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1 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
2 **Finance and Administrative Services Committee**
3

4 January 11, 2005
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6 Committee Chair Sam Crawford called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in
7 the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.
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9 Present:

10 Dan McShane

11 Sharon Roy
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Absent:

None

13 Also Present:

14 Seth Fleetwood

15 Barbara Brenner

16 Laurie Caskey-Schreiber
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19 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEM**

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21 **31. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TREASURER'S LIST OF PROPERTY TAX**
22 **REFUNDS (AB2005-061)**
23

24 *McShane moved* to recommend approval.
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26 *Motion carried 2-0 with Roy absent.*
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29 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**
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31 **1. ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.108,**
32 **WHATCOM COUNTY COMMISSION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
33 **(AB2004-452)**
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35 Sue Parrott, Commission Against Domestic Violence, stated the commission
36 membership is determined by the enabling ordinance from the City of Bellingham
37 and Whatcom County. One member position is a chief executive officer as a
38 representative of the small cities. Because of the way that position is defined,
39 they've had trouble getting someone to be on the commission. The commission
40 would like to change language to add, "or a designated representative" to provide
41 some discretion for appointing someone.
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43 *McShane moved* to recommend adoption to the full Council.
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45 *Motion carried unanimously.*
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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1
2 **1. DISCUSSION REGARDING JAIL PROGRESS (AB2005-030)**
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4 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, submitted a power point presentation.
5 The administration is moving ahead with design and planning. They are meeting
6 with the architectural team later this month, and then will begin the permit process.
7 They may seek a site adjustment with an adjacent property owner to handle
8 drainage issues. Staff has been cooperative and helpful.
9

10 The public approved a corrections sales tax. The County wants to do three
11 things to do with that tax: build a new interim jail, pay for its operation, and have
12 enough money to build a new permanent jail. He read the presentation regarding
13 the sales tax rate of growth, operating cost assumptions, increase in jail operating
14 costs, revenue sources for increased operating costs, and interim jail proposed
15 funding sources. All the jurisdictions that use the facility will pay more, including
16 the County. The daily rate will go down. Cost increases will occur to all
17 jurisdictions who use the jail, except the Lummi Nation. The increase cost to
18 Whatcom County is about \$811,000.
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20 Caskey-Schreiber stated the County talked at one time about having the
21 cities contribute to the capital costs of the new jails. Desler stated the cities said
22 they will have to do this. When people from the cities began realizing the full
23 implications, they raised their concerns to the County Executive. Many cities felt
24 they didn't have adequate funding in their current budgets to support these
25 additional costs, based on the projected prisoner loads. The compromise among
26 the cities and County would lower the rate the cities would contribute to cover the
27 cost of the jail.
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29 Brenner asked the main reason for difference in funding from the tribes.
30 Desler stated the tribes won't put in more offenders, and the lower per diem cost
31 will translate into a smaller annual fee from the tribes.
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33 Brenner asked the difference between Ferndale and Lynden, given the same
34 size of the cities. Desler stated those are the projections and assumptions as they
35 look at how those cities have used the facilities in the past.
36

37 Desler continued the presentation. The original idea was to use money from
38 the rural sales tax fund to pay for some of the architectural and engineering costs
39 that they've incurred right now, in advance of the sales tax collection. Use some
40 money from the tax collected in the first year for construction, then finance the rest
41 of the money. The new idea is for the cities and County to pay, from different
42 sources of money, for the bulk of the construction costs of the jail. It will be called
43 the City/County Jail Investment Program. There would be a written interlocal
44 agreement where the cities can invest a portion of their own funds in the
45 construction of a new jail. The County would use \$2.26 million in rural sales tax
46 money instead of the corrections sales tax for construction. That is about one-third
47 or more of the rural sales tax fund.

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2 Crawford asked if those funds can be used for a jail, under the concept that
3 the jail and all county facilities are essential and promote economic development.
4 He asked if that is possible, or if it can be challenged. Desler stated the County
5 Council makes the decision about what is economic development. They have to
6 have projects in the County Comprehensive Plan or Comprehensive Economic
7 Development Strategy. There has to be input from a collection of community
8 interests, through the Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board. Investment
9 in the key public facilities supports proper economic development. Without a solid
10 civic and criminal justice system that promotes prosperity and peace in the
11 community, there will not be economic development.
12

13 Crawford asked if the jail is in the Comprehensive Plan or Economic
14 Development Strategy. Desler stated it is.
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16 Caskey-Schreiber asked if this has been through the EDI Board. Desler
17 stated it is not a specific proposal, but the administration has talked to many of the
18 members individually. He plans to present to the EDI Board.
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20 Roy stated it seems that the community believes that the sales tax will pay
21 for this jail. Now they are using different funds for the jail. She understands the
22 rationale for tying it to economic development, although she doesn't necessarily
23 agree. She asked for a response to the community, which thinks they just
24 approved a tax to pay for this, and now they are using other funds. Desler stated
25 they are they are adding another \$4 million to support additional jail space from
26 the rural sales tax fund and the cities' real estate excise tax (REET) funds. One city
27 indicated it may want to use some of its general funds. It is entirely legitimate for
28 the cities to do that.
29

30 Roy asked if they can't do the interim and permanent jail projects totally with
31 the sales tax. Desler stated the plan they laid out allowed them to do that. Not
32 included in that proposal was a way for the cities to benefit from some of these tax
33 sources. The County has asked the cities to become partners by investing their
34 own money, the County will invest some County money, and they will then divert
35 corrections tax money to support the operational costs of the cities.
36

37 Caskey-Schreiber stated the County is doing this as a favor to the cities.
38 This jail cost is a significant budget increase for all the cities. This is a fair proposal
39 to use their money toward construction. Their expenses, which they haven't
40 budgeted for, could grow into over time.
41

42 Crawford stated the sales tax increase will be used for either construction or
43 operation. This is added money. Second, this will add to the County's total cost.
44 The County is doing this as a favor to help the cities. Desler stated that is correct.
45 Traditionally, the jail is funded by the jurisdictions who use it. If they don't use it,
46 the County has the underlying obligations for staff, food, medical services, and
47 other jail costs that are pre-fixed. If they only use 75 percent of the jail, they will

1 have more than 75 percent of the costs. The jail will be full almost all the time
2 anyway. The demand is such that people will chose to use that resource until it's
3 full.

4
5 Desler continued to read the presentation about City/County jail investment
6 program and the use of the corrections sales tax.

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8 Caskey-Schreiber asked if the County will continue the plan, after the eight-
9 year period is up, for the new, bigger jail. Desler stated the challenge is how to get
10 paid for another big bump in operational costs to a new 600 bed facility. They will
11 go from 360 beds to 600 beds. The administration never anticipated that the one-
12 tenth of one percent sales tax was large enough to sustain the operating cost of the
13 new jail. It will be a responsibility of the leaders in place to figure that out.

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15 Brenner asked if that could be a problem. Desler stated it is a problem they
16 can solve, but it's a number of years away.

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18 McShane stated it's reasonable to be concerned now, but over this length of
19 time, there will be tax changes at the State level in how certain taxes are used.
20 There are certain funds at the City of Bellingham that are well funded, while the
21 general fund is empty. There is pressure in Olympia to make changes.

22
23 Brenner stated it would get worse, not better. Desler stated they can solve
24 the problem, but the problem will occur in ten years, and they will solve it then.
25 This amount, \$3.5 million they'll collect at that time, is not enough to cover the
26 increased operational cost. It's not rational to think that one tax source alone can
27 pay for a substantial operational cost of a new jail. They've also talked about more
28 potential tax sources for future operational costs. He concluded his presentation.
29 He asked the councilmembers about this information, before he takes it to the
30 cities.

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32 Crawford stated he would be more comfortable funding just with the County.
33 However, the cities have come forward. He's willing to go with the administration's
34 recommendation to partner with the cities.

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36 Caskey-Schreiber stated she's pleased they've compromised with the cities.
37 This is a fair proposal that will help the cities and the County. She doesn't want the
38 cities to default on their ability to pay. She appreciates the creative solution.

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40 Roy stated she agreed. Get the EDI Board involved. She has high
41 confidence in the administration's ability to work these things through.

42
43 Brenner stated she's hopeful, but not optimistic. The County won't get a lot
44 of help from the State. She doesn't know where they will ultimately get this
45 money. The administration is doing a great job of making it work, but she's not
46 there yet.

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1 Crawford asked how much more the County would spend on this rather than
2 the original plan. Desler stated the County would spend \$2.26 million from the
3 rural sales tax fund. In the outer years, a variable is less money to pay for
4 operational costs because they are borrowing more money. That's the key
5 difference.

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7 Fleetwood stated it is a rational framework for consideration.

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9 McShane stated it is the direction to go. He's comfortable with it. The
10 involvement of economic development is a real issue with the downtown business
11 owners in Bellingham.

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14 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEM**

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16 **1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION
17 EASEMENT ON THE GORSEGNER DAIRY (AB2005-031)**

18
19 Kraig Olason, Senior Planner, stated this is a 40-acre parcel adjacent to
20 another parcel purchased in 2004. Today they have a resolution authorizing the
21 purchase and also a supplemental budget amendment allocating funds for the
22 purchase. The property is in a target area on East Hemmi Road. The property has
23 been a dairy farm for more than 50 years. The conservation agreement is signed
24 by Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Matching funds are secured.
25 This is also one of three easements staff is working on that had a contract with
26 Jordan Exploration. When he submitted the contract amendment form to Jordan
27 Exploration, it was signed and recorded within two days. That will help the other
28 easements move forward quickly. The purchase and sale agreement gives them 60
29 days to finish the deal. The total price is based on the appraised value of
30 \$230,030. Some funds are from 2003 some are from 2004. They should be able
31 to close in February.

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33 ***Roy moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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35 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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37 **2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
38 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND COMPANION LIFE
39 INSURANCE COMPANY TO RENEW STOP LOSS INSURANCE
40 PROTECTION FOR SELF-INSURED MEDICAL PLAN IN AN ESTIMATED
41 AMOUNT OF \$79,215 (AB2005-032)**

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43 Karen Goens, Human Resources Division Manager, stated this is to renew the
44 current coverage. The insurance protects against claims over \$250,000 against the
45 self-insurance plan.

46
47 ***Roy moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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2 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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4 **3. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO SIGN A**
5 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
6 **AND GENERAL TEAMSTERS LOCAL 231 ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL**
7 **CONTRIBUTION CAP FOR THE 2005 FOR MASTER COLLECTIVE**
8 **BARGAINING AGREEMENT (AB2005-033)**
9

10 Crawford stated this raises their cap to the level of the caps of other County
11 employees.
12

13 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated it is an appropriate gesture to
14 offer the amounts projected for medical insurance to other groups not in
15 negotiations. There will not be an increase in their employee contributions for
16 medical insurance at the beginning of the year.
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18 *(Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side A.)*
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20 **Roy moved** to recommend approval of items three, four, and five to the full
21 Council.
22

23 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
24

25 **4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO SIGN A**
26 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
27 **AND INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL AND**
28 **TECHNICAL ENGINEERS LOCAL 17 ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL**
29 **CONTRIBUTION CAP FOR THE 2005 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
30 **AGREEMENT (AB2005-034)**
31

32 See Consent Agenda item three.
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35 **5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO SIGN A**
36 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
37 **AND WASHINGTON STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHING A**
38 **MEDICAL CONTRIBUTION CAP FOR THE 2005 COLLECTIVE**
39 **BARGAINING AGREEMENT (AB2005-035)**
40

41 See Consent Agenda item three.
42

43 **6. REQUEST RE-AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO**
44 **A MASTER COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN**
45 **WHATCOM COUNTY AND GENERAL TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 231**
46 **FOR THE PERIOD 2002 – 2004 GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTY CREATED**
47 **BY PERC DECISION #8245-A (AB2005-036)**

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2 Dan Gibson, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor, stated the administration and
3 union could not successfully conclude negotiations until 2003, after a petition from
4 the County Employees for Wage Equity (CEWE) was dismissed by the Public
5 Employees Relation Commission (PERC). There were CEWE appeals to superior
6 court. The County and Teamsters 231 eventually prevailed. That order dismissed
7 the petitions. In the meantime, CEWE had another challenge before the PERC and
8 lost. At the end of December 2004, PERC decided that the County and Teamsters
9 should not have been involved in negotiations after the executive director of PERC
10 dismissed the petitions. He recommends, in light of the fact that Superior Court of
11 Thurston County dismissed the CEWE petitions, that the County Council readopt the
12 collective bargaining agreement.

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14 **McShane moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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16 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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18 **7. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO**
19 **CONTRACT ADDENDUM #3 BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
20 **NORSTAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO PROVIDE ANNUAL**
21 **MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY'S PABX AND VOICE MAIL**
22 **SYSTEMS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,149.60 FOR 2005 AND \$70,515.00**
23 **FOR 2006 (AB2005-037)**

24
25 **Roy moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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27 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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29 **8. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO**
30 **CONTRACT ADDENDUM #5 BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
31 **ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE JAIL FOOD**
32 **SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.09 PER ADULT MEAL AND \$1.60**
33 **PER JUVENILE MEAL (AB2005-038)**

34
35 **McShane moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

36
37 Brenner asked why the cost of the juvenile meal is more.

38
39 Brad Bennett, Finance Division Manager, stated juveniles have more
40 nutritional requirements than adults.

41
42 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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44 **9. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
45 **CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
46 **BELLINGHAM WHATCOM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO**
47 **PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION OF THE**

1 **ANNUAL SKI TO SEA FESTIVAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,000**
2 **(AB2005-039)**
3

4 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated the Council approved this in the
5 budget, as long as the funds are used strictly for the advertising and promotion of
6 the Ski to Sea Festival. This is the scope they've come up with.
7

8 **Crawford moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
9

10 Roy stated she met with a representative of the Chamber. Her objection has
11 nothing to do with the quality of work of the Chamber or her support of Ski to Sea.
12 However, her objection has not changed, in spite of the tracking system. This is a
13 political action organization, as they have defined themselves. This is a wonderful
14 community service, but it's still a political action group. She won't support the
15 motion. The Council shouldn't give any money to political action groups.
16

17 Crawford asked if there are proposals to segment this work from their
18 political activities.
19

20 Roy stated the representative didn't say that the Chamber would spin off the
21 festival to a different organization.
22

23 Brenner stated that whatever money the County gives to the Chamber for
24 Ski to Sea frees up that amount of money in their regular budget for political
25 activities. She agrees with the concern.
26

27 Roy stated the Chamber said they won't do this activity if it doesn't receive
28 this funding.
29

30 McShane stated this is a contract that reflects the wishes of the Council. He
31 will support the motion, but he agrees with the funding issue.
32

33 **Motion carried 2-0 with Roy opposed.**
34

35 **10. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
36 **CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
37 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES TO SUPPORT**
38 **THE WHATCOM COUNTY COMMISSION AGAINST DOMESTIC**
39 **VIOLENCE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,500 (AB2005-040)**
40

41 **Roy moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
42

43 **Motion carried unanimously.**
44

45 **11. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
46 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND BELLINGHAM**
47 **WHATCOM COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO PROVIDE**

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1 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING AND ADMINISTRATIVE**
2 **SUPPORT TO WHATCOM COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
3 **INVESTMENTS (EDI) PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000**
4 **(AB2005-041)**
5

6 **McShane moved** to recommend approval to the full Council. He asked how
7 many applications have been processed.
8

9 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated three or four applications have
10 been processed, but there has been a lot of contact with others who are interested.
11

12 McShane asked if the County has driven some of these applications. He
13 asked how engaged they were on those applications, or if it was driven by those
14 groups working with the County administration. Desler stated most of the work in
15 preparation of the applications were done by the applicant. He's hoping to have the
16 private sector, as represented by the Economic Development Council (EDC),
17 become a visible partner in helping to implement the public facility projects where
18 there is a lot of interest from the private sector. This is for two years at the same
19 rate. There is an increase in general funds slightly, but same amount of EDI
20 money.
21

22 Crawford stated that he would like to create displays of the projects that are
23 ongoing to be placed in the Courthouse halls, for the purpose of public awareness.
24

25 **Motion carried unanimously.**
26

27 McShane stated it's important to have healthy conversations about this sort
28 of expenditure.
29

30 **12. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
31 **CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
32 **BELLINGHAM WHATCOM COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS**
33 **BUREAU TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN**
34 **WHATCOM COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000 (AB2005-042)**
35

36 **Roy moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
37

38 **Motion carried unanimously.**
39

40 **13. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
41 **CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
42 **WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE DELIVERY**
43 **OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN WHATCOM COUNTY, IN THE**
44 **AMOUNT OF \$1,314,325 (AB2005-043)**
45

46 **McShane moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
47

1 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
2

- 3 **14. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
4 **PROGRAM AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
5 **AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE**
6 **ADMINISTRATIVE MATCH FOR MEDICAID OUTREACH AND LINKAGE**
7 **PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$388,370 FOR A TOTAL AMENDED**
8 **AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,950,000 (AB2005-044)**
9

10 ***Roy moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

11 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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14 **15. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
15 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
16 **AND WARREN PAGE, STARCK FOLLIS, DAVID NELSON, MARILYN**
17 **MCLEAN, ROBERT BUTLER, THOMAS FRYER, STEPHEN KOZER,**
18 **DOUGLAS HYLDAHL, AND MARY KAY LOVING FOR INDIGENT**
19 **CRIMINAL DEFENSE SERVICES WHEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS A**
20 **CONFLICT WITH A CLIENT (AB2005-045)**
21

22 ***Roy moved*** to recommend approval of Consent Agenda items 15 through 21
23 to the full Council.

24 Brenner asked why all these items are separate.

25
26 N.F. Jackson, Superior Court Clerk, stated each item is an independent
27 response to the request for proposals (RFP). They create contracts by office. The
28 contractors in this item are a loosely knit consortium for the purpose of this
29 contract.
30

31 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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34 **16. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
35 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
36 **AND JANICE HOLMES FOR INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE SERVICES**
37 **WHEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS A CONFLICT WITH A CLIENT**
38 **(AB2005-046)**
39

40 See Consent Agenda item 15.

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42 **17. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
43 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
44 **AND DANIEL MCGREEVY AND PATRICK LACKIE FOR INDIGENT**
45 **CRIMINAL DEFENSE SERVICES WHEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS A**
46 **CONFLICT WITH A CLIENT (AB2005-047)**
47

1 See Consent Agenda item 15.
2

3 **18. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
4 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
5 **AND JEFFREY LUSTICK FOR INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE SERVICES**
6 **WHEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS A CONFLICT WITH A CLIENT**
7 **(AB2005-048)**

8
9 See Consent Agenda item 15.
10

11 **19. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
12 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
13 **AND ANDREW SUBIN FOR INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE SERVICES**
14 **WHEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS A CONFLICT WITH A CLIENT**
15 **(AB2005-049)**

16
17 See Consent Agenda item 15.
18

19 **20. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
20 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
21 **AND CARL PAGAC FOR INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE SERVICES**
22 **WHEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS A CONFLICT WITH A CLIENT**
23 **(AB2005-050)**

24
25 See Consent Agenda item 15.
26

27 **21. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
28 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
29 **AND SCOTT CHOATE FOR INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE SERVICES**
30 **WHEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS A CONFLICT WITH A CLIENT**
31 **(AB2005-051)**

32
33 See Consent Agenda item 15.
34

35 **22. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
36 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
37 **AND MICHAEL BRODSKY FOR CONFLICT REPRESENTATION OF**
38 **INDIGENT PARENTS IN DEPENDENCY CASES (AB2005-052)**

39
40 Crawford asked if this is similar than the previous Consent Agenda items.
41

42 N.F. Jackson, Superior Court Clerk, stated it's for indigent parents in
43 dependency cases.
44

45 ***Roy moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
46

47 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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2 **23. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
3 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
4 **AND MARGARET MAWSON, SCOTT MAWSON, PENNY HENDERSON,**
5 **JENNIFER TEPKER AND MARILYN MCLEAN FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM**
6 **SERVICES FOR MINORS IN DEPENDENCY CASES (AB2005-053)**
7

8 **Roy moved** to recommend approval of Consent Agenda items 23 through 26
9 to the full Council.

10
11 N.F. Jackson, Superior Court Clerk, stated this item is for parents in
12 dependency cases, and has nothing to do with guardians ad litem. Item 26 is the
13 only guardian ad litem contract on the agenda today. This contract is for attorneys
14 for, "guardian ad litem services indigent parents in dependency cases."
15

16 **Roy amended her motion** to recommend approval to the full Council for
17 this item only.

18
19 **Motion carried unanimously.**
20

21 **24. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
22 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
23 **AND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR SUPERVISED**
24 **VISITATION SERVICES FOR FAMILIES IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS**
25 **CASES (AB2005-054)**
26

27 **McShane moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

28
29 **Motion carried unanimously.**
30

31 **25. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
32 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
33 **AND WHATCOM DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER FOR DISPUTE**
34 **RESOLUTION SERVICES AND MANDATORY MEDIATION**
35 **ADMINISTRATION (AB2005-055)**
36

37 **Roy moved** to recommend approval to the full Council. She asked if this is
38 the only mediation and dispute resolution service the County uses. She asked if
39 this is something that any attorney can do.
40

41 N.F. Jackson, Superior Court Clerk, stated any mediator or attorney could do
42 mediation. However, the court has asserted the right to mandate mediation. This
43 is for mandatory mediation.
44

45 Roy stated the County is paying to contract with these folks. She asked if a
46 judge could tell people to find their own mediator. Jackson stated this contract
47 covers indigent people who cannot afford mediation.

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2 ***Motion carried 2-0 with McShane out of the room.***
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4 **26. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
5 **TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
6 **AND COLLEEN ROGERS, MARY ANN SHAFFER, JAN CARLSON AND**
7 **LAUGHLAN CLARK FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM SERVICES FOR MINORS**
8 **IN DEPENDENCY CASES (AB2005-056)**
9

10 ***Roy moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
11

12 Brenner stated she requested the résumé's of these applicants. She's
13 pleased with the backgrounds of these applicants. She read some of their
14 background information. They all have taken the guardian ad litem course.
15

16 N.F. Jackson, Superior Court Clerk, agreed that the applicants are well
17 qualified. They have worked with the County since 1985, and also have experience
18 with the State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) as caseworkers.
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20 Roy stated she is quite satisfied, and has confidence that the children's
21 interests are being looked at.
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23 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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25 **27. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN**
26 **EXTENSION OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
27 **AND WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY TO CONTINUE JOINTLY**
28 **SHARING COSTS FOR FACULTY POSITIONS IN COOPERATIVE**
29 **EXTENSION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,690 (AB2005-057)**
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31 ***McShane moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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33 Roy thanked Craig MacConnell for his invaluable work.
34

35 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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37 **28. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN**
38 **EXTENSION OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
39 **AND WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY TO CONTINUE THE**
40 **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT EDUCATION & RESEARCH PROJECT,**
41 **IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR 2005 AND \$50,000 FOR 2006, FOR**
42 **A TOTAL AMENDED CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$157,000**
43 **(AB2005-058)**
44

45 ***Roy moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
46

47 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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2 **29. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #04-**
3 **98 FOR THE ANNUAL SUPPLY OF RIP-RAP ROCK TO THE**
4 **APPROPRIATE VENDOR AS DICTATED BY THE SPECIAL**
5 **CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PARTICULAR JOB, IN AN ANTICIPATED**
6 **AMOUNT OF MORE THAN \$35,000 (AB2005-059)**

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8 *McShane moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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10 *Motion carried unanimously.*

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12 **30. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #04-**
13 **99 FOR THE ANNUAL SUPPLY OF MINERAL AGGREGATES TO THE**
14 **APPROPRIATE VENDOR AS DICTATED BY THE SPECIAL**
15 **CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PARTICULAR JOB, IN AN ANTICIPATED**
16 **AMOUNT OF MORE THAN \$35,000 (AB2005-060)**

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18 *Roy moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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20 *Motion carried unanimously.*

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22 **Addendum:**

- 23 **32. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL**
24 **BOBBINK FOR HEARING EXAMINER SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2005**
25 **(AB2004-414)**

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27 *Crawford moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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29 *Motion carried unanimously.*

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32 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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34 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated things are happening with the
35 Homeland Security Program. The County is in a sub-recipient agreement with the
36 City of Bellingham to buy a computer-aided dispatch system for What-Comm. The
37 agreement has to be approved by the County Executive, not the Council, but he
38 wanted to bring it to the Council's attention. The cost is entirely grant-funded. The
39 purchase will be by the City of Bellingham in the amount of \$283,000 to support
40 new software that What-Comm has been working on. There was a price increase
41 that is significant because of the sole supplier. This information is for the
42 Committee's information only, and to put it on the record.

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44 Dac Jamison, City of Bellingham Police Lieutenant Deputy Director, stated
45 this is a fully integrated mapping system to locate the source of cell phone calls,
46 from the latitude and longitude, within 50 meters. The conversion now is to phase
47 two level of service. This will allow for a rapid police response. The information

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1 takes two or three seconds to come up on the map. There is a 15-second drag
2 time when the call comes in, then it is transferred to the map.

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4 Roy asked if locating people with cell phones has been a problem. Jamison
5 stated it is. Lots of people are in the dark and don't know where they are.

6
7 Desler stated he would submit copies of the document to the Council.

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9 Crawford asked when this would happen. Jamison stated the system will be
10 in within four months. Right now, Sprint is the only phase two-compatible cell
11 phone service provider in Whatcom County. Other providers will be phase two-
12 compatible from within a few months to 18 months.

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15 **ADJOURN**

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17 The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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21 _____
22 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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24 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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29 _____
30 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Sam Crawford, Committee Chair