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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

April 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Satpal Sidhu called the meeting to order at 10:30 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, and Rud Browne

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

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

- The upcoming State of the County address to the County Council at the evening meeting
- The Associated Development Organization (ADO) contract to the Port of Bellingham

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. AB2019-226 REPORT FROM WHATCOM COUNTY'S HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Karen Goens, Administrative Services Department, submitted and read from a presentation, gave a staff report, and answered questions.

Staff and councilmembers discussed Workers' Comp time loss claims and costs, succession planning, and gender pay equity gaps.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. AB2019-227 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER IN TO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND DIKING DISTRICT #2 TO PROVIDE COST-SHARE FUNDING FOR THE SANDE-WILLIAMS LEVEE REHABILITATION IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$68,000 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)

Byrd moved to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)
Nays: None (0)

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2 **2. AB2019-201 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET,**
3 **REQUEST NO. 5, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,613,991**

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5 **Byrd moved** to recommend adoption to the full Council.

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7 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9 **Nays:** None (0)

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11 **3. AB2019-202 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE JAIL**
12 **IMPROVEMENT FUND, REQUEST NO. 4**

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14 **Byrd moved** to recommend adoption to the full Council.

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16 The following staff answered questions:

- 17
 - Rob Ney, Administrative Services Department
 - Jack Louws, County Executive

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20 Staff and councilmembers discussed alternatives for and costs of jail door and other
21 jail repairs.

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23 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

25 **Nays:** None (0)

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27 **4. AB2019-203 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE NEW**
28 **JAIL FUND 2013-2014, REQUEST NO. 4**

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30 **Byrd moved** to recommend adoption to the full Council.

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32 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

34 **Nays:** None (0)

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36 **5. AB2019-220 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET,**
37 **SIXTH REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$836,000**

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39 **Frazey moved** to recommend adoption to the full Council.

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41 The following staff answered questions:

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 - Mike McFarlane, Parks Department Director
 - Jack Louws, County Executive

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45 Councilmembers and staff discussed the possibility of the Custer Gun Club in running
46 operations at Plantation Rifle Range and whether the County would be required to repay the
47 grant if another nonprofit took over.

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49 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

51 **Nays:** None (0)

1 **6. AB2019-211 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
2 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
3 **AND NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE**
4 **MATCH FUNDS FOR CONTINUING THE PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN**
5 **TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS (PATH) FEDERAL GRANT ACTIVITIES IN**
6 **WHATCOM COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,469**
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8 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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10 Perry Mowery, Health Department, answered questions.

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12 Councilmembers and staff discussed data on success from similar programs in other
13 communities and the reason for the short-term agreement.

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15 **Byrd moved** to hold in committee to receive more data on the program.

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17 The motion to hold in committee carried by the following vote:

18 **Ayes:** Byrd and Sidhu (2)

19 **Nays:** Frazey (1)
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21 **8. AB2019-221 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
22 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
23 **AND SKAGIT COUNTY FOR SKAGIT COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE**
24 **HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF**
25 **\$2,000**
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27 **Frazey moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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29 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

31 **Nays:** None (0)
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33 **9. AB2019-239 RESOLUTION OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATING**
34 **THE APPENDIX OF THE 2015 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
35 **STRATEGY (CEDs)**
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37 Jack Louws, County Executive, answered questions.

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39 Councilmembers and staff discussed repair versus replacement of the Northwest
40 Annex and whether or not they should include low priority projects.

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42 **Sidhu moved** to amend the language on the Northwest Annex regarding repair over
43 replacement.

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45 The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

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

47 **Nays:** None (0)
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49 **Sidhu moved** to recommend approval as amended to the full Council.

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51 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

53 **Nays:** None (0)

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2 **7. AB2019-218 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
3 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
4 **AND NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**
5 **ORGANIZATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INTEGRATED CARE NETWORK**
6 **TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE NORTH SOUND**
7 **REGIONAL SERVICE AREA**

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

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11 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

13 **Nays:** None (0)

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16 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**

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18 **10. AB2019-219 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
19 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND PACIFIC**
20 **SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING, INC. TO PROVIDE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL**
21 **LAND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR 2019-2020 IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-**
22 **EXCEED \$100,000**

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

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26 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

28 **Nays:** None (0)

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30 **11. AB2019-225 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**
31 **TO AWARD BID #19-24 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM**
32 **COUNTY AND LAKESIDE INDUSTRIES, INC., FOR ANNUAL HOT MIX ASPHALT**
33 **PRELEVEL WORK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,137,999.00**

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

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37 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

39 **Nays:** None (0)

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41 **12. AB2019-237 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
42 **ENTER INTO THE 2019-2020 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**
43 **BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 231 REPRESENTING**
44 **MASTER EMPLOYEES**

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

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48 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

50 **Nays:** None (0)

1 **13. AB2019-238 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
2 **ENTER INTO THE 2019-2020 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**
3 **BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WASHINGTON STATE NURSES**
4 **ASSOCIATION**

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

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8 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

10 **Nays:** None (0)

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12 **14. AB2019-241 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
13 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE WHATCOM**
14 **HUMANE SOCIETY TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL AND SHELTER SERVICES,**
15 **IN THE AMOUNT OF \$398,130**

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

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19 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

21 **Nays:** None (0)

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23 **15. AB2019-230 REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD**
24 **BID #19-15 RENTAL RATES FOR MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION**
25 **EQUIPMENT WITHOUT OPERATOR TO ALL BIDDERS**

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

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29 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

31 **Nays:** None (0)

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33 **16. AB2019-236 REQUEST APPROVAL TO USE PIERCE COUNTY'S RFP #2007,**
34 **AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A 3-**
35 **YEAR CONTRACT WITH K&H INTEGRATED PRINTING SOLUTIONS FOR THE**
36 **PRINTING AND PROCESSING SERVICES FOR ELECTIONS, IN AN AMOUNT**
37 **NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000.00 ANNUALLY**

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

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41 Councilmembers discussed the asking the State to pay its share of the cost.

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43 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

45 **Nays:** None (0)

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48 **OTHER BUSINESS**

49 There was no other business.

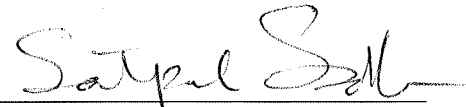
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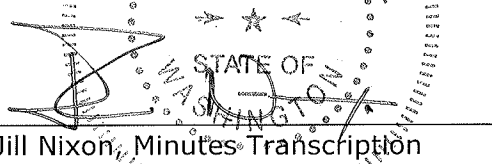
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3 The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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6 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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12 Dana Brown Davis, Council Clerk


Satpal Sidhu, Committee Chair

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Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription