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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

June 18, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Satpal Sidhu called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey, and Satpal Sidhu
Absent: None
Also Present: Barbara Brenner, Barry Buchanan, Rud Browne, and Todd Donovan

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Jack Louws, County Executive, reported on the following items and answered questions:

- An emergency proclamation to fix the generator on the roof of the Courthouse
- The return of sales tax money from the State for Health Department programs
- The timeline for voting on the Cascadia Law documents

1. AB2019-204 REPORT FROM WHATCOM COUNTY'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Perry Rice, Administrative Services Department, submitted and read from a presentation (*on file*) and answered questions.

Jack Louws, County Executive, answered questions.

Councilmembers and staff discussed electronics recycling, whether the new permit system will enable faster permitting for citizens, enabling closed caption services for Council meeting video broadcasting, records management and public records requests, and donating old computers to the community.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. AB2019-334 REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND CORNWALL CENTER INC FOR USE OF THE PARKING LOT AT THE BELLINGHAM SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$118,260 OVER FIVE YEARS WITH COST SHARING FROM THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM AND WHATCOM COUNCIL ON AGING

Byrd moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

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2 The motion carried by the following vote:

3 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

4 **Nays:** None (0)

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6 **2. AB2019-335 REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**
7 **TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
8 **AND THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM TO ALLOW FOR COST SHARING OF THE**
9 **PARKING LOT LEASE AT THE BELLINGHAM SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER IN**
10 **THE AMOUNT OF \$78,879 OVER FIVE YEARS**

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12 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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14 The motion carried by the following vote:

15 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

16 **Nays:** None (0)

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18 **3. AB2019-338 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
19 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
20 **CASCADE CONNECTIONS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH**
21 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR IN THE**
22 **ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1,145,600 FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL AMENDED**
23 **CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$3,093,326**

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25 *Byrd moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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27 Jessica Lee, Health Department, gave a staff report on this and the next three items
28 on the agenda and answered questions on outcomes and accountability of the success of
29 the programs.

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31 Councilmembers discussed getting a presentation at an upcoming regular County
32 Council meeting from the Health Department on the successes and benefits of the program.

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34 The motion carried by the following vote:

35 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

36 **Nays:** None (0)

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38 **4. AB2019-343 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
39 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
40 **WORK OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH**
41 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR IN AN**
42 **ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$478,800 FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL AMENDED**
43 **CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$1,564,161**

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45 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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47 The motion carried by the following vote:

48 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

49 **Nays:** None (0)

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51 **5. AB2019-344 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
52 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
53 **KULSHAN SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO**

1 **INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR AN ADDITIONAL**
2 **YEAR IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$923,125 FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL**
3 **AMENDED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$3,404,224**

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5 *Byrd moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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7 The motion carried by the following vote:

8 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

9 **Nays:** None (0)

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11 **6. AB2019-345 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
12 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WASHINGTON**
13 **VOCATIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OR COMMUNITY**
14 **INCLUSION SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL**
15 **DISABILITIES, IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$191,225**

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17 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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19 Jessica Lee, Health Department, answered questions on administrative costs.

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21 The motion carried by the following vote:

22 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

23 **Nays:** None (0)

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25 **7. AB2019-321 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET,**
26 **REQUEST NO. 8, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$508,163**

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28 *Byrd moved* to recommend adoption to the full Council.

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30 The motion carried by the following vote:

31 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

32 **Nays:** None (0)

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34 **8. AB2019-320 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE**
35 **DISTRICT AND SUBZONES BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 3, IN THE AMOUNT OF**
36 **\$1,560,000 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL**
37 **ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)**

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39 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the Flood Control Zone District Board of
40 Supervisors.

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42 Paula Harris, Public Works Department, answered questions on the cost of hiring a
43 senior level engineer.

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45 The motion carried by the following vote:

46 **Ayes:** Frazey and Sidhu (2)

47 **Nays:** Byrd (1)

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50 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**

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52 **1. AB2019-336 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
53 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**

1 CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ADD \$25,000 IN FUNDING FOR
2 HOUSING CASE MANAGEMENT AND \$3,325 IN SUBSEQUENT INDIRECT
3 COSTS TO REPLACE THE RECENT LOSS OF FUNDING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
4 SERVICES INCURRED AT A COMPARABLE AMOUNT
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6 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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8 Barbara Johnson-Vinna, Health Department, reported on the loss of funding from the
9 City of Bellingham.

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11 The motion carried by the following vote:

12 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

13 **Nays:** None (0)
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15 2. **AB2019-342 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
16 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WHATCOM**
17 **CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING TO PROVIDE CHILD DEVELOPMENT**
18 **SERVICES, IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$128,400**
19

20 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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22 Jessica Lee, Health Department, answered questions on getting a presentation or
23 requesting more information on the success and accountability of this and other Health
24 Department programs.
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26 The motion carried by the following vote:

27 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

28 **Nays:** None (0)
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30 3. **AB2019-350 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
31 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND OPPORTUNITY**
32 **COUNCIL FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT**
33 **OF \$66,120**
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35 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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37 The motion carried by the following vote:

38 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

39 **Nays:** None (0)
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41 4. **AB2019-352 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
42 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE**
43 **OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SINGLE ENTRY**
44 **ACCESS TO SERVICES (SEAS) PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,149**
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46 *Byrd moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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48 The motion carried by the following vote:

49 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

50 **Nays:** None (0)
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52 5. **AB2019-353 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
53 **ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND PIONEER**

1 **HUMAN SERVICES TO LEASE THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRIAGE CENTER, IN**
2 **THE AMOUNT OF \$10,056**

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4 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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6 The motion carried by the following vote:

7 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

8 **Nays:** None (0)

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10 **6. AB2019-357 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
11 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND COMMUNITIES**
12 **IN SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE**
13 **BELLINGHAM, BLAINE AND FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, IN THE AMOUNT**
14 **OF \$136,000**

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16 **Frazey moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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18 Perry Mowery, Health Department, introduced the Executive Director of Communities
19 in Schools.

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21 Ario Salazar, Communities in Schools Executive Director, answered questions on
22 giving a presentation to the Council, the success and expansion of the program to Skagit
23 County, administrative costs of the program, and local graduation rates.

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25 The motion carried by the following vote:

26 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

27 **Nays:** None (0)

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30 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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32 There was no other business.

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35 **ADJOURN**

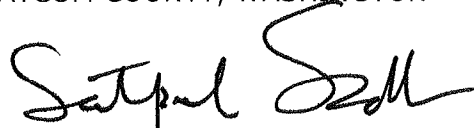
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37 The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

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46 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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51 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Satpal Sidhu, Committee Chair