unrepresented Whatcom County employees

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 2 - Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Browne

4. [AB2020-417](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to provide funding for the delivery of various public health programs and services in the amount of \$5,962,796 for a total amended contract amount of \$10,890,796

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 2 - Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Browne

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2020-375](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the U.S. Department of Justice for FY20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding, in the amount of \$43,145.00

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2020-380](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration for Cooperative State and Local Task Force Agreement FY2021, in the amount of \$0

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2020-381](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration for Program-Funded State and Local Task Force Agreement FY2021, in the amount of \$38,360.50

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2020-386](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to renew an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Department of Corrections for the housing and care of Department of Corrections offenders in the Whatcom County Jail

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Browne and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

5. [AB2020-395](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Family & Community Network in the amount of \$80,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$145,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2020-399](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a subrecipient agreement between Whatcom County and Meridian School District for costs associated with distance instruction and learning resulting from the COVID-19 emergency in an amount not to exceed \$130,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2020-400](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Nooksack Valley School District for costs associated with distance instruction and learning resulting from the COVID-19 emergency in an amount not to exceed \$130,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8. [AB2020-401](#) Requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Mount Baker School District for costs associated with distance instruction and learning due to the COVID-19 emergency in an amount not to exceed \$130,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

9. [AB2020-402](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale School District for costs associated with distance instruction and learning resulting from the COVID-10 emergency in an amount not to exceed \$130,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT WITH
PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

10. [AB2020-403](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a subrecipient agreement between Whatcom County and Blaine School District for costs associated with distance instruction and learning resulting from the COVID-19 emergency in an amount not to exceed \$130,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

11. [AB2020-404](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a subrecipient agreement between Whatcom County and Lynden School District for costs associated with distance instruction and learning resulting from the COVID-19 emergency in an amount not to exceed \$130,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

12. [AB2020-405](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cascadia Law Group PLLC to expand the Scope of Work and increase the compensation by \$25,000 to a total consideration not to exceed \$69,000

MOTION TO RECOMMEND FAILED

Aye: 1 - Browne

Nay: 2 - Byrd and Kershner

Absent: 0

13. [AB2020-410](#) Requests authorization for the County Executive to negotiate and enter into an agreement with PogoZone Internet Solutions for rural broadband access in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 to provide access to distance learning for approximately 200 households

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Browne and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

14. [AB2020-412](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a subrecipient agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Food Bank for costs associated with food insecurity resulting from the COVID-19 emergency in an amount not to exceed \$400,000

SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 2 - Browne and Byrd

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

Other Business

Adjournment