

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

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLY, ENDS BY 12:30 P.M. (TO
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Tuesday, June 1, 2021

11:20 AM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Rud Browne called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd and Carol Frazey

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kathy Kershner

Announcements

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2021-289](#) Ordinance amending the 2021 Whatcom County Budget, request No. 8, in the amount of \$1,250,000

Frazey moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION.

The following people answered whether this is the same fund and program as the Conservation Easement Program, how it is different from the Purchase of Development Rights Program, and whether Whatcom Land Trust has already purchased the property.

- Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office
- Alex Jeffers, Whatcom Land Trust

Frazey's motion that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2021-291](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for logistical and administrative support services to Whatcom Unified Command, in the amount of \$60,000

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2021-292](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to support a single point of entry, to connect families and professionals concerned about a child's development to resources and services in the amount of \$9,081 for a total amended contract amount of \$89,230

Frazey moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2021-298](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Workforce Council to provide reimbursement of wages and benefits for eligible temporary employees working in various COVID-related positions, in the estimated amount of \$94,000 for a total estimated contract amount of \$220,000

Frazey moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Erika Lautenbach, Health Department Director, briefed the Councilmembers and answered questions.

Frazey's motion that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2021-299](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Pacific Security to provide COVID-related security services, in the amount of \$71,736

Frazey moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Erika Lautenbach, Health Department Director, answered questions about language in the contract concerning a requirement for security officers to communicate effectively with both written and oral English, whether security services are needed and how it fits in to new legislation regarding

law enforcement and mental health, whether there will be a need for the Byron Street facility and community vaccine clinics through the end of September, whether the contract allows their functions to end sooner, and whether the County should continue to offer community vaccine clinics since there is ample supply and lower demand.

Frazeys motion that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne, and Frazey

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

6. [AB2021-301](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide funding for an outreach worker and consulting services to the Homeless Outreach Team, in the amount of \$120,776

Frazeys moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2021-302](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and the County Road Administrative Board (CRAB) in order to receive Rural Arterial Preservation grant funding for the Birch Bay/Lynden Road Pavement Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$510,000

Frazeys moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Jim Karcher, Public Works Department, stated he was available for questions but there were none.

Frazeys motion that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8. [AB2021-313](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and West Publishing for online database subscriptions in the amount of \$151,680.00

Browne moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

9. [AB2021-315](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to purchase a Conservation Easement from the City of Lynden for Glenning Park, in the amount of \$250,000

***Frazey moved* that the Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.**

Mike McFarlane, Parks and Recreation Department Director, answered questions about the funding.

Frazey's motion that the Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

10. [AB2021-316](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to purchase a Conservation and Public Access Easement from the Whatcom Land Trust for the Upper Skookum Creek property, in the amount of \$1,250,000

***Frazey moved* that the Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.**

Alex Jeffers, Whatcom Land Trust, showed the location of this item on a map.

Frazey's motion that the Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Rud Browne-via email 6/3/2021

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Rud Browne, Committee Chair

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