

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

2:45 PM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan

Tyler Byrd

Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Call To Order

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Barry Buchanan, Carol Frazey and Tyler Byrd

Absent: None

Also present: Barbara Brenner, Todd Donovan, Satpal Sidhu

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2019-469](#) Discussion of next steps for the Whatcom County Public Health, Safety, and Justice Initiative (Resolution 2019-036)

Committee Chair Buchanan gave an update and invited the following staff to speak:

Bill Elfo, County Sheriff

Perry Mowry, Health Department

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office

Staff and councilmembers discussed utilizing a sales tax for funding as opposed to a property tax, focusing on phase I elements of the scope of work first, engaging the public through all of the phases of the scope and the consulting process, including the consideration of jail size in phase I, which stakeholders or groups would be involved in the process, identifying different possible locations for the jail, identifying consultants to do the needed work, and establishing a good communication strategy to effectively engage the community.

Byrd moved to separate the phases out and start with just Phase I.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Buchanan, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

This agenda item was DISCUSSED and a motion was approved to begin with Phase I.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Committee Chair

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