

# **Whatcom County Council (Special)**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Action Summary**

**VIRTUAL MEETING - VIEW ONLINE (BUDGET WORK SESSION);  
AGENDA REVISED 11.10.2020**

**Thursday, November 12, 2020**

**9:30 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Rud Browne  
Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Carol Frazey  
Kathy Kershner

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

**Call To Order****Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas and Kathy Kershner

**Absent:** None

**Discussion and Possible Action**

1. [AB2020-484](#) Discussion of the County Executive's recommended 2021-2022 Biennium Budget

**DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED**

Approximate Timestamp: 00:01:04

A motion was approved 6-1, with Elenbaas out of the meeting, to amend the 2021-2022 budget (General Fund) to include \$85,000 per year in 2021 and 2022 to support Northwest Youth Services Ground Floor Program.

Approximate Timestamp: 00:34:18

A motion was approved 5-1-1, with Byrd opposed and Elenbaas out of the meeting to retain in the Sheriff's budget the mental health deputy position that was scheduled to be reassigned to patrol duties and to keep that position as was defined in the Additional Services Requests (ASR) that were approved in the previous budget cycle and add General Fund revenues to maintain the position.

Approximate Timestamp: 02:06:55

A motion was approved 5-2, with Donovan and Frazey opposed, that the Council strongly recommends consolidation of Whatcom County's two 9-1-1 call centers and will make a final decision after hearing from all of the participants and the public by March 31, 2021.

Approximate Timestamp: 02:06:14

A motion was approved 6-1, with Byrd opposed, to approve \$25,000 each year for a total of \$50,000 in the biennial budget for the Whatcom Conservation District Wildfire Risk Reduction Program in Whatcom County and that the allocation come from Non-Departmental rather than coming out of the Council budget.

Approximate Timestamp: 03:03:00

A motion was approved 4-2-1, with Byrd and Frazey opposed and Donovan out of the meeting, to reinstate the Point Roberts Sheriff's deputy position

AND

A motion was approved 5-1-1, with Byrd opposed and Donovan out of the meeting, to include the property crimes detective/deputy back into the Sheriff's budget with funding.

2. [AB2020-490](#) Ordinance authorizing the 2021 Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule

**DISCUSSED**

1. [AB2020-484](#) Discussion of the County Executive's recommended 2021-2022 Biennium Budget

Approximate Timestamp: 03:57:29

A motion was approved 7-0 to add \$6,000 in 2021 to the Council budget for redistricting.

2. [AB2020-490](#) Ordinance authorizing the 2021 Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule

This item was discussed again but no motion made.

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**