

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Action Summary**

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
9:50 AM  
Hybrid Meeting**

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**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Todd Donovan  
Carol Frazey  
Kathy Kershner

**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## Call To Order

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

Also Present: Tyler Byrd, Barry Buchanan, and Kaylee Galloway

## Announcements

### Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2023-484](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and FCS Group to conduct a rate study and funding analysis for the Birch Bay Watershed & Aquatic Resources Management (BBWARM) District, in the amount of \$61,440.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2023-486](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide child development services to eligible children, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$87,570

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2023-487](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Center for Early Learning to provide child development services to eligible children, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$106,960

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2023-488](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Environmental Science Associates to complete a climate vulnerability assessment, in the amount of \$69,997

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

5. [AB2023-494](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department for FY2022 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), in the amount of \$97,500.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

6. [AB2023-495](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Tetra Tech, Inc. in support of the Point Roberts Drainage Study, to perform surface water planning and design services related to the growing need for solving stormwater problems in the Point Roberts area, in the amount of \$128,745

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

7. [AB2023-496](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to receive state funds for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and development regulations update, in the amount of \$700,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

8. [AB2023-497](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Children's Home Society for reimbursement of services provided by the Parents for Parents Program (P4P) for one year July 2023-June 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$42,536.78

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

9. [AB2023-498](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization to acknowledge and fund Whatcom County's participation in the North Sound Integrated Care Network in the amount of \$523,788 for a total amended agreement amount of \$972,979

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

10. [AB2023-499](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization to fund the Recovery Navigator Program to enhance Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) programming, in the amount of \$512,455

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

11. [AB2023-503](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for construction of a crosswalk at Samish Way and Galbraith Lane, in the amount of \$17,000 (amount revised to \$22,100)

**SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

12. [AB2023-512](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to administer the Housing and Essential Needs program in the amount of \$5,106,192 for a total amended contract amount of \$7,917,456

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

13. [AB2023-517](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Siemens Industry Inc. to provide the energy management software migration, in the amount of \$216,791.81

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

14. [AB2023-519](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a subrecipient agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to provide pass-through grant funding for the What-Comm Communications Center in the amount of \$49,050

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

**Special Presentation**

1. [AB2023-515](#) Report from the Assessor's Office

**REPORTED**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2023-470](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 11, in the amount of \$250,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2023-475](#) Ordinance establishing the Lummi Island Ferry Replacement and System Modernization Fund and establishing a project based budget for the Lummi Island ferry replacement and modernization project; CRP #919008

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2023-502](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a new grant agreement between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Department of Ecology to provide for continued implementation of the Swift Creek Sediment Management Action Plan Projects, in the amount of \$4 million

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2023-508](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency Agreement and execute the Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation, for federal aid funds for the construction phase of the E. Smith Road & Hannegan Intersection Improvement project, in the amount of \$3,952,642

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

5. [AB2023-514](#) Request approval for the County Executive to award Bid #23-34 for the purchase of two (2) rescue boats from West Coast Marine Services, located in Bellingham, in an

amount not to exceed \$104,702.20

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2023-516](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to expand the Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program in the jail in the amount of \$174,945.00 for a total amended amount of \$505,075.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2023-520](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into a contract between Chuckanut Health Foundation and Whatcom County for administration services in support of the Whatcom Racial Equity Commission in the amount of \$235,592

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

Motion Approved to use up to \$160,000 of unspent ARPA funds from the Public Health bucket to fund services to children under the Single Entry Access to Services (SEAS) program

**Adjournment**