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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

April 22, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Committee Chair Sam Crawford in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Present:

L. Ward Nelson
Sharon Roy

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Seth Fleetwood
Laurie Caskey-Schreiber
Dan McShane
Barbara Brenner

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (AB2003-162)

Kathy Washatka, Chair of the Commission, stated the commission was started four years ago. Both the City and the County fund it. The Health Department is its fiscal agent. The Commission has developed a comprehensive plan. It is beginning to put together a broader strategic plan. Today, they will discuss the projects completed last year.

Sue Parrott, Commission Against Domestic Violence Coordinator, stated much of their work is projects that extend over time, including the safety audit.

The community survey report was a survey of over 1,000 women in Whatcom County about factors that influence their ability to disclose information. Based on the survey, the commission developed three recommendations. First, providers need to increase routine screening for domestic violence. Second, agencies need to develop clear policies on who will be screened and what they will do with the information. Third, they need to do more domestic violence education in the community.

They are targeting health care and social service providers based on the survey. Significant barriers to disclosure include the victim thinking she can manage by herself, feelings of guilt about the abuse, fear of consequences, and the victims not knowing that what they were experiencing was abuse. The impact of sharing the results is an increased response to domestic violence.

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1 Another project was the development of standards for domestic violence
2 perpetrator treatment, for courts to order a standard evaluation to determine if an
3 individual is appropriate for treatment. Courts have agreed to follow the process.
4 The commission developed a bench book that outlines general recommendations to
5 judicial officers. Annually, they are auditing the treatment providers to make sure
6 the agencies are implementing the treatment evaluation.
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8 A third project was the domestic violence safety audit. The tool will be used
9 as a way to look at what is working well and what is not working well in the criminal
10 justice response to domestic violence. The safety audit was designed as a way to
11 assess how a criminal justice system manages a domestic violence case. As that
12 case works its way through the system, they are doing things to either diminish or
13 enhance victim safety and accountability for offenders.
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15 Part of the audit is based on the philosophy that practitioners do what they
16 do because of the institutional culture. Those are things they can change to make
17 the system do a better job. The other piece of the audit is based on the philosophy
18 that the criminal justice system responds to specific incidents. However, domestic
19 violence happens in a pattern over time. To understand the risk to everyone, they
20 have to see it as more than just one incident. Encourage practitioners to think
21 about who gets the information.
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23 The commission received support from former County Sheriff Dale Brandland
24 and Bellingham Police Chief Randy Carroll. The commission audited the 9-1-1
25 system, Bellingham police, Sheriff's Office, and jail. Sixteen local professionals
26 were trained to be members of the audit team. They included prosecutors,
27 probation officers, domestic violence advocates, and others to provide input into
28 the process. The group spent a week together auditing those four systems. They
29 also collected over 200 randomly selected case files and a consultant reviewed the
30 case files for gaps inconsistencies and best practices. The audit team came up with
31 recommendations. The consultant came up with additional recommendations.
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33 The results of the audit found that they are doing a good job, but they have
34 lots of areas for improvement. They tried to come up with recommendations that
35 were not resource dependent. Some recommendations are resource dependent,
36 such as technology conflicts. There are many recommendations that have to do
37 with policies. In the case with dispatch, there isn't a clear policy for responding to
38 domestic violence calls. When 911 takes a call, the dispatchers need to ask specific
39 questions. Deputies and officers weren't consistently documenting the presence of
40 children, witnesses, or how to reach the victim. Law enforcement could do a better
41 job of risk assessment.
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43 Now, the four systems have agreed to report to the Domestic Violence
44 Commission to let them know of their progress in those recommendations. When
45 appropriate, they will convene groups to talk about the concepts of the audit. The
46 Domestic Violence Commission is interested in continuing the audit process for
47 other types of service providers. All the service providers see it as a tool that will

1 help them improve their responses. As long as the commission can find the
2 resources to continue with audits, it will.

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4 When the commission put together its comprehensive plan, it said it would
5 monitor and track the plan over time. The Domestic Violence Commission provided
6 an update on the status of the plan. Each year, the commission looks at the
7 comprehensive plan to see what it needs to do that year.

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9 Nelson stated the audit was nicely done. He is concerned about training
10 issues and protecting the rights of victims. He asked if there are funding
11 requirements needed for implementation of recommendations in the audit, or if the
12 costs are in the current budget. Parrott stated the agencies could do the ones
13 regarding policy development and training. The jail will have difficulty doing the
14 training. The recommendations for equipment needs are a problem regarding
15 funding.

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17 Nelson asked for a definition of follow-up to a domestic violence case.
18 Parrott stated one recommendation in the audit was that the community does a
19 better job of linking the victims to support services immediately after the incident.
20 They need to start discussing how that can work.

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22 Nelson stated an item about community education and awareness of positive
23 social norms regarding intimate relationships was not completed in the
24 comprehensive plan. He asked what that was. Parrott stated that when the three
25 outcomes were developed in the comprehensive plan, that item was a specific
26 project they were thinking of. The concept of positive norms is to focus on what
27 they want people to do instead of what they don't want people to do. The positive
28 social norm is to have a healthy relationship that is mutually respectful. She
29 doesn't know that they will work on that project. Some people think that their
30 behaviors are the norm, when they are not.

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32 Caskey-Schreiber stated it is about educating people about what is not
33 socially acceptable.

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35 Roy stated one of the barriers for people seeking help was that people didn't
36 know that the behavior was not normal.

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38 Brenner stated they don't seem to be doing anything for children and
39 adolescents who are victims. Parrott stated it has to do with a lack of resources.
40 They have to make choices about what they can focus on.

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42 Brenner stated it would be her number one priority.

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44 Caskey-Schreiber stated the State Department of Social and Health Services
45 (DSHS) gets involved when kids are present.

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1 Jay Clements, Outreach Committee Chair, stated he represents a major
2 employer, Conoco-Phillips, on the commission. Education outreach is a vital
3 function of the commission. The purpose is to educate the public on domestic
4 violence. The second purpose is to educate the public on the work the commission
5 is doing. The commission does this by making presentations throughout the county
6 and by sponsoring events. Last year, the commission sponsored the candlelight
7 vigil in the courthouse. It had a big impact on those who attended.

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9 They try to make presentations to audiences who can make the biggest
10 impact, such as local governments, schools, and medical groups. The commission
11 made 27 presentations in 2002. Partnerships with these groups will be key to
12 success and moving forward with promoting reductions in domestic violence. Key
13 memberships are set up through normal membership in the commission. Many
14 commission members are from key areas in the community, which adds diversity to
15 the membership.

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17 Domestic violence is a community-wide problem, and will take the entire
18 community to reduce the problem. They are working on a strategic plan that will
19 take them into the future. A comprehensive plan was used to kick off the
20 commission four years ago. The commission has evolved, so they need something
21 fresh to take them into the future. A facilitator has helped them work on the plan.
22 The facilitator asked them how they want the commission to look in the future, and
23 what they see themselves doing. There is still a lot of work to do. The
24 membership is very enthusiastic. Combined with the County's continued support,
25 they can be a leader in the community to reduce domestic violence. He thanked
26 the Council for its support.

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28 Roy thanked the commission members for the presentation. It's nice to see
29 goals and accomplishments. She asked how many personnel are covered in the
30 personnel item on the budget. Parrot stated that item covers the director's time, a
31 half-time administrative support staff, and administrative support for an agency
32 that does bookkeeping and answering the phones.

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34 Roy asked if the follow-up on the findings and recommendations is what they
35 are working on right now. Parrott stated she's developed a report form for each of
36 the four systems. The commission will get the first report from the four systems on
37 May 1, and it will get two more throughout the year.

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39 Roy stated she would like to receive information on the reports when they
40 come in.

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42 Fleetwood asked if there is compassion in the system for all concerned. He
43 works as a defense attorney, and sometimes works with batterers. He gets a sense
44 that the practitioners view the victim as an angel and the perpetrator as a demon.
45 The batterer can also be a victim of a dysfunctional home. Parrott stated that
46 unless they have accountability with compassion and support for offenders, they

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1 are not going to make a change. There has to be accountability, but also support.
2 They can't ignore those individuals.
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4 Nelson stated there is a concern because victims are worried that people will
5 think less of their partner. Parrott stated it is the abusive behavior that is not
6 appropriate, not the individual.
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8 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

9 **1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2003 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET,** 10 **FOURTH REQUEST (AB2003-152)**

11 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, read through the items requested. The
12 Council adopted the budget in the middle of November. The County hadn't settled
13 with unions until the end of December. The resulting financial implications were
14 implemented in the first quarter, and now the administration is seeking the
15 Council's budget approval of the union contracts.
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17 They are having very significant problems with the control system in the jail.
18 They need to replace one of the control panels. Funds should come from building
19 replacement funds.
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21 Brenner asked if the County would expect to find the damage to the
22 courthouse exterior as wear and tear, or if it was a mistake. She asked who is
23 liable for deficiencies. Desler stated a lawsuit was involved with the contractor
24 about the courthouse building. The settlement from that lawsuit might preclude the
25 County from taking up any issues with the contractor.
26

27 Dan Gibson, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor stated the statute on buildings is
28 no longer than seven years. It has been nine years since completion.
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30 Crawford asked if the problem is the impermeable stucco, or the application
31 of the stucco. Desler stated the problem relates to an improper installation of the
32 top edge. Water has gotten behind the stucco. They've replaced the sealing
33 material around the jail, but they found problems that will result in severe
34 deterioration. They want to do the proper engineering to find a solution. They are
35 finding that the stucco does not have the life they expect. It has been breached.
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37 ***Nelson moved*** to recommend approval of the ordinance.
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39 *(Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side A.)*
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41 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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1 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEM**

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3 **1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN**
4 **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE**
5 **CITY OF BELLINGHAM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES USING**
6 **FUNDS GENERATED FROM THE E.M.S. LEVY (AB2003-165)**
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8 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated there is a proposed interlocal
9 agreement. He submitted a substitute version of the agreement (*on file*). He gave
10 a history of the development of the interlocal agreement. Questions have been
11 raised recently about the role of the County Council. The County Council will have
12 an annual review of the budget and program. The agreement establishes the City
13 of Bellingham and fire department as providing the advanced life support (ALS) in
14 Whatcom County. He submitted a handout of the agreement that shows some
15 suggested changes.
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17 Crawford asked if the City Council approved a \$.50 levy. Desler stated it did
18 not. The \$.50 levy should not be in the document.
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20 Crawford asked if they need to adopt this today. Desler stated that if they
21 hold an election, they have to get word to the County Auditor by August 1.
22 However, many of the stakeholders and interest groups would like to see the
23 agreement go forward so they can construct a campaign. The Council could take
24 another couple of weeks. This agreement, with the County changes, has to go
25 before the City Council.
26

27 Fleetwood asked what part of the agreement is in conflict. Desler stated the
28 City's proposal is that the role of the County be restricted to holding the election
29 and approving an interlocal agreement that sends over annual payments. They
30 want to manage the entire program. All the other options, such as the choice of
31 levy rates, are set by the City of Bellingham. The County can make a suggestion,
32 but in the context of an agreement that lasts for six years. The whole thing will
33 come up again in 2009. A change proposed is for City Council and County Council
34 annual review, which is the way they do it today. The Executive has no major
35 disagreements with anything in the agreement.
36

37 Crawford stated the absence of the Executive's initials on an agenda bill
38 means non-endorsement. He asked if this is a recommendation of the Executive's
39 Office, since the document is initialed. Desler stated this is an agreement sent
40 forward by the City of Bellingham, and the administration feels it is justified for a
41 discussion.
42

43 McShane stated there was language that went with the annual review the
44 County Council wanted to do. The language was about a future Council not setting
45 the levy rate at a level to cover the budget. Desler stated that language seemed
46 superfluous.
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1 Dan Gibson, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor, stated that language went
2 through several iterations of the agreement. It did not always apply.
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4 McShane stated the language in section E(1) should be put back in. Gibson
5 stated they want an understanding that they will be working off a budget that
6 everyone had a chance to examine. The County is concerned about having
7 accountability. The City says that the accountability comes from the budget that is
8 set for six years.
9

10 Brenner stated she is not comfortable moving ahead. She would like to go
11 through the changed parts. The \$.50 levy rate should not even be included. Desler
12 stated he would prepare an agreement that proposes the City's requested changes
13 and the County's requested changes, including the language Councilmember
14 McShane would like included.
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16 Nelson stated a levy would draw in a same amount of money each year.
17 Gibson stated that if the Council approves a levy amount of \$.385, it is the
18 maximum amount that can be levied. After the first year's collection, there is a
19 baseline amount. From then on, they work off of that baseline. They add new
20 construction to that baseline, and are limited by that baseline plus a rate applied to
21 new construction, plus one percent of the baseline, if there is a need.
22

23 Nelson asked if the budget would be developed on the baseline. He asked
24 what happens if Medic One decides they want to provide a higher level of service.
25 Gibson stated the County's maximum obligation would never exceed the maximum
26 amount collected by the levy, according to City's version, unless the County and
27 City mutually agree to increase the budget.
28

29 Nelson asked if the administration feels that they need the crossed out
30 section E on page 8 of the substitute agreement, regarding how the City and
31 County will settle a revenue deficit. The County doesn't do negotiations on their
32 labor disputes or the cost of the buildings. Desler stated that is the language the
33 City and County originally agreed to.
34

35 Nelson stated he is more comfortable with that language, because the
36 process is spelled out, and doesn't just say there will be a negotiation.
37

38 Crawford stated he disagreed. The County would have more liability because
39 the City could simply say that it costs more to operate.
40

41 Nelson stated County can only set the levy rate to the maximum amount. If
42 the City exceeds that amount, the City has to take care of a deficit.
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44 Crawford stated the old language required the County to bear one-half of the
45 deficit. The County no longer has that obligation in the new language.
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1 Brenner stated she's not sure a negotiation will work without some kind of
2 method for a final determination. The old language says that the County would
3 have to split the cost if the City decides they need a larger budget and the County
4 hasn't set the levy rate to the maximum allowed. If the County has already set the
5 levy rate to the maximum allowed, any costs over that amount are the City's
6 problem.
7

8 McShane stated the language provides assurance to the City that the County
9 will not go off in a totally other direction and cut the levy amount dramatically.
10

11 Nelson stated that if the City has higher costs due to their own actions, they
12 don't have to negotiate with the County to take care of.
13

14 Desler stated another change is to the hold harmless agreement that says
15 the County will be liable if the limits of the insurance that the City acquires are
16 exceeded. There's never been a damage award against the Medic One program
17 that has exceeded the limits.
18

19 Brenner asked if the County's insurance would apply. Gibson stated the
20 County has its own insurance through the self-insurance program, which also has a
21 cap. If the City is unable to obtain reinsurance, it wants to make sure that it
22 shares that exposure with the County. If the City doesn't obtain re-insurance, the
23 County will reexamine the agreement.
24

25 Crawford asked if the County should consider it good policy. The City has a
26 law that, if anyone else provides ambulance service in the City, that provider has to
27 provide a certificate of insurance, which has to also name the City as an insured.
28 The provider has to provide insurance for itself and also for the City. Since the City
29 feels it is good policy for the City, the County should consider it good policy also.
30 Gibson stated the question is if they can obtain insurance at an affordable rate, or if
31 the risk is sufficiently low that they are prepared to go without the insurance. They
32 are likely to see re-insurance rates rise. Under State law, there is immunity for suit
33 against EMS services for negligence, such as for an intentional act or recklessness.
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35 Caskey-Schreiber asked if the City should share liability since they are
36 putting themselves at more risk by going into the County. Gibson stated that is
37 why they said the cost of insuring is a cost of the program. The question is about
38 liability costs that cannot be covered by insurance because of insurance limits.
39

40 Roy stated she tried to reconcile the long-term strategic plan with the
41 budget. There are places that don't fit. There used to be a joint board. This
42 agreement eliminates that joint board. She asked who is currently on the joint
43 board. Desler stated the County Executive and Mayor or their designees are the
44 joint board members.
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46 Roy stated the fire districts and small cities are not included. One of the
47 recommendations of the strategic plans is inter-jurisdictional cooperation.

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2 (Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side B.)
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4 Roy continued to ask if this agreement precludes them from having
5 discussions later about the level of the program. Desler stated it does not. There
6 will be more of an opportunity to discuss the program with the new agreement.
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8 Gibson stated that if the County Council imposes the maximum rate
9 available, \$.015 is designated to the districts. From a program standpoint, he
10 doesn't know the level of interface between the programs.
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12 **Nelson moved** to approve the substitute interlocal agreement,
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14 **Nelson moved** to amend page 8 of the interlocal agreement, section E, "E.
15 The County shall pay to the City the budget amount approved each year as defined
16 in D.7 above. However, in no event shall the County be obligated to pay an
17 amount greater than that which could be raised through the imposition of the
18 maximum levy rate allowable as approved by the voters for the EMS levy. ~~In the~~
19 ~~event the City proposes a budget that exceeds the projected amount as shown in~~
20 ~~Exhibit A (Countywide levy/Medic One portion), or an amount greater than the~~
21 ~~revenue to be generated through the imposition of the highest allowable levy rate~~
22 ~~approved by the voters for EMS, then the Mayor and the County Executive and/or~~
23 ~~their designees agree to enter into negotiations and attempt to arrive at a joint~~
24 ~~agreement on the amount and method to fund the proposed Medic One budget.~~
25 the total EMS revenues, including levy funds and user fees, for any calendar year
26 are less than sufficient to fully fund Priority One, the Whatcom Medic One
27 program's annual budget, the parties agree to remedy the deficit as follows: 1. If
28 the County sets the annual levy rate for that calendar year at a rate sufficient to
29 fully fund the Medic One budget as jointly proposed by the Mayor and County
30 Executive, within the maximum rate approved by the voters in the special election
31 (adjusted for the limitations imposed by Initiative 747), the City shall provide
32 sufficient revenues to redress the Whatcom Medic One budget deficit. 2. If the
33 County does not set the levy rate for that calendar year at a rate sufficient to fully
34 fund the Medic One budget as jointly proposed by the Mayor and County Executive,
35 and sets the levy rate lower than the maximum rate approved by the voters in the
36 special election (adjusted for the limitations imposed by Initiative 747), the City
37 and County shall each provide one half of the additional budget revenues, from
38 other sources, required to redress the Whatcom Medic One budget deficit." He
39 doesn't like the concept that any changes in the levy rate will result in
40 "negotiations." He would like an agreed-upon process on how those differences
41 would be covered.
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43 Crawford stated he is opposed to the old language that says the County will
44 provide one-half of the additional revenues. He would rather have the ability to
45 negotiate.
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1 ***Motion to amend carried 2-1 with Crawford opposed.***
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3 McShane stated this agreement reflects the date they set by resolution,
4 which is September 16. He asked if that is okay with the EMS community.
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6 Crawford stated Interim Fire Chief Boyd said he is fine with the September
7 16 date.
8

9 Bob Busch, Fire District 11 Commissioner, stated the County needs the EMS
10 levy. He's not happy with some of the language. It is not a true partnership. He is
11 on the program to campaign for this levy. He's not sure that September isn't too
12 soon to do a good job. Do it right instead of doing it fast.
13

14 Nelson asked the cost incurred by the County for an election in September or
15 an election in November. Desler distributed a handout (*on file*). The cost would be
16 in the neighborhood of \$35,000, depending on how many people run in the
17 campaigns. It could be the only thing on the ballot. The levy has to have a 60
18 percent majority of 40 percent of the people who voted in the previous election.
19 They have to set the resolution before the interlocal agreement.
20

21 ***Nelson moved*** to amend the resolution to put it on the November ballot,
22 due to concerns about cost and voter turnout. Convey that concern to the City of
23 Bellingham. The amendment is to page 3 of the agreement, sections II(A) and
24 II(C).
25

26 Roy asked if the cost of the election is shared in anyway. Gibson stated the
27 election cost would be paid for by the levy proceeds.
28

29 Desler stated that if the levy doesn't pass, there is a verbal agreement with
30 the City of Bellingham that the election costs would be paid for by the Medic One
31 program, which is a jointly funded City/County arrangement.
32

33 ***Motion to amend the election date carried unanimously.***
34

35 Crawford stated he is opposed to the agreement because he has reservations
36 about the system they are establishing. He acknowledges the efforts to continue to
37 have the County's involvement in the operation of the program. However, he
38 agreed with Mr. Busch. This is not a good agreement for the people of Whatcom
39 County. The cost is too high. There are also serious issues. They are talking about
40 entering into an agreement for six years and postponing a discussion about the City
41 of Bellingham going in its own direction with EMS services. They are better off to
42 preempt that today, and establish two or more directions for EMS services in the
43 county. At this point, it's not too late to look at a separation of EMS services. If
44 they were to do that, there would be dispatch issues, but the County owns 50
45 percent of the assets of the EMS system and has made a commitment of \$1.4
46 million. It should still be a fire-based EMS. The fire districts could band together.
47 The biggest challenge would be getting the dispatch issues worked out. It is

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1 appropriate for funding of EMS to not be from the general fund. He supports the
2 levy, but not this method of structure. He would like the focus this year to be the
3 separation of services, and then work on a county levy next year.
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5 Regarding the agreement, he doesn't like the liability issue. He doesn't like
6 the way the County gives the money to the City.
7

8 Nelson stated he doesn't disagree with the conceptual ideas. This agreement
9 provides time to come up with a long-term coordinated plan. There are not ALS
10 services for rural people right now. This would provide time to develop that
11 service. The fire districts brought this forward, and he would support their efforts.
12 He hopes they can sell it to the community and continue working on the strategic
13 plan.
14

15 Caskey-Schreiber stated she agreed with Councilmember Nelson. It is in the
16 best interest of the citizens of the County to support the levy as it is right now.
17

18 ***Motion to recommend approval of the substitute agreement as***
19 ***amended carried 2-1 with Crawford opposed.***
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21 **2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
22 **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC**
23 **WORKS AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**
24 **(NRCS) OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR**
25 **ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF SNOTEL SITES IN THE NOOKSACK**
26 **RIVER BASIN AS PART OF THE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN THE**
27 **AMOUNT OF \$25,000 (AB2003-166)**
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29 ***Nelson moved*** to recommend approval.
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31 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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33 **3. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
34 **COOPERATIVE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
35 **PUBLIC WORKS AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND**
36 **WILDLIFE FOR VARIOUS WRIA 1-RELATED PROJECTS IN THE**
37 **AMOUNT OF \$100,000 (AB2003-167)**
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39 ***Roy moved*** to recommend approval.
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41 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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43 **4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
44 **CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
45 **WHATCOM COUNTY AGRICULTURE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FOR**
46 **CAUCUS SUPPORT FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND DIKING AND**

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1 **DRAINAGE DISTRICTS CAUCUSES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR**
2 **A TOTAL CONTRACT AMENDED AMOUNT OF \$57,000 (AB2003-168)**

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4 *Nelson moved* to recommend approval.

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6 *Motion carried unanimously.*

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8 **5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
9 **CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
10 **CATALYST CONSULTING FOR CAUCUS SUPPORT FOR THE NON-**
11 **MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEMS CAUCUS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000**
12 **FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMENDED AMOUNT OF \$34,000 (AB2003-**
13 **169)**

14
15 *Roy moved* to recommend approval.

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17 Crawford stated the Council needs to seriously deal with the issue of caucus
18 funding for next year.

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20 *Motion carried unanimously.*

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22 **6. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
23 **GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
24 **WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY – MARINE**
25 **RESOURCE COMMITTEE 2003 ACTION GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF**
26 **\$70,000 (AB2003-170)**

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28 *Nelson moved* to recommend approval.

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30 *Motion carried unanimously.*

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32 **7. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN**
33 **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND PUBLIC**
34 **UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FIBER OPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATION**
35 **NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 (AB2003-171)**

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37 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, removed this item from the Consent
38 Agenda.

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41 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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43 There was no other business.

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46 **ADJOURN**

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1 The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.
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5 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription
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7 ATTEST:
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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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12 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Sam Crawford, Committee Chair