

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Action Summary**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

**10:20 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

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360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 9.13. 2021**

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Rud Browne  
Tyler Byrd  
Carol Frazey

**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## **Call To Order**

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd, and Carol Frazey

**Absent:** None

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

### **Announcements**

#### **Special Presentation**

1. [AB2021-505](#) Report from the Finance Division  
**REPORTED**
2. [AB2021-524](#) Presentation from RMC Architects regarding the Northwest Annex Campus update  
**PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED**

#### **Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2021-501](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Compass Health to lease a portion of the Whatcom Response Center, in the amount of \$20,000 annually  
**SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**  
**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey  
**Nay:** 0  
**Absent:** 0
2. [AB2021-493](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement between Whatcom County and Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) for reimbursement of Uniform Guardianship Act (UGA) services, in the amount of \$153,110  
**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**  
**Aye:** 2 - Browne, and Frazey  
**Nay:** 0  
**Absent:** 0  
**Abstain:** 1 - Byrd
3. [AB2021-497](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Workforce Council to provide reimbursement of wages and benefits for eligible temporary employees working in

various COVID-related positions, in the estimated amount of \$110,000 for a total estimated contract amount of \$330,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

4. [AB2021-492](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to furnish goods and services necessary to accomplish activities under the SFY 2022 Victim/Witness Assistance Grant during the grant period, in the amount of \$60,368.00

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

5. [AB2021-523](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Local Agency Agreement Supplement No. 5 between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Birch Bay Drive and Pedestrian Facility Project in the amount of \$300,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

6. [AB2021-450](#) Resolution amending the Flood Control Zone District 2021 budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$1,142,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

7. [AB2021-451](#) Ordinance amending the 2021 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 13, in the amount of \$1,615,450

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye:** 2 - Browne, and Frazey

**Nay:** 1 - Byrd

**Absent:** 0

8. [AB2021-498](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology to provide Pollution Prevention Assistance Specialists, in the amount of \$293,568

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

9. [AB2021-509](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for the development of a housing communications strategy, in the amount of \$19,050

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 2 - Browne, and Frazey

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Byrd

10. [AB2021-489](#) Resolution approving the 2022 recommended Convention Center (Lodging Tax) allocations for tourism-related facilities and activities as defined through RCW 67.28.1816 in the amount of \$1,469,575

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

11. [AB2021-506](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract agreement between Whatcom County and West Publishing for online access to proprietary law publications in the amount of \$143,007

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Council "Consent Agenda" Items**

1. [AB2021-487](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Michael Bobbink for hearing examiner services

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT**

**Aye:** 2 - Browne, and Frazey

**Nay:** 1 - Byrd

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2021-502](#) Resolution in the matter of the sale of surplus personal property and setting a date for public hearing, pursuant to WCC 1.10

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

3. [AB2021-518](#) Resolution to amend Resolution 2020-046 for unrepresented Whatcom County employees

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Byrd, and Frazey

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Items Added by Revision**

1. [AB2021-535](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a revised contract between Whatcom County and the Housing Authority of the City of Bellingham to secure an EDI loan for the Samish Way Redevelopment project in the amount of \$725,000

**RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**Aye:** 2 - Browne, and Frazey

**Nay:** 1 - Byrd

**Absent:** 0

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**