

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

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 12:30 P.M. (TO
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Tuesday, March 9, 2021

11:10 AM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Rud Browne called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Rud Browne and Carol Frazey

Absent: 1 - Tyler Byrd

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kathy Kershner

Special Presentation

1. [AB2021-133](#) Report from Whatcom County Finance Department

Brad Bennett, Administrative Services Department, gave a report and answered questions.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the work of the Administrative Services and Bennett answered how revenues are looking for the first quarter of 2021.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2021-131](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a memorandum of understanding between Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham for use of the Fairhaven All Hazards Alert Broadcast warning siren in the amount of \$0.00

Frazey moved that the Memorandum of Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

2. [AB2021-136](#) Resolution supporting the formation of a Tourism Promotion Area (TPA) by agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham

Frazey moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

The following people briefed the Councilmembers and answered questions:

- Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office

- Sandy Ward, Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism Bureau

They answered whether the hotels are in support of the agreement, whether the support is unanimous, whether funds would be used to hire an administrator, whether there were efforts to communicate with hotels that have a language barrier and how many hotels in unincorporated Whatcom County have signed on.

Frazeys motion that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

4. [AB2021-138](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract for laboratory services between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Exact Scientific Services in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 (Council Acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Frazeys moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office asked if the committee skipped AB2021-137.

3. [AB2021-137](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the joint establishment of a Tourism Promotion Area

Frazeys moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

5. [AB2021-139](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Cooperation Agreement between US Army Corps of Engineers and Flood Control Zone District for the Lynden Levee Rehabilitation (NSK-03-18) under an 80/20 cost share with FCZDBS providing \$210,600 (Council Acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of

Supervisors)

Frazezy moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

6. [AB2021-142](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency Agreement & Project Prospectus between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Transportation for South Pass Road 2020 Flood Damage Repairs, in the amount of \$72,000.00

Frazezy moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Rud Browne-via email 3/11/2021

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Rud Browne, Committee Chair

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