

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021
1:25 PM
Virtual Meeting**

**VIRTUAL MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 2 P.M. (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Rud Browne, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kathy Kershner

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2021-536](#) Report from Superior Court

Dave Reynolds, Superior Court Director, reported and discussed with Councilmembers which branch of government juvenile detention staff are under, what the Whatcom County Code and Revised Code of Washington say about it, and how that relates to vaccine mandates in the Superior Court.

Councilmembers discussed tabling the discussion and scheduling a special meeting when an attorney would be available.

Buchanan moved to recommend to the Council that they reconvene on this subject (Superior Court vaccine mandates) when they have legal counsel present and to try to set that up for next Tuesday (October 19).

Councilmembers discussed Council staff posing the question to legal counsel whether it should be a public meeting or an executive session and who the attorney would be.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.

2. [AB2021-573](#) Report from District Court

Bruce Van Glubt, District Court Administrator, reported and discussed with Councilmembers concerns surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine, whether there has been consideration of using alternative locations and times to try to clear the backlog in the court, and new measures put in place by the court

to help with foot traffic and hearings.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

Councilmembers discussed when to start the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

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WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Barry Buchanan-via email 10/15/2021

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Committee Chair

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