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1 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
2 **Committee Of The Whole**

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4 March 15, 2005
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7 Council Chair Laurie Caskey-Schreiber called the meeting to order at 6:02
8 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.
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10 Present:

11 Barbara Brenner
12 Dan McShane
13 Sam Crawford
14 Seth Fleetwood
15 L. Ward Nelson
16 Sharon Roy
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Absent:

None

18 **1. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING REGARDING**
19 **PENDING PROPERTY CONDEMNATION (AB2005-018)**

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21 **McShane moved** to go into executive session to discuss the first agenda
22 item.
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24 **Motion carried 4-0 with Crawford, Roy, and Brenner out of the room.**
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27 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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29 **Brenner moved** to send a letter to the Senate opposing Engrossed
30 Substitute Senate Bill 1290.
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32 **Motion carried 6-0-1 with Crawford abstaining.**
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34 **2. DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR DEPUTY PROSECUTOR KAREN FRAKES**
35 **REGARDING TWO CASES OF PENDING LITIGATION (AB2005-018)**

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37 **McShane moved** to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation.
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39 **Motion carried unanimously.**
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41 **3. DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL CLERK DANA BROWN-DAVIS**
42 **REGARDING TWO ISSUES: POSSIBLE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND**
43 **TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT (AB2005-017)**
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45 *(Clerk's Note: The committee came out of executive session at 6:53 p.m.)*
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1 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated Lynn Barton, who videotapes
2 the Council meetings, needs her contract re-written for much more money. She
3 needs to buy different equipment to do what the City of Bellingham requires to air
4 the videotape.
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6 Caskey-Schreiber asked if this needs to go out for bid. Brown-Davis stated
7 the amount will still be under \$15,000.
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9 Roy stated she gets many complaints about the quality of the recording.
10 Brown-Davis stated the quality changed recently. The contractor fixed the quality
11 problem within the last couple of months.
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13 Crawford stated the problem was a sound issue.
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15 Brown-Davis stated the service can go out for bid if the Council wants, or
16 continue with the contract as rewritten.
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18 ***Caskey-Schreiber moved*** to rewrite the contract.
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20 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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22 Brown-Davis stated the County can reimburse the Flood Control Zone District
23 Advisory Committee members mileage from the flood fund, but the administration
24 highly recommends the County not do that because it would set a precedent.
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26 Crawford stated he is not in favor of reimbursement.
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28 Nelson stated he is not in favor of reimbursement.
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30 Crawford stated he was heavily lobbied by Art Anderson, who said half the
31 group would quit. That is a real loss of expertise, but the Council cannot go there.
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33 Caskey-Schreiber stated the Council needs these folks' expertise on the river
34 meander limit issue. For that reason, she will support the reimbursement. They
35 are meeting intensively, more than once per month, more than other boards. The
36 members are all commuting from great distances.
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38 Nelson stated there has been heavy lobbying for this reimbursement. Other
39 boards have already heard about it. He doesn't want to go there.
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41 McShane stated he supports reimbursement.
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43 ***Caskey-Schreiber moved*** to reimburse the Flood Control Zone District
44 Advisory Committee members for mileage to special meetings on river meander
45 limits this year.
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47 ***Motion failed 2-5 with McShane and Caskey-Schreiber in favor.***

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ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

The Council approved these minutes on April 12, 2005.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council Chair