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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

August 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. AB2019-411 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COURT PROBATION

Bruce Van Glubt, District Court Probation Administrator, gave a staff report and answered questions.

Councilmembers and staff discussed the text messaging reminder program and using other technological tools to remind defendants to attend their appointments and court dates.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. AB2019-432 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND JUSTICE FACILITY PLANNING PRINCIPLES FOR WHATCOM COUNTY

Buchanan referenced and read through the memo in the Council packet. He and the following staff gave a staff report and answered questions:

- Bill Elfo, County Sheriff
- Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office

Councilmembers and staff discussed trends in jail population, citizen participation in the committee's listening tour, jail location to smaller jurisdictions, a communications plan, contracting with a jail planner that is not also a jail builder, timing of hiring a jail planner and preparing for a ballot issue, whether or not the voters should have more than one option, developing a scope for a jail planner, and next steps.

Byrd moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Buchanan, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

Nays: None (0)

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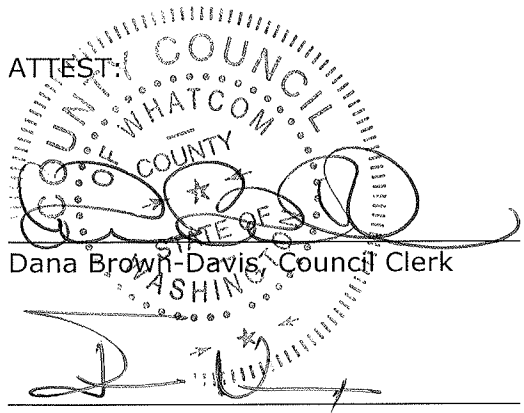
OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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Barry Buchanan, Committee Chair