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1 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
2 **Finance and Administrative Services Committee**
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4 June 7, 2005
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6 Committee Chair L. Ward Nelson called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. in
7 the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.
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9 Present:

10 Sam Crawford

11 Sharon Roy
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Absent:

None

13 Also Present:

14 Dan McShane
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16 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEM**
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- 18 **1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
19 **CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND HANSEN**
20 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION**
21 **AND MAINTENANCE OF A MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE**
22 **SYSTEM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$214,000 (AB2005-234)**
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24 *Crawford moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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26 *Motion carried 2-0 with Roy out of the room.*
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28 Crawford stated the Council discussed this item in the past and is aware of it.
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30 Nelson stated this item is budgeted and long overdue to manage taxpayer
31 dollars and County assets.
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- 33 **2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
34 **CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT, SUPPLEMENT #2, BETWEEN**
35 **WHATCOM COUNTY AND DAVID EVANS & ASSOCIATES FOR RIGHT-**
36 **OF-WAY ACQUISITION RELATED TO SUNRISE ROAD IMPROVEMENT**
37 **PROJECT CPR #998023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR A TOTAL**
38 **AMENDED CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,616 (AB2005-235)**
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40 Nelson asked if this is the final offer.
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42 Joe Rutan, County Road Engineer, stated this is the contract with the
43 contractor who did the right-of-way acquisition for the County. The contract is for
44 right-of-way management. Because of difficulties, they overran the contract to do
45 that. The contract is not to purchase property.
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47 *Nelson 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 ENTER INTO A**
5 **CONTRACT EXTENSION BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND ISLAND**
6 **COMMUTER SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2005, THROUGH**
7 **JULY 31, 2006, TO PROVIDE ON-CALL EMERGENCY AND DRY DOCK**
8 **COVERAGE FOR THE LUMMI ISLAND FERRY, IN THE AMOUNT OF**
9 **\$30,000, FOR A TOTAL AMENDED CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF**
10 **\$120,000 (AB2005-236)**

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12 Crawford asked if this is the same amount as in the past.

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14 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated the rate is the same.

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

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18 *Motion carried unanimously.*
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- 20 **4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN**
21 **AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON TRAFFIC**
22 **SAFETY COMMISSION AND WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
23 **PROJECT NO. 05ST-14 TO INCREASE SPENDING BY \$9,000, FOR A**
24 **TOTAL AMENDED CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,750 (AB2005-**
25 **237)**

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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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- 31 **5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN**
32 **AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTYWIDE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**
33 **BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM TO**
34 **SOLIDIFY EFFORTS TO KEEP THE COUNTYWIDE MEDIC ONE**
35 **PROGRAM OPERATION AT CURRENT LEVELS THROUGH DECEMBER 31,**
36 **2006 (AB2005-238)**

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38 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated the County is working to
39 maintain a unified Medic One system. The City of Bellingham gave notice a year
40 ago to terminate the agreement at the end of 2006. As a result, the City would
41 start filling the vacancies that would occur in the fire department with paramedics
42 that work in the county now. The City would use the Medic One staff as the filler
43 for vacancies that occur. The County asked the City to not do that. The County
44 administration has met with the City about that. To continue to provide the
45 service, the City must hire eight firefighters. The County agreed to an amendment
46 to the joint powers agreement. If they are not able to develop an extended, unified
47 medic one service beyond 2006, the County and City will agree to share in how

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1 they handle termination of those employees. If they have to lay off up to eight fire
2 fighters, the County will have to pay an additional unemployment cost and a
3 modest training cost of those people. He is confident that won't occur. He is
4 confident they can develop a plan to continue service at a moderate cost.

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6 This request is to assure the City that the costs are covered in the
7 agreement, in case they don't come up with a plan.

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9 Nelson asked if there is an additional cost to the County and City to continue
10 the services as they are now. Desler stated the City and County are sharing those
11 costs and are using the Medic One reserves. If there are no reserves left at the end
12 of 2006, they will have to use general fund monies. This cost needs to happen if
13 they maintain the Grandview station.

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15 Nelson asked if anything prohibits the County and City from going out for a
16 levy if that should occur, to maintain the level of service that the community has
17 grown accustomed to. Desler stated the administration is working on a plan with
18 options that it will present to the Council later this month.

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20 ***Nelson moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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22 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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24 **6. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #05-**
25 **35, THE ON-CALL CONTRACTOR/EQUIPMENT LIST, TO ALL 21 NAMES**
26 **ON THE LIST AND OBTAIN APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS**
27 **WITH EACH OF THE RESPONSIVE CONTRACTORS. CONTRACTORS**
28 **WOULD ONLY BE USED SHOULD A SPECIFIC NEED ARISE (IT IS**
29 **POSSIBLE THAT MORE THAN \$35,000 COULD BE SPENT WITH A**
30 **SINGLE VENDOR) (AB2005-239)**

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32 Paula Cooper, River and Flood Division Manager, stated this is the equipment
33 list to implement all flood projects on the list.

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

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37 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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39 **7. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #05-**
40 **37 TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER, BARKERS**
41 **WOODCHIPPING, FOR THE DELIVERY AND SUPPLY OF LARGE TREES**
42 **WITH ROOTWADS, TO BE USED IN A PLANNED FLOOD CONTROL**
43 **PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,976 (AB2005-240)**

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45 Paula Cooper, River and Flood Division Manager, stated this and the next
46 items are for the Everson overflow project.

1 ***Nelson moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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3 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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5 **8. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #05-**
6 **39 TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER, WHITE CAP**
7 **CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE DELIVERY AND SUPPLY OF COIR CLOTH,**
8 **TO BE USED IN A PLANNED FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT, IN THE**
9 **AMOUNT OF \$51,382.89 (AB2005-241)**

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11 See item seven for discussion.

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

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15 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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17 **9. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
18 **RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
19 **DAN BOYCE AND TERESA BOYCE TO LEASE THE HOUSE LOCATED AT**
20 **5305 NIELSEN AVENUE, FERNDALE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$795.00 PER**
21 **MONTH (AB2005-242)**

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23 ***Nelson moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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25 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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27 **10. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
28 **RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
29 **BRIAN SHAUN THOMPSON AND GINGER THOMPSON TO LEASE THE**
30 **HOUSE LOCATED AT 673 N. LAKE SAMISH DRIVE, BELLINGHAM, IN**
31 **THE AMOUNT OF \$1,100.00 PER MONTH (AB2005-243)**

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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 **11. RESOLUTION AMENDING COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 998023,**
38 **SUNRISE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FROM BIRCH BAY-LYNDEN TO WEST**
39 **BADGER ROAD, AND REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE**
40 **TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO IMCO GENERAL**
41 **CONSTRUCTION, INC. AS LOW BIDDER IN THE AMOUNT OF**
42 **\$3,259,945.60 (AB2005-244)**

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

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46 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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1 Nelson asked if this requires more right-of-way.
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3 Joe Rutan, County Road Engineer, stated they have purchased all the right-
4 of-way.
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6 **12. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 904021, E.**
7 **SMITH CREEK BRIDGE NO. 277 REPLACEMENT, AND REQUEST**
8 **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD CONTRACT TO**
9 **STRIDER CONSTRUCTION AS LOW BIDDER IN THE AMOUNT OF**
10 **\$634,265.50 (AB2005-245)**
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12 *Roy moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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14 *Motion carried unanimously.*
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16 **OTHER BUSINESS**
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18 Nelson stated he received a letter from the Sheriff Office about the Port
19 security contract. He asked for an update.
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21 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated the Port contract proposed to
22 cover the cost of the service. As the contract was implemented, they discovered
23 that the contract covered only a portion of the cost. Most airports use local airport
24 funds and federal funds to pay for the full cost of law enforcement. However, the
25 Port rejected that option. The Sheriff is using good judgment to stop that service.
26 In July, the agreement will come to an end. The Port will develop another solution.
27 There is no impact to the County budget. It allows those resources to be diverted
28 elsewhere.
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30 The next supplemental budget will cover the next phases of the
31 implementation of the Iron Gate temporary jail. The administration is in the
32 permitting phase right now. The permit is expected any day. Then, they will
33 release the bid, which includes a 30-day review period. They are working on
34 easements and other technical things needed to develop the property. Contractors
35 will begin work in a couple of months. This time next year, the facility will be open.
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37 **ADJOURN**
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39 The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.
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43 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription
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46 ATTEST:
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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

L. Ward Nelson, Committee Chair