

**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

County Courthouse
311 Grand Avenue, Suite #108
Bellingham, WA 98225-4082



Jack Louws
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council

FROM: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive *TRS*

RE: Interlocal Agreement for WHAT-COMM Communications Center

DATE: August 6, 2019

Enclosed are two (2) originals of an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

It is the purpose of this agreement to provide a mechanism whereby all Whatcom County Public Safety Agencies may combine all, or portions of their law enforcement, fire and emergency medical communications dispatching services, by the establishment of a consolidated telephone call receiving and law enforcement dispatch communications center.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding source is the EMS Levy Fund and General Fund for the Sheriff's Office portion.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This agreement is intended to incorporate already agreed upon changes and replace the previous interlocal agreement entered into in 2002 (County Contract #200206001). This agreement also includes the following summary of changes:

- Creates and establishes an Operations Board which shall provide recommendations to the existing Administrative Board related to operational procedures and administrative issues.
- Language was changed to more accurately describe the operations covered under the What-Comm/Prospect budget.
- Language was changed to identify a minimum balance reserve and other financial modifications. The scope and deliverables remain the same as the previous agreement.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder at extension 5207 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.