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1 McShane asked if any councilmembers had any conflict of interest regarding
2 this issue.

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4 *(Clerk's Note: No Councilmember responded.)*

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6 **Nelson moved** to deny the request to remand and to uphold the Hearing
7 Examiner's decision.

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9 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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12 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

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14 Pete Kremen, County Executive, announced that this is the last County Council
15 meeting for Francine Kincaid as his administrative assistant. He will miss her, as will all.
16 He presented her with flowers.

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18 **1. COUNTY EXECUTIVE PETE KREMEN TO INTRODUCE ROB POCHERT,**
19 **PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (AB2003-**
20 **017)**

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22 Pete Kremen, County Executive, introduced Rob Pochert from Grants Pass,
23 Oregon. He worked in economic development for several Oregon counties. He has
24 been awarded certifications from the National Economic Development Council and
25 International Development Council. His efforts helped contribute millions of dollars
26 of investment and hundreds of new jobs in Oregon.

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28 Rob Pochert, Economic Development Council President, stated economic
29 development is about partnerships between business and government working
30 together to create an environment where businesses can grow and prosper.
31 Economic development has three parts that include business retention, expansion,
32 and attraction activities; community social systems, cultural and recreational
33 opportunities, the political climate, and the physical infrastructure, and; school-to-
34 work programs, entrepreneurial programs, skill development programs, and the
35 welfare-to-work programs. The opportunities are unlimited to work together to
36 create a vision and set measurable goals and objectives.

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38 **2. PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION AGAINST DOMESTIC**
39 **VIOLENCE (AB2003-162)**

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41 Marty Snyder, Domestic Violence Commission Human Services
42 Representative, stated Mr. Kremen is very fortunate that Ms. Kincaid has not
43 decided to run for political office because there are many who are as fond of
44 Francine Kincaid as Mr. Kremen is fond of her.

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46 The commission is thankful that local government agencies have supported
47 its work. It's exciting to report many new and different things that they've been

1 able to do.

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3 Sue Parrott, Domestic Violence Commission Coordinator, stated domestic
4 violence work is about change for victims, offenders, system providers, and
5 community norms. The commission has an opportunity to make changes to the
6 big picture for the community.

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8 The focus of the commission is in providing the big picture look at Whatcom
9 County's response to domestic violence. The commission's work focuses on victim
10 safety, accountability for offenders, improving the overall community response,
11 and changing community norms.

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13 One program fits all of those categories. It is the community survey project,
14 which the commission completed about a year ago. The survey was of women in
15 Whatcom County about the kinds of factors that influence their willingness to
16 disclose abuse to a provider. From the survey, they learned that victims are most
17 willing to disclose abuse when a provider asks in a caring, nonjudgmental manner
18 and when the victim is ready to tell. A provider asked only 20 percent of the
19 respondents about abuse. Based on that finding, the commission recommends
20 that the community increase routine screening for domestic violence as a
21 preventative tool.

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23 The barriers to disclosure have to do with internal beliefs about domestic
24 violence, such as feeling guilty, not knowing it was abuse, and feeling like the
25 victim could handle the situation herself. Another recommendation is for more
26 education about domestic violence. They are using the results of the survey to
27 work with service providers and healthcare providers about those
28 recommendations.

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30 The commission has worked for a number of years with treatment providers
31 and courts to develop a more standard process for the evaluation of an individual
32 charged with a domestic violence assault. The recommendation is a standard
33 evaluation that the courts and treatment providers have adopted. This project
34 really focuses on offender accountability and also impacts victim safety.

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36 A third project was the community safety and accountability audit. This is
37 the first community on the West Coast to do the safety audit, and are being used
38 as a model community for other communities. Police Chief Randy Carroll is
39 presenting the audit report at the Washington Association of Sheriff's and Police
40 Chiefs conference in May.

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42 The audit looked at how criminal justice systems process domestic violence
43 cases. The commission audited the 911 system, Bellingham Police, Whatcom
44 County Sheriff's Office, and the jail. A consultant worked with the commission.
45 From the audit, they developed many recommendations to improve the response
46 of those systems to do a better job of ensuring victim safety and accountability for
47 offenders. It provides a better picture of the risk the offender poses to the victim

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1 and children. The commission will ask the audited systems to report back on a
2 regular basis, so the commission can support and monitor implementation.

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4 The commission has an outreach committee that works on changing
5 community norms by targeting certain audiences and key community leaders. Last
6 year, they targeted school districts, rotary clubs, and the medical association. In
7 total, the commission made nearly 30 presentations last year in addition to the
8 domestic violence awareness month.

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10 The commission also serves as a resource to the community and
11 practitioners about best practices for domestic violence. She thanked the 26
12 volunteer commission members, the vision provided by Executive Kremen and
13 Mayor Asmundson, the support from the City and County councils, and the
14 community for its responsiveness to the issue.

15 16 17 **MINUTES CONSENT**

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19 ***Brenner moved*** to approve Minutes Consent items one through three.

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21 ***Motion carried 6-0 with Caskey-Schreiber out of the room.***

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23 **1. CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF THE WATER RESOURCES WORK**
24 **SESSION FOR MARCH 18, 2003**
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26 **2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR APRIL 8, 2003**
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28 **3. REGULAR COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APRIL 8, 2003**

29 30 31 **OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)**

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33 The following people spoke:

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35 Leonard Lindstrom, Bellingham resident, stated people need to learn to talk
36 to one another. People cannot accomplish anything until they start talking. They
37 need to come to a meeting of the minds.

38 39 40 **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 41
42 **1. RESOLUTION REGARDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**
43 **APPLICATION FOR PLANNING OF THE KENDALL COMMUNITY**
44 **RESOURCE CENTER IN WHATCOM COUNTY (AB2003-154)**

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2 *(Clerk's Note: The CDBG required handouts are included in the Council's*
3 *packet.)*
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5 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report and stated this
6 hearing is a requirement as a result of the County's desire to submit an application
7 for a community development block grant. This is part of a larger program with the
8 Department of Community Development and the federal government. The
9 administration and Council wants to use more grants for internal County
10 government operations and also for projects that would assist the community. In
11 this case, the administration wants to look at a community resource center in
12 eastern Whatcom County.
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14 McShane opened the public hearing and, hearing no one, closed the public
15 hearing.
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17 ***Nelson moved*** to approve the resolution.
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19 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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22 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEM**

23

24 ***Crawford*** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee
25 and ***moved*** to approve Consent Agenda items two through six. The committee
26 recommended approval of the substitute version of item one, with amendments.
27 The administration withdrew item seven from the Consent Agenda.
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29 ***Motion to approve Consent Agenda items two through six carried***
30 ***unanimously.***
31

32 **1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN** 33 **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE** 34 **CITY OF BELLINGHAM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES USING** 35 **FUNDS GENERATED FROM THE E.M.S. LEVY (AB2003-165)** 36

37 ***Crawford moved***, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the
38 substitute version of item one, as amended by the Finance Committee and
39 resubmitted by administration this afternoon. He was opposed to the Finance
40 Committee recommendation. There are differences between this and the version
41 that the City of Bellingham approved. He assumed that, should this be approved
42 tonight, it would need to go back to the Bellingham City Council for its approval.
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44 One change is the date of the levy election from September to the November
45 general election. The Council already adopted an ordinance to set the election in
46 September, so the Council needs to adopt an amended ordinance to change the
47 date. That amending ordinance will be introduced tonight.

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2 Crawford stated he is opposed to the motion. He supports the concept of an
3 EMS levy. The County is past due to move the EMS funding out of the County's
4 general fund. Whatcom County is the only county in Washington State to fund it
5 that way.
6

7 He is opposed to the levy amount, which is too much. It is a 71 percent
8 increase over the current levels of funding, which have already dramatically
9 increased in the last few years. This agreement essentially allows the City of
10 Bellingham to tax the entire county. The City will make all operational and
11 administrative decisions. This amounts to taxation without representation.
12

13 This agreement excludes the fire districts from the decision-making role.
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15 This agreement creates a situation of liability for the County. The City, in its
16 ordinances, requires others who provide EMS services, such as a private
17 ambulance, to carry its own liability as well as underwrite the City's liability
18 simultaneously. Under this agreement, the City would have the County share any
19 liability that the City creates.
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21 This agreement requires property owners outside the City of Bellingham to
22 pay for two-thirds of the cost of the system because it is a direct tax on the
23 property values. Currently, the County and City shares are split 50-50. However,
24 more than 50 percent of the EMS calls are made inside the City of Bellingham.
25

26 It is time for the county fire districts to work together to form their own
27 separate EMS system, with the help of the County. The infrastructure already
28 exists. The County could provide the 50 percent of the assets owned through Medic
29 One. The County could also use the \$1.4 million annually that Whatcom County is
30 already taxing and spending as seed money to get the system up and running.
31 They can accomplish this in the remainder of this year, and then propose a realistic,
32 cost-effective levy next year to the voters outside the City of Bellingham.
33

34 Caskey-Schreiber stated it puts the citizens of the county in jeopardy to go
35 to Councilmember Crawford's plan with no transition phase.
36

37 Brenner stated she didn't support the level of funding, which is higher than
38 appropriate. However, the Medic One system is excellent. This is a six-year
39 contract that will give the County time to determine how it wants to move in the
40 future. She's not willing to take a chance on not having something as critical as
41 emergency services not funded. Although the county fire districts do an excellent
42 job, it would be impossible for them to come up with an organized plan to provide a
43 service that is as adequate, throughout the county in that short of time. This will
44 give the county fire districts time to decide if that's the way they want to go.
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46 Nelson stated they do need the six-year period to keep a system in place
47 that the public approves. The fire department has worked for two years to develop

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1 a strategic plan that meets the objectives and criteria of the County and City. This
2 gives the voters an opportunity to look at the rate and see if it's appropriate. The
3 voters need to be the ones to evaluate this system. The agreement provides time
4 for a transition. Advanced life support is very different from basic life support. He
5 doesn't want one citizen to suffer because the Council was reluctant to support this
6 during the transition period.

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8 McShane thanked the committee for working hard on this agreement today.
9 They made amendments to correct some oversights. They will have an emergency
10 medical response for the county that will be appropriate and done well for
11 everyone. Regarding the City generating less revenue and more emergency calls,
12 it's more cost effective to serve the city because it is more compact. There are
13 significant costs for Medic One to serve a spread out population in the county.
14 That's part of the extra cost of living in rural areas and expecting that level of
15 service.

16
17 Roy stated they all see certain points in Councilmember Crawford's
18 arguments that merit further discussion, but the citizens have the right to make
19 those evaluations. If the County Council does not act on this, it doesn't let this go
20 forward to a vote of the citizens, which is critical.

21
22 Caskey-Schreiber stated the County's budget situation is such that there will
23 be a \$5 million shortfall in the general fund. That's why this is going to a vote. If
24 the people enjoy the service they now have, they need to make that decision with
25 their vote and support this level of service. If the citizens want to go to a lesser
26 service, then they should not vote for it. That is where the County is headed, down
27 the road.

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29 ***Motion to approve carried 6-1 with Crawford opposed.***

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31 **2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
32 **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC**
33 **WORKS AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**
34 **(NRCS) OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR**
35 **ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF SNOTEL SITES IN THE NOOKSACK**
36 **RIVER BASIN AS PART OF THE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN THE**
37 **AMOUNT OF \$25,000 (AB2003-166)**
38
39 **3. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
40 **COOPERATIVE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
41 **PUBLIC WORKS AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND**
42 **WILDLIFE FOR VARIOUS WRIA 1-RELATED PROJECTS IN THE**
43 **AMOUNT OF \$100,000 (AB2003-167)**
44
45 **4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
46 **CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
47 **WHATCOM COUNTY AGRICULTURE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FOR**

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1 CAUCUS SUPPORT FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND DIKING AND
2 DRAINAGE DISTRICTS CAUCUSES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR
3 A TOTAL CONTRACT AMENDED AMOUNT OF \$57,000 (AB2003-168)
4

5 5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
6 CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND
7 CATALYST CONSULTING FOR CAUCUS SUPPORT FOR THE NON-
8 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEMS CAUCUS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000
9 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMENDED AMOUNT OF \$34,000 (AB2003-
10 169)
11

12 6. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
13 GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND
14 WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY – MARINE
15 RESOURCE COMMITTEE 2003 ACTION GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF
16 \$70,000 (AB2003-170)
17

18 7. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN
19 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND PUBLIC
20 UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FIBER OPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATION
21 NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 (AB2003-171)
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24 OTHER ITEMS

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26 1. RESOLUTION AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY'S PURCHASE OF
27 DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM GUIDELINES DOCUMENT BY
28 RE-ADOPTING THE ORIGINAL TARGET AREA MAP (AB2003-161)
29

30 **Roy** reported for the Natural Resources Committee and **moved** approval of
31 the resolution. Approval does not preclude future discussion of this issue with the
32 City of Lynden.
33

34 (*Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side A.*)
35

36 Crawford stated he is against the motion. There is a tremendous amount of
37 area that is eligible for purchases. More discussion and reconciliation could be
38 conducted with the City of Lynden. To allow those areas to be put in a non-
39 developable status that may become urban growth areas is not fair to the City of
40 Lynden. He would like to exclude the areas that Lynden has proposed until the
41 County can reach an agreement with Lynden.
42

43 Roy stated Lynden's proposal says that it has enough area for 20 years of
44 projected growth. They are talking about 60 years into the future. It isn't as if this
45 is a critical issue right now. It is critical to the farmers who want to know whether
46 or not they are included in the target areas. The Purchase of Development Rights

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1 (PDR) Committee put a lot of work into this. The Council needs to respect the PDR
2 committee's decision.
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4 Brenner stated it is not about how big an area the county has. It is about
5 the amount of area that has prime agricultural soil. There is no better soil in
6 Whatcom County than the soil in that area. During the last meeting, a farmer from
7 that area testified that the program gave him options, but since he was removed
8 from the program, his farm went under and he had to sell it. Every decision the
9 County Council makes has many consequences to people. At some point, there has
10 to be a line between development and agriculture for all the cities in the county.
11 Other areas in Whatcom County are suitable for growth. The county has an
12 obligation to absorb growth, but not to compromise its commitment to prime
13 agricultural land. The City of Lynden, through innovative planning, can grow for
14 more than twenty years. Maybe some of that growth needs to spread out to other
15 parts of the county.
16

17 Caskey-Schreiber stated she agreed with much of Councilmember Brenner's
18 comments. This is one of the last remaining stretches of prime agricultural land
19 that hasn't been divided into parcels. The reason it was targeted is because it faces
20 a pressure in the future for urbanization from Lynden. They can accommodate
21 growth in other areas of the county, but this is the last remaining contiguous blocks
22 of farmland on prime soils. If the Council is committed to this \$247 million industry
23 that provide many jobs and a high quality of life for the residents, they have to
24 draw a line in the sand and be committed to the industry. The profits stay in the
25 county. This is one tool to give the farmers an option for their farms.
26

27 Nelson asked if the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires the County to
28 work with the cities to provide urban growth areas.
29

30 Kraig Olason, Senior Planner, stated the Growth Management Act requires
31 the County to be the final decision maker on where urban growth areas (UGA's) are
32 located.
33

34 Nelson stated the County has some UGA's surrounding the City of Lynden.
35 He asked if those areas are adequate to meet Lynden's future growth. Olason
36 stated the City has more than enough area for 20 years. Additionally, they have
37 additional acreage that wasn't included in target areas that provide other options
38 besides the UGA for additional expansion.
39

40 Nelson asked where the City could grow if the target areas near Lynden were
41 included. Olason stated there is an area to the west that is available.
42

43 Nelson asked if this would push the City into leapfrogging the target areas,
44 floodplain, or river. This isn't something they have to address right now, but think
45 about it when they go into the PDR program. Olason stated the core decision
46 tonight is to look at developing urban growth areas in a different way.
47 Traditionally, it is driven by landowners adjacent to the city limits. What the

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1 County is saying is that it has to look at long-term protection of resource lands in
2 addition to urban growth, so they have to make some decisions.
3

4 Nelson asked if the proposed boundaries are legitimate. Olason stated they
5 are. They are looking at the resource base. There are other agricultural soils in the
6 county, but they are fragmented. The PDR Committee looked at the large-lot
7 agricultural areas most likely to be encroached upon. These areas are 85 to 90
8 percent agricultural open spaces being farmed. That is what they've been used for
9 historically. The East Badger Road was a critical line. It doesn't make for good city
10 development to have a highway through a town. The logical boundary is the East
11 Badger Road. The City has options that it can look at. In 60 years, the lifestyle
12 patterns may be very different.
13

14 McShane stated leapfrogging may occur in Lynden, but it should occur in
15 places that won't take away from the county's economic vitality. Olason stated
16 there might be significant parcels of land that don't participate.
17

18 Caskey-Schreiber stated that if Lynden truly wants to grow in this direction
19 in 60 years, farming may be so advanced that they can offer mitigation. Once
20 farmland is gone, it is gone forever.
21

22 ***Motion to approve carried 6-1 with Crawford opposed.***
23

24 **2. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2003 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET,**
25 **FOURTH REQUEST (AB2003-152)**
26

27 ***Crawford*** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee
28 and ***moved*** to adopt the ordinance.
29

30 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
31

32 **3. DISCUSSION REGARDING OPTIONS TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR**
33 **PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS ON LAKE WHATCOM BOULEVARD IN**
34 **THE AREA OF THE AUSTIN CREEK BRIDGE (AB2003-172)**
35

36 Brenner reported for the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee and
37 stated the Engineering Division will move this up on the six-year road program
38 when it comes forward in July. They will reconstruct the bridge only next year, and
39 do the rest of the road project later. The bridge is like a funnel and is very
40 dangerous for people walking or bicycling. The area is one of the largest urbanized,
41 non-city areas in the county. Many people walk or bicycle over the bridge. It will
42 make the area much safer for people in that area.
43

44 **4. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE INSTALLATION**
45 **OF CITY-LEVEL SERVICES (SIDEWALKS) ON CERTAIN COUNTY**
46 **ROADS (AB2003-155)**
47

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1 Brenner reported for the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee and
2 stated the sidewalks are not necessary on West Smith Road. However, widening
3 the road will funnel more traffic over the Smith Road overpass into Ferndale, and
4 skip the Axton Road bridge that creates a bottleneck. The 1984 road standards are
5 not consistent with Growth Management Act, but the Technical Advisory Committee
6 is working on an update to the road standards. In those road standards, the
7 County is allowed to put in sidewalks where there is a density of one house per
8 acre. That is extravagant. Through growth management, urban lands are a
9 density of at least three or four units per acre.

10
11 Roy asked if they are talking about a sidewalk, but not enhanced shoulders.
12

13 Brenner stated she is talking about city sidewalks. On both sides of West
14 Smith Road, there will be a wider road, wider shoulders, and sidewalks. The look
15 will not be compatible with the area, but there may be some positive effects. She's
16 afraid it will encourage people to speed.
17

18 Nelson stated the committee also discussed the Smith Road access. Now,
19 there is not a freeway access. If the County improves the road, the State might
20 consider the area as an access, which would divert traffic away from Portal Drive.
21

22 Brenner stated the County will have to lobby the State if that is going to
23 happen.
24

25 **5. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL WHATCOM COUNTY ZONING**
26 **TEXT, CHAPTER 20.40, AGRICULTURE DISTRICT (AB2003-153)**
27

28 Fleetwood stated the committee discussed the **ordinance amending the**
29 **Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance, Title 20, Chapter 20.71 –**
30 **Water Resource Protection Overlay District, Chapter 20.80 –**
31 **Supplementary Requirements (Stormwater and Clearing), Chapter 20.85 –**
32 **Planned Unit Developments, and Chapter 20.97 – Definitions, to provide**
33 **additional regulatory protection for sensitive watersheds (AB2002-222B)**
34 **(Amended Version)**. The committee made some amendments and took public
35 comment. It was held in committee.
36

37 **Fleetwood** reported for the Planning and Development Committee and
38 **moved** to schedule a public hearing in two weeks, without item #2 on exhibit 1.
39

40 *(Clerk's Note: There was no vote on the motion.)*
41

42 Roy asked if item #2 is off the table for consideration.
43

44 Fleetwood stated item #2 might be back. The proponent was going to work
45 on the language.
46

47 McShane stated this would be added to the introduction items.

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2 **6. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF THE HEARING EXAMINER'S**
3 **DECISION ON FILE NO. APL02-0009, FILED BY LESA STARKENBURG-**
4 **KROONTJE FOR MARK WEINBERG, REGARDING REQUESTED**
5 **BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENTS (AB2003-095)**
6

7 See Announcements.
8

- 9 **7. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF THE HEARING EXAMINER'S**
10 **DECISION ON FILE NO. CUP02-0014, FILED BY PHILIP SERKA FOR**
11 **CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, REGARDING A ZONING CONDITIONAL**
12 **USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SYNAGOGUE**
13 **(AB2003-105)**
14

15 See Announcements.
16

- 17 **8. APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY ON DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT**
18 **DISTRICT #20, UNTIL A PERSON IS ELECTED AT THE NEXT SPECIAL**
19 **DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION IN FEBRUARY, 2004. APPLICANT:**
20 **DWAYNE MOLENDYK (AB2003-142)**
21

22 *McShane moved* to appoint Dwayne Molendyk to the Drainage
23 Improvement District #20.
24

25 *Motion carried unanimously.*
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28 INTRODUCTION ITEMS

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30 Brenner stated the first Introduction Item has been amended, and the
31 amended version should be introduced.
32

33 *McShane moved* to accept the Introduction Items.
34

35 *Motion carried unanimously.*
36

- 37 **1. ORDINANCE CONTINUING THE INTERIM CONDITIONAL USE**
38 **CRITERIA ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 2002-068 FOR THE SITING OF**
39 **MUSHROOM COMPOSTING AS A CONDITIONAL USE WITHIN THE**
40 **AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT (AB2003-158)**
41
42 **2. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LIMITED TAX GENERAL**
43 **OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (AB2003-156)**
44
45 **3. ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL WHATCOM COUNTY ZONING**
46 **ORDINANCE, TITLE 20, BY CLARIFYING EXISTING CODE LANGUAGE,**

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1 **ELIMINATING CONFLICT AND DUPLICATION IN THE CODE LANGUAGE**
2 **(AB2003-173)**

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4 **4. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WHATCOM COUNTY BICYCLE PLAN**
5 **(AB2003-174)**

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7 **5. AMENDING ORDINANCE 2003-005, CHANGING THE DATE FOR**
8 **SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY A**
9 **PROPOSITION IMPOSING THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX**
10 **FOR SIX YEARS TO FUND FIRE SERVICE PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY**
11 **MEDICAL SERVICES (AB2003-027B)**

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14 **OTHER BUSINESS**

15
16 McShane stated he wrote a draft letter regarding a State Map Program. The
17 State Map Committee will address where that State mapping will occur. There is
18 interest in mapping portions of Whatcom County, which geologists describe as the
19 least understood geological county in the State. A State map was done for the
20 Deming and Kendall quadrangles, which the Council has used in its decision-
21 making. ***He moved*** to send the draft letter.

22
23 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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26 **REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

27
28 Crawford stated the Opportunity Council is meeting Thursday evening for its
29 annual Board of Director's meeting. He encouraged the public to attend. There will
30 be festivities scheduled.

31
32 Fleetwood stated he has a Western Washington University intern that needs
33 to keep busy. He's in the Law and Justice program through Fairhaven College.

34
35 Brenner stated she attended a meeting at Lummi Island regarding the ferry
36 and parking issues. The residents feel reassured that they will be part of the 20-
37 year ferry planning process.

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40 **LETTERS SENT BY COUNCIL**

41
42 **1. LETTER TO THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH REGARDING PUBLIC**
43 **HEALTH FUNDING (AB2003-164) (TIME SENSITIVE, APPROVAL TO**
44 **SEND RECEIVED A 6-0 VOTE, WITH WARD NELSON ABSENT)**

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