

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023
10:20 AM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 11:50 A.M., MAY BEGIN EARLY
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT
www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA
REVISED 9.11.2023**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

Also Present: Tyler Byrd, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Announcements

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2023-536](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology for solid waste facility monitoring and code enforcement activities, in the amount of \$237,643

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

2. [AB2023-537](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology for collection and management of household hazardous waste, in the amount of \$540,857.50

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

3. [AB2023-538](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center to provide youth conflict resolution workshops in the amount of \$35,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$70,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

4. [AB2023-542](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 7 for the additional costs of onboarding a replacement Community Paramedic in the amount of \$32,264 for a total amount of \$232,191

WITHDRAWN

5. [AB2023-543](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement

amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) for reimbursement of services relating to advocacy for child victims of abuse or neglect in dependency proceedings, in the amount of \$27,942

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

6. [AB2023-544](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement of services relating to the Uniform Guardianship Act in the amount of \$54,134 for SFY 2023-2024

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

7. [AB2023-546](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families for services relating to evidence-based programming such as Coordination of Services for juvenile offenders under the supervision of Juvenile Court to continue at the SFY2022-2023 reimbursement rate until the State has determined new rates

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

8. [AB2023-547](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement of costs related to the Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem (VGAL) Program in the amount of \$87,861

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

9. [AB2023-549](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, in the amount of \$14,942

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

10. [AB2023-552](#) Resolution requesting authorization to make an application and enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to complete deferred maintenance at several Silver Lake Park cabins

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

11. [AB2023-556](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for a Drug Task Force Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FFY 2020-2021, in the amount of \$135,000 for a total amended amount of \$334,375

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

12. [AB2023-561](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to consolidate previous amendments and extend the term date for the WHAT-COMM Communications Center

This item was considered separately below.

13. [AB2023-562](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to provide an advance in funding for DSHS-funded Developmental Disabilities Administration Programs, in an amount authorized up to \$470,230

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

14. [AB2023-564](#) Request for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement of services relating to BECCA cases (Truancy, At-Risk Youth and Child In Need of Services) in the amount not to exceed \$270,876

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

15. [AB2023-572](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Council of Governments for evaluating siting options for electric vehicle charging infrastructure countywide, in the amount of \$5,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

16. [AB2023-573](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Federal Aid Project Prospectus and Local Agency Agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Jackson Road / Terrell Creek Bridge No. 81 Replacement, in the amount of \$625,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

17. [AB2023-576](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology to provide funding for the removal of litter and illegally discarded materials from public lands, in the amount of \$112,700

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

18. [AB2023-577](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Meridian School District to provide funding for a Behavioral/Mental Health Professional, in the amount of \$450,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

19. [AB2023-578](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Nooksack Valley School District to provide funding for Mental Health Professional personnel, in the amount of \$300,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

20. [AB2023-580](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #SWBB23-01 and

enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Stremler Gravel, Inc. for the Cottonwood Drive Stormwater Inlet Repairs in the amount of \$99,430.03

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

21. [AB2023-581](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to provide funding for treatment and recovery support services to those involved in the criminal justice system, in the amount of \$651,108

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

22. [AB2023-584](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham School District to provide funding for mental and behavioral health personnel and staff professional development, in the amount of \$1,140,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

23. [AB2023-586](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Lynden School District to provide funding for behavioral health and social services personnel, in the amount of \$495,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items Considered Separately

12. [AB2023-561](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to consolidate previous amendments and extend the term date for the WHAT-COMM Communications Center

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Special Presentation

1. [AB2023-557](#) Report from the Finance Division

REPORTED

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2023-579](#) Discussion regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) revenue loss

DISCUSSED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2023-507](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Jail Improvement Fund, request no. 6

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

2. [AB2023-509](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 12, in the amount of \$2,126,139

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

3. [AB2023-531](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department in the amount of \$1,480,000 to support the county's efforts following the November 2021 flood event

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

4. [AB2023-533](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$1,879,999, to support the county's recovery efforts following the November 2021 flood event

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

5. [AB2023-539](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Department of Ecology to provide a Washington Conservation Corps crew and supervisor, in the amount of \$181,575

(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

6. [AB2023-540](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to maintain current levels of homeless subsidies and emergency housing services, in the amount of \$2,890,020

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

7. [AB2023-545](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a project reimbursement agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State County Road Administration Board in the amount of \$10,000,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

8. [AB2023-553](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham to provide funding for staffing and implementation of the Alternative Response Team (ART) Program in the amount of \$80,000 for a total amended amount of \$570,096

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

9. [AB2023-554](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale Community Services to operate a severe weather shelter, in the amount of \$75,450

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

10. [AB2023-560](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for mental health support staff embedded at the Bellingham Central Library, in an annual amount not to exceed

\$110,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment