

**Whatcom County  
Council Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Committee Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

**1:15 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan

Tyler Byrd

Carol Frazey

**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

## **Call To Order**

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Barry Buchanan, Carol Frazey and Tyler Byrd

**Absent:** None

Also present: Barbara Brenner, Rud Browne, Todd Donovan, and Satpal Sidhu

## **Special Presentation**

1. [AB2019-493](#) Report from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Eric Richey, Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney, reported and answered questions about changing the time frame for filing bail jump charges, the County's warrant quash day and how it works, what happens when someone with a warrant voluntarily turns themselves in outside of the quash day, a rise in crime rate this year despite a drop in incarceration rate, who the caseworkers will be for those who are diverted from incarceration, doubling the capacity of drug court, laws about cash bail, whether there is a law regarding the number of crimes a person can be charged with, diversion programs and how charges are handled for youth, and what the County is doing to make sure inmates get released with all their identification.

**This agenda item was REPORTED.**

## **Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Committee Chair

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