

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

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022
11 AM
Virtual Meeting**

VIRTUAL MEETING - ADJOURNS BY NOON (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil OR CALL 360.778.5010)

COUNCILMEMBERS

Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Tyler Byrd called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Announcements

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2022-072](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Aristo Healthcare Services to provide immediate staffing at COVID Isolation and Quarantine Facility overflow sites, in the amount of \$705,200

Frazey moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

The following people gave a staff report and answered questions:

- Erika Lautenbach, Health Department Director
- Cindy Hollinsworth, Health Department
- Kathleen Roy, Health Department

They answered whether this will only be paid if it is used, what facilities they were referring to when they mentioned a staffing worst case scenario, and whether there is intention to have additional sites other than the one at Civic.

Frazey's motion that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items Part 1

Kershner stated she would like to pull agenda item #2 (AB2022-075) from the Consent Agenda to discuss separately.

Councilmembers considered AB2022-075 first before the rest of the Consent Agenda items.

2. [AB2022-075](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham to provide winter shelters during severe weather emergencies

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Erika Lautenbach, Health Department Director, stated that as of yesterday Ann Beck is now the Human Services Manager.

Ann Beck, Health Department, briefed the Councilmembers and she and Lautenbach answered questions about whether these emergency shelters are for people who are unwilling or uncomfortable or maybe do not meet the qualifications to go to some of the other shelters that we also have set up and also pay for, the criteria for activating the warming shelters, whether there should be buy-in from the guests and a process to earn the use of the shelter, how people would go back and forth between the Bellingham Public Library during the day and Depot Market Square for the night, whether the City of Bellingham has already approved the agreement, whether it would make sense to extend the use of Depot Market Square so people do not have to be moved back and forth, what happens if the weather drops with less notice than the two-days-in-advance criterion for going operational, and how many people would use the shelter at one time.

Frazey's motion that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items Part 2

Kershner moved to approve Consent Agenda items one and three through seven. Councilmembers voted on those items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2022-065](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Justice, for Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), in the amount of \$2,500.00

Kershner moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2022-075](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham to provide winter shelters during severe weather emergencies

See action taken on this item above.

3. [AB2022-076](#) Resolution amending the 2022 CEDS project list to include an additional Port of Bellingham project and revise the name of a Whatcom County project already listed

Kershner moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2022-078](#) Request authorization for a Letter of Understanding between Whatcom County and The International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots (MMP) and the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU) to amend the current Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2022

Kershner moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2022-091](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to provide funding to accomplish activities under the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program during the grant period 10/01/21 - 06/30/23 in the amount of \$1,175,834.00

Kershner moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR

AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2022-092](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sea Mar Community Health Centers to furnish goods and services necessary to accomplish activities under the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program during the contract term 10/1/21 - 03/31/22 and not to exceed the amount of \$371,583.00

Kershner moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2022-093](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. to provide a compensation study for unrepresented employees, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000

Kershner moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

Byrd stated a presentation from the Department of Emergency Management that was going to be this week will be on the agenda for the next committee meeting on February 22, 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Tyler Byrd-via email 2/16/2022

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Tyler Byrd, Committee Chair

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