

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

10:35 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: Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Announcements

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2023-737](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Bennett Engineering, LLC to monitor closed landfills in the amount of \$46,810 for a total amended contract amount of \$83,296

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

2. [AB2023-739](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to fund various public health programs in the amount of \$70,889 for a total amended agreement amount of \$14,142,658

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

3. [AB2023-740](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Whatcom County to provide mental illness education and support in the amount of \$38,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$114,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

4. [AB2023-741](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and Department of Ecology to provide funding to advance the technical work needed to develop and evaluate flood mitigation alternatives, with focus on the Everson-Sumas overflow corridor, and to support the FLIP planning process and add staffing capacity to the River and Flood division, in the amount of \$2,738,00.00 (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

5. [AB2023-745](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Osborn Consulting, Inc to provide stormwater improvements, in the amount of \$250,149.53 (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

6. [AB2023-753](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Ferndale to extend the term of the Jail Use Agreement until December 31, 2024

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

7. [AB2023-755](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department to acquire 12 properties within Whatcom County that were substantially damaged during the November 2021 flood, in the amount of \$9,371,642 (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

8. [AB2023-756](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #23-67 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Masterwork Roofing, Inc to replace the roof of the Silver Lake Park Day Lodge, in the amount of \$269,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

9. [AB2023-757](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cooper Zietz Engineers, Inc (dba Akana) to conduct Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) for an additional twelve properties

that the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District is acquiring using FEMA grant funds, in the amount of \$50,790 for a total amended amount of \$66,995 (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

10. [AB2023-758](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a three year contract between Whatcom County and Carahsoft Technology Corporation for the purchase, implementation and subscription of the Granicus GovQA public records management software platform in the amount of \$270,165.25

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

11. [AB2023-759](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Herrera Environmental Consultants to provide additional support to update and broaden the scope of the 1999 Lower Nooksack River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan and continue Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) process support, in the amended amount of \$1,207,840 for a total amended amount of \$2,407,540 (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

12. [AB2023-761](#) Resolution approving a salary schedule and policies for Unrepresented Whatcom County employees effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

13. [AB2023-762](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Camano Fire and Rescue to reimburse the EMS Levy for the costs incurred while enrolled in the Paramedic training program, in the amount of \$28,211.95

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

14. [AB2023-764](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and North County Regional Fire Authority to reimburse the EMS Levy for the costs incurred while enrolled in the Paramedic training program, in the amount of \$28,211.95

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

15. [AB2023-765](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Marysville Fire District to reimburse the EMS Levy for the costs incurred while enrolled in the Paramedic training program, in the amount of \$63,455.25

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

16. [AB2023-766](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire Protection District #7 for the provision of Advanced Life Support services, in the amount of \$3,189,754.00

This item was considered separately (see below).

17. [AB2023-767](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the provision of Advanced Life Support services, in the amount of \$12,830,990.00

This item was considered separately (see below).

18. [AB2023-772](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of 11 replacement computer servers from CDW-G, using the Washington State Contract/NASPO #05815-021, which expires 01/31/2024, in the amount of \$144,649.60

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

19. [AB2023-773](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Shawna Bosman, ARNP for examination, diagnosis, testing, coordination of services and oversight on all prescribed medication to ensure

youth in Juvenile Detention receive appropriate medical care in the amount of \$35,919 for a total amended amount of \$131,598

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

20. [AB2023-774](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Shawna Bosman, ARNP, for services related to examination, diagnosis, testing coordination of services and oversight on all prescribed medications in the Juvenile Detention Center in the amount of \$2,128 for a total amended amount \$95,679

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items Considered Separately

16. [AB2023-766](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire Protection District #7 for the provision of Advanced Life Support services, in the amount of \$3,189,754.00

RECOMMENDED TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

17. [AB2023-767](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the provision of Advanced Life Support services, in the amount of \$12,830,990.00

RECOMMENDED TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2023-714](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Conservation Futures Purposes for 2024

DISCUSSED

2. [AB2023-715](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County Road Purposes for 2024

DISCUSSED

3. [AB2023-716](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical

Purposes for 2024

DISCUSSED

4. [AB2023-717](#) Ordinance Authorizing the Levy of Taxes for County and State Purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the Year of 2024

DISCUSSED

5. [AB2023-718](#) Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2024

DISCUSSED

6. [AB2023-721](#) Resolution adopting the 2024 budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Subzones (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

DISCUSSED

7. [AB2023-729](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$54,123,315

DISCUSSED

8. [AB2023-760](#) Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures for 2024, in an increased amount of 5.6% from the previous year

DISCUSSED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2023-693](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund, Request No. 2

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

2. [AB2023-697](#) Ordinance amending the project-based budget for the Jackson Road / Terrell Creek Bridge No. 81 Replacement Fund, request no. 1

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

3. [AB2023-708](#) Ordinance Authorizing an Interfund Loan for the Purchase of Real Property

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

4. [AB2023-723](#) Ordinance establishing a Whatcom County Climate Action Fund and establishing an initial budget for the Climate Action Fund
RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION
Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner
Nay: 0
5. [AB2023-724](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$16,303,061
RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION
Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner
Nay: 0
6. [AB2023-725](#) Ordinance closing the Triage Center Expansion Fund 374
RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION
Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner
Nay: 0
7. [AB2023-726](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Integrated Land Records and Permit Management System Fund, request no. 2.
RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION
Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner
Nay: 0
8. [AB2023-728](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 15, in the amount of 1,295,786
RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION
Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner
Nay: 0

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment