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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

February 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Satpal Sidhu called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Satpal Sidhu and Carol Frazey
Absent: Tyler Byrd
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:

- The Public Works Department staff and their exemplary effort during recent storm emergencies in Birch Bay
- The current inclement weather event
- Homeless issues and shelter bed availability during cold weather
- The courthouse exterior project bid process
- The end of his term as County Executive

Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director, answered questions.

Councilmembers and staff discussed the possibility of using County facilities for inclement weather shelters, communication among agencies in response to the homeless shelter issues, and snow removal in unincorporated areas of the county.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

- 1. AB2019-087 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN EDI INTERLOCAL LOAN AND GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND PORT OF BELLINGHAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000**

Rob Fix, Port of Bellingham Executive Director, gave a staff report and answered questions on evaluating the number of family wage jobs that will be created and how the funds will increase the economy, the Walsh Marine clientele, and the history of marine industries in Whatcom County.

Jack Louws, County Executive, stated he supports the project.

Sidhu moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

1 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3 **Nays:** None (0)

4 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

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6 **2. AB2019-105 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
7 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
8 **FLOOD CONTROL ZONE AND THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM FOR MANAGEMENT**
9 **AND OPERATION OF THE JOINT CITY-COUNTY AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**
10 **(AIS) BOAT INSPECTION PROGRAM AT LAKES WHATCOM AND SAMISH, IN**
11 **THE AMOUNT OF \$123,000 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY**
12 **FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)**

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14 ***Frazey moved*** to recommend approval to the Flood Control Zone District Board of
15 Supervisors.

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17 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

19 **Nays:** None (0)

20 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

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22 **3. AB2019-107 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
23 **ENTER IN TO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES**
24 **OF AMERICA ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD**
25 **CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT FOR REHABILITATION OF A NON-FEDERAL FLOOD**
26 **CONTROL WORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$453,100 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE**
27 **WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF**
28 **SUPERVISORS)**

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30 ***Frazey moved*** to recommend approval to the Flood Control Zone District Board of
31 Supervisors.

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33 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

35 **Nays:** None (0)

36 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

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38 **4. AB2019-115 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
39 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL**
40 **ZONE DISTRICT AND EXACT SCIENTIFIC SERVICES TO PROVIDE WATER**
41 **QUALITY ANALYTICAL TESTING SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000**
42 **(COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE**
43 **DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)**

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45 ***Frazey moved*** to recommend approval to the Flood Control Zone District Board of
46 Supervisors.

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48 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

50 **Nays:** None (0)

51 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

1 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**
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- 3 1. **AB2019-026 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
4 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND BIRCH BAY**
5 **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PAY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIRCH BAY**
6 **VISITOR CENTER AND TO SUPPORT THE MARKETING OF MULTI-DAY**
7 **EVENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000**

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

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11 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

13 **Nays:** None (0)

14 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

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16 2. **AB2019-104 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
17 **ENTER INTO AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT NO.**
18 **201802006 BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND FCS GROUP FOR THE**
19 **AMENDED AMOUNT OF \$34,560**

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

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23 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

25 **Nays:** None (0)

26 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

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28 3. **AB2019-111 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
29 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND LUMMI**
30 **NATION TO CONDUCT NATURAL RESOURCE MONITORING AND IMPACT**
31 **MITIGATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000**

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33 *Frazey moved* to recommend approval to the full Council and thanked the Lummi
34 Nation for this request.

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36 Jack Louws, County Executive, stated he also thanks the Lummi Nation for the
37 project and the Council's assist in bringing this forward.

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39 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

41 **Nays:** None (0)

42 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

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44 4. **AB2019-112 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
45 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND HERRERA**
46 **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS FOR SWIFT CREEK SEDIMENT**
47 **MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

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

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51 Roland Middleton, Public Works Department, answered questions on the cost and
52 funding source.

1 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3 **Nays:** None (0)

4 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

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6 **5. AB2019-116 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
7 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
8 **AND WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**
9 **FOR SUPPORT OF PERINATAL MOOD AND ANXIETY DISORDERS, IN THE**
10 **AMOUNT OF \$10,000**

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

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14 Regina Delahunt, Health Department Director, gave a staff report and answered
15 questions on how the funds will benefit the community and the funding source.

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17 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

19 **Nays:** None (0)

20 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

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22 **6. AB2019-117 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
23 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
24 **AND NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT**
25 **SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION**
26 **PROGRAMS IN WHATCOM COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,438**

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

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30 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

32 **Nays:** None (0)

33 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

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35 **7. AB2019-119 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
36 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WHATCOM**
37 **CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO PROVIDE A ROBUST COMMUNITY WILDFIRE**
38 **RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM THAT CONSISTS OF OUTREACH, EDUCATION**
39 **AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE WHATCOM COUNTY COMMUNITIES**
40 **MOST AT RISK FROM WILDFIRE IN WHATCOM COUNTY**

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

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44 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

46 **Nays:** None (0)

47 **Absent:** Byrd (1)

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49 **8. AB2019-123 RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF SURPLUS**
50 **PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SETTING A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**
51 **THEREON PURSUANT TO WCC 1.10**

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53 This item is withdrawn from the agenda.

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2 **9. AB2019-125 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
3 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
4 **BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM FOR THE**
5 **ADMINISTRATION OF THE EMT-PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE**
6 **AMOUNT OF \$56,000**

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8 **Frazey moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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10 Mike Hilley, Whatcom Emergency Management Services Department Director, gave a
11 staff report and answered questions on the instructor.
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13 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

15 **Nays:** None (0)

16 **Absent:** Byrd (1)
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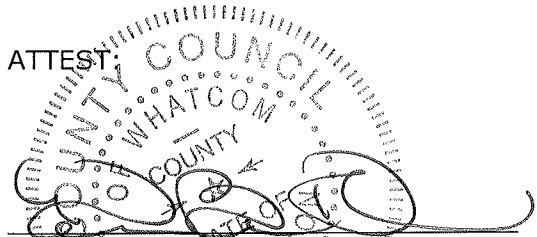
19 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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21 There was no other business.
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24 **ADJOURN**

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26 The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.
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29 ATTEST:

The seal of Whatcom County Council, Washington, is circular with a dotted border. The text "COUNTY COUNCIL" is at the top, "WHATCOM COUNTY" is in the middle, and "WASHINGTON" is at the bottom. There are stars around the perimeter. A signature is written across the seal.

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34 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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40 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Satpal Sidhu, Committee Chair

