

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Executive		5/21/96	RECEIVED MAY 22 1996 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	5/28/96	Finance Committee /Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	DG	5/21/96			
Purchasing/Budget:	KE ¹⁷ BB	5/21/96			
Executive:	DK	5-21-96			

SUBJECT:

An Emergency Ordinance, amending the 1996 Budget for Current Expense, Prosecuting Attorney's Office "Amendment No. 4A to the 1996 Budget"

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance
- Background documentation
- Position Control Amendment

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO /X_/ YES /_/ Requested date:
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Emergency Ordinance, Supplemental Budget Ordinance No. 4A adds appropriation to the following budgets:

Current Expense:

The supplemental request for the Current Expense Fund, Prosecuting Attorney, appropriates \$50,738 from Current Expense fund balance, to hire professional staff to provide temporary and long-term assistance to the attorneys in the felony division, in light of increasing caseloads that include greater numbers of serious violent offense and aggravated murder cases presently pending trial.

This request includes funding for an additional full-time position: "Sexual Assault Specialist" to commence on June 1. Funding for this position is contingent upon and tied directly to availability of funds from the Victim Witness Fund.

Other Funds:

The supplemental request for the Victim Witness Fund appropriates \$25,030 from fund balance, to transfer to Current Expense to provide funding for above expenditure.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Pass

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

96 - 201 A 5/28/96: Adopted 7 - 0. Reference Nelson Correspondence memo dated 5/29/96. Ord. 96-023

Resolution Number (this item only):

Ord. 96-023

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 5/28/96

ORDINANCE NO. 96-023

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE 1996 BUDGET
FOR CURRENT EXPENSE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
AMENDMENT NO. 4A TO THE 1996 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the 1996 budget was adopted November 28, 1995; and,

WHEREAS, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 1996 budget;
and,

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office current caseload exceeds resource capacity to adequately represent the interests of the State and the citizens of Whatcom County;
and,

WHEREAS, time is of the essence for additional appropriation authority in the Prosecuting Attorney's budget to provide adequate resources to prosecute the increased number of violent offense and aggravated murder cases currently pending trial; and,


WHEREAS, those modifications have been assembled here for deliberation by the Whatcom County Council; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 1996 Whatcom County budget ordinance 95-065 is hereby amended by adding the following amounts to the funds included therein:

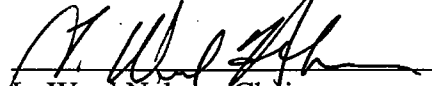
Current Expense Fund:	
Prosecuting Attorney	<u>\$50,738</u>
Total Current Expense	\$50,738
Other Funds:	
Victim Witness Fund	<u>\$25,030</u>
Total Other Funds	<u>\$25,030</u>
Total Supplemental	<u>\$75,768</u>

ADOPTED this 28 day of May, 1996.

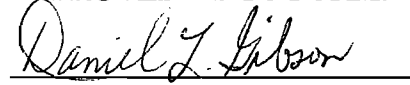
ATTEST:


Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk


WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


L. Ward Nelson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Approved Denied


Pete Kremen, Executive

Date: 5-30-96