

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024
10:05 AM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:25 A.M., MAY BEGIN EARLY
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Jon Scanlon

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, and Jon Scanlon

Also Present: Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, and Mark Stremler

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2024-291](#) Sheriff's Office status report on updating Correctional Facility Operational Standards

Donnell Tanksley, Sheriff, reported and read from the implementation status and tracking sheet (on file as "2024 Jail Policies Tracking Sheet"). He stated it shows the 200-plus policies they are working on and where those are in the review process. He asked whether, when the policies are complete, the Council wants to reference them in Whatcom County Code 1.28 or whether they prefer that all the policies be listed. He stated they are live documents and they change monthly for various reasons.

Buchanan stated his preferences would be to have them be referenced and Donovan concurred as long as they are available live to the public.

Tanksley spoke about Sergeant Darrell Smith, who has been working on these policies full time. He stated one of the questions they had when they discussed this in February was about funding support to make sure these policies are updated and created. These are just for corrections. There will be just as many policies on the patrol side, and it will require someone else to work on those. He answered questions about the tracking sheet and what training and operationalizing these policies will look like, and he spoke about how employees are trained. In the same way this is a living document, the training is also ongoing.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Barry Buchanan-via email 5/13/2024

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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