

1 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
2 **Regular County Council**

3
4 January 31, 2006

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6 Council Chair Laurie Caskey-Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in
7 the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

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9 Present:

10 Barbara Brenner
11 Dan McShane
12 Sam Crawford
13 Seth Fleetwood
14 Carl Weimer

Absent:

L. Ward Nelson

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17 **FLAG SALUTE**

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20 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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22 Caskey-Schreiber announced there was **discussion with Chief Civil Deputy**
23 **Prosecutor Randall Watts regarding two cases of pending litigation (AB2006-018)**
24 **and discussion regarding pending litigation - Ostrom (AB2006-018)** in executive
25 session during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

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27 Fleetwood announced that the **resolution initiating Comprehensive Plan and**
28 **zoning amendments for 2006 (AB2006-082), docket # 2006-K: Sudden Valley**
29 **Provisional UGA Rescission** has been held and will not be discussed or voted on tonight.

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32 **MINUTES CONSENT**

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34 ***Brenner moved*** to approve the Minutes Consent items, including the substitute for
35 Minutes Consent item two.

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37 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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39 **1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR JANUARY 17, 2006**

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41 **2. REGULAR COUNTY COUNCIL FOR JANUARY 17, 2006**

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44 **OPEN SESSION**

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46 The following people spoke:

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48 Chris Ungern, 2095 Northshore Road, Bellingham, submitted and read from his
49 testimony (*on file*). He would like to hear from people in the farming community, not city
50 dwellers, on the issue of preserving farmland. The proposed classification of rural lands to
51 agriculture is arbitrary and without justification. Surplus property tax revenues from
52 agricultural, commercial, and industrial lands tend to subsidize the cost of services for

1 residential properties. Before considering impact fees for new construction, both costs and
2 benefits, not just costs, need to be considered.
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4 Lincoln Rutter, 8373 Semiahmoo Drive, stated the amount of units that the Port of
5 Bellingham quantified, in terms of the amount of development it needs to sell to offset the
6 purchase prices of the waterfront futures project, is about 1,500 to 3,000 units. The
7 Bellingham Comprehensive Plan only allots 1,463 units for that purpose. If those two
8 numbers don't agree, and the urban growth area (UGA) is expanded based on those
9 projections, the UGA's will fill up with multi-family housing that would have otherwise gone
10 into the infill zone. The infill number has to agree with the numbers the Port projects,
11 which will be available February 9. Don't act on the Comprehensive Plan until the Port's
12 numbers agree with the Comprehensive Plan numbers. If the Port's numbers are not
13 achievable because the UGA was expanded, the taxpayers will be legally obligated for the
14 Port's debt issuance.
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16 Dennis Jones, 1487 Sudden Valley, stated 72 people walked safely out of a
17 Minnesota mine where a member of Water District 10 worked as an agent for the
18 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
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20 A flood in 2001 showed the community what Lake Whatcom can't sustain and that
21 the real problems are phosphorus and growth. The lake has recovered from it.
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23 He supports four Comprehensive Plan amendment docket items in the **resolution**
24 **initiating Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments for 2006 (AB2006-082)**
25 Docket items 2006-K, L, M, and N. Sudden Valley should not be a UGA, according to the
26 County Code, the Growth Management Act, the State Environmental Policy Act, and
27 budgets. It may be a municipality.
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29 Barbara Rofkar, 520 - 17th Street, stated she is the Whatcom Human Rights Task
30 Force Co-Chair. Pass a resolution stronger than the **resolution supporting**
31 **professionally trained public policing agencies and opposing armed militia**
32 **enforcing against border and other crimes (AB2005-431)** to prevent paramilitary
33 groups from patrolling the borders. Constitutional rights are threatened. Cities and states
34 will have to stand up for what is right and to uphold the law.
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36 Delphia Merta, 495 Westerly Road, stated she speaks on behalf of the Cascade
37 Meadows apartments. She submitted and read her testimony (*on file*). The Whatcom
38 Transportation Authority (WTA) Cordata transfer station causes many problems. She
39 presented a petition to remove the station.
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41 Brenner stated what's going on there is really gross. It's almost in the parking lot of
42 the apartments. There are outhouses sitting right there. Something like that belongs on a
43 main street. This is a neighborhood.
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45 Crawford stated this station was at the mall. The people at the mall complained
46 about it and it was moved. He asked if it's in the city of Bellingham. The County has
47 zoning rules. Merta stated it is. Her street has not been rezoned.
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49 Fleetwood stated this issue is coming up at the next operations meeting of the WTA
50 Board in two weeks.
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52 Tanya Maria Rosario, Seattle, submitted information (*on file*) and stated she
53 represents the Washington State Hispanic Latino Democrats. She read from the second

1 paragraph in the **resolution supporting professionally trained public policing**
2 **agencies and opposing armed militia enforcing against border and other crimes**
3 **(AB2005-431)**. She doesn't want a volunteer vigilante group on the border when her tax
4 dollars are already paying staff to protect borders.
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6 David Hunter, Bellingham, Whatcom County Planning Commission Chair, asked the
7 Council to consider two issues. First, there is confusion about the Commission's proposal
8 regarding building permit regulation in rural Whatcom County. The Planning Commission
9 voted to forward his proposal to the Planning Staff and asked for a staff recommendation.
10 Staff advised the Planning Commission that they don't have the authority to ask the
11 Planning Commission to work on this proposal. The Planning Commission doesn't believe
12 they should delay in raising the issue of regulating building permits in rural Whatcom
13 County. Parties regularly complain about continuing development in rural areas. He asked
14 the Council to forward his proposal to the Planning Commission for its review.
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16 The second issue is the underlying tension between Whatcom County Code 2.31 and
17 Whatcom County Code 2.32, regarding the Planning Commission and Planning Department
18 staff. Staff is uneasy about who has authority to give orders to the Planning Department
19 staff. The Planning Department works for the Executive and the Planning Commission
20 works for Council. Therefore, the department must answer to two masters, even though
21 one master has little authority. The Council should think about whether or not it wants the
22 Planning Commission to act proactively and present new legislation.
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24 Rosalinda Guillen, 1800 - 20th Street, Bellingham, stated requiring passports at the
25 border in order to gain entry in to the United States would have a negative impact on
26 Whatcom County, according to the Bellingham Herald. She agrees. In addition, disarm the
27 Minutemen who patrol the northern border. Their presence will cut off the cultural and
28 business connections to their Canadian friends. Militias and patriot organizations have a
29 long history of causing dissention and confusion in the community. They know the
30 Minutemen project is now a calm group, but they are worried about it evolving into the
31 Minutemen project appearing in other areas of the country. Tom Williams and his local
32 militiamen were recently discovered at the Peace Arch area of the border. Councilmembers
33 have not attended or worked with anyone who deal with the Minutemen project in public
34 forms. Call on Tom Williams and his Minutemen project and pass the resolution that she
35 has already presented to the Council opposing the Minutemen project.
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37 Kalene Drummond, 16 Orchid Court, Sudden Valley Community Association Board of
38 Directors President, submitted and read from her testimony (*on file*). The Sudden Valley
39 Community Association Board would like a seat at the table during the Lake Whatcom Joint
40 Council meetings. The community association is not pursuing incorporation. They want
41 better communication with the City and County.
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43 Caskey-Schreiber stated they are welcome to attend the meetings. They're trying to
44 figure out how big this board can get and still survive. It's difficult to manage right now.
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46 Brenner stated the City of Bellingham wrote a letter to the County Council about
47 what is happening with the Sudden Valley Association.
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49 Larry Estrada, 29 Lake Louise Drive, stated he is a member of the County Ethics
50 Commission and is a Vietnam veteran. He supports the other speakers who spoke in
51 opposition of vigilantism. Do a little bit of research on the history of the Minutemen. There
52 is a history of extremism and talk of violent overthrow of American society from the national
53 organizers. The County Council represents all ethnic groups in the community. Vigilantism

1 has a history of oppressing the people of color in the nation. The Minutemen is another
2 group that puts down certain populations. Take an ethical stance, reconsider the resolution,
3 and do some homework on the Minutemen.
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5 Johnny Grames, 4478 Northwest Drive, stated the public must have information in a
6 democracy. Shine the light in the judicial branch of government. An immediate
7 improvement they can make to the system is to put cameras in the Superior Court rooms.
8 The transcripts are expensive to buy. People are against a government agency with
9 unlimited resources. There must be a line between public information and protecting
10 peoples' privacy. The Public Defender's Office and Prosecutor's Office competes for the
11 County's budget.
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13 Charles Law, Bellingham, stated he asked himself the reason these people cross the
14 border into America, whether they are terrorists and drug runners, and whether they are
15 illegal aliens who want to overtake American government and take away their freedom.
16 The incomes in Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras are less than ten percent of American
17 incomes. HIV and AIDS kill many people in those counties because they cannot afford the
18 life-saving drugs. There is a basic need for antibiotics to fight malaria and tuberculosis, but
19 the people can't afford it due to free-trade agreements that protect pharmaceutical
20 company patents. The free-trade agreements take a toll on border people and have many
21 negative impacts.
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24 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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26 **1. RESOLUTION TO SELL TAX-TITLE PROPERTY TO WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC**
27 **WORKS RIVER AND FLOOD DIVISION BY NEGOTIATION, REQ. #2006-01**
28 **(AB2006-049A)**
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30 Caskey-Schreiber opened the public hearing and, hearing no one, closed the public
31 hearing.
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33 Jeff Monsen, Public Works Director, gave a staff report and stated this is a parcel in
34 the Marietta area. He proposes that the County acquire the parcel.
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36 ***McShane moved*** to approve the resolution.
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38 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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40 **2. RESOLUTION TO SELL TAX-TITLE PROPERTY BY NEGOTIATION, REQ. #2006-**
41 **02 (AB2006-050A)**
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43 Caskey-Schreiber opened the public hearing and the following person spoke:
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45 Scott Swanson, 900 DuPont Street, stated he represents property owners Mary and
46 Steve Reardon. They meet all the requirements for negotiation and want to clear up this
47 encumbrance on the property.
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49 Hearing no one else, Caskey-Schreiber closed the public hearing.
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51 ***McShane moved*** to approve the resolution.
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53 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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2 **3. RESOLUTION TO SELL SURPLUS PROPERTY, REQ. #PW2006-01 (AB2006-**
3 **051A)**
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5 Jeff Monsen gave a staff report and stated the two parcels are Roeder Pit and Ultman
6 Pit. He submitted a map of the two properties (*on file*). The County has tried to dispose of
7 various parcels it no longer uses. Also, an area has been leased to the Skookum Chuck
8 Water Association for 50 years for water supply and well purposes. Sell the property to the
9 water association rather than continuing a lease. Both parcels have protective covenants
10 regarding County Code and wells.

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12 (*Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side A.*)
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14 Caskey-Schreiber opened the public hearing and the following people spoke:

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16 Sherm Polinder, Skookum Chuck Water Association President, stated he is available
17 for questions.
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19 Brad DeHaan, Skookum Chuck Water Association Board Member, gave a history of
20 the Skookum Chuck Water Association. Their wells are shallow. Wellhead protection is
21 critical. Buying this property will protect the water quality for Skookum Chuck customers.
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23 Hearing no one else, Caskey-Schreiber closed the public hearing.
24

25 **McShane moved** to approve the resolution.
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27 **Motion carried unanimously.**
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29 **4. INTERIM ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHATCOM COUNTY SHORELINE**
30 **MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, SECTION 23.100.20.57, AQUACULTURE**
31 **REGULATIONS (AB2006-058)**
32

33 Caskey-Schreiber opened the public hearing and, hearing no one, closed the public
34 hearing.
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36 **Brenner moved** to adopt the ordinance.
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38 **Motion carried 5-1 with Crawford opposed.**
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41 **CONSENT AGENDA**
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43 **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and
44 **moved** to approve Consent Agenda items one through 15.
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46 **Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 15 carried unanimously.**
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48 **1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #05-116**
49 **TO LOW BIDDER, ZUMAR INDUSTRIES, INC., FOR THE ANNUAL SUPPLY OF**
50 **TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,756.67 (AB2006-063)**
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52 **2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #05-117,**
53 **ANNUAL SUPPLY OF MINERAL AGGREGATES, BY ACCEPTING ALL BIDS FROM**

1 THE SEVEN (7) BIDDERS AND PERMITTING SELECTION OF THE
2 APPROPRIATE VENDOR AS DICTATED BY THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF
3 THE PARTICULAR JOB, IN AN ANTICIPATED AMOUNT OF MORE THAN
4 \$35,000 (AB2006-064)
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6 3. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #05-118,
7 ANNUAL SUPPLY OF RIP-RAP ROCK, BY ACCEPTING ALL BIDS FROM THE
8 FIVE (5) BIDDERS AND PERMITTING SELECTION OF THE APPROPRIATE
9 VENDOR AS DICTATED BY THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE
10 PARTICULAR JOB, IN AN ANTICIPATED AMOUNT OF MORE THAN \$35,000
11 (AB2006-065)
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13 4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE THE
14 PURCHASE OF LIGNOSITE, ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, FROM CURT
15 MEENDERINCK LLC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000 (AB2006-066)
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17 5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE THE
18 PURCHASE OF THE FOLLOWING ROAD MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS USING
19 WASHINGTON STATE CONTRACTS FOR AS NEEDED MATERIALS IN THE
20 CURRENT YEAR - ROAD STRIPING PAINT AND BEADS \$400,000;
21 HERBICIDES \$80,000; TIRES \$50,000; GUARDRAIL & MATERIALS \$50,000;
22 AND RUBBERIZED ASPHALT \$40,000 (AB2006-067)
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24 6. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT
25 GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE INTERAGENCY
26 COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE
27 MAJORITY OF THE INDOOR FIRING RANGE TARGET CARRIER SYSTEMS, IN
28 AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000, WITH A 50% CONTRIBUTION BY
29 WHATCOM COUNTY, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$100,000 (AB2006-
30 068)
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32 7. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
33 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND VID-SMITH FOR VIDEO
34 PRODUCTION SERVICES FOR THE WATERSHED-FRIENDLY GARDENING
35 EDUCATION PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,300, OF WHICH \$15,000 IS
36 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH A CENTENNIAL GRANT WITH THE BALANCE
37 FUNDED BY THE COUNTY-APPROVED 2006 LAKE WHATCOM BUDGET
38 (AB2006-069)
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40 8. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
41 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND NORTHWEST YOUTH
42 SERVICES FOR OPERATING THE TEEN COURT PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF
43 \$18,500 (AB2006-070)
44

45 9. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
46 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WHATCOM LAND TRUST FOR
47 THEIR CONTINUING ASSISTANCE IN THE WHATCOM COUNTY
48 AGRICULTURAL PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM, WITH A
49 MINIMUM FEE OF \$3,000 PER EASEMENT OR A 6% FEE ON THE FIRST
50 \$150,000 OF EACH EASEMENT PRICE (WHICHEVER IS GREATER) AND A 4%
51 FEE ON THE PRICE OF EACH EASEMENT OVER \$150,000 (AB2006-071)
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- 1 10. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN
2 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND NORTH
3 SOUND REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK, DBA THE NORTH SOUND MENTAL
4 HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, FOR CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR A
5 COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR SENIORS, IN THE AMOUNT OF
6 \$18,309, WHICH IS FUNDED FROM A FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT (AB2006-072)
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- 8 11. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN
9 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND NORTH
10 SOUND REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK, DBA THE NORTH SOUND MENTAL
11 HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, FOR CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR THE
12 ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM, IN THE
13 AMOUNT OF \$73,982, WHICH IS FUNDED FROM STATE AND FEDERAL
14 SOURCES (AB2006-073)
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- 16 12. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN
17 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND NORTH
18 SOUND REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK, DBA THE NORTH SOUND MENTAL
19 HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, FOR CONTINUATION OF FUNDING THE JAIL
20 DIVERSION PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,422, WHICH IS FUNDED AS
21 A PILOT PROJECT AS A RESULT OF SENATE BILL 5763 (HARGROVE BILL)
22 (AB2006-074)
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- 24 13. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE
25 AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND COPPER BUILDING
26 ASSOCIATES, A WASHINGTON GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, FOR A THREE-YEAR
27 LEASE OF A 6,000 SQUARE FOOT SPACE IN THE COPPER BUILDING FOR USE
28 BY WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$269,635.60
29 PLUS \$7,416.30 DEPOSIT FOR THE THREE-YEAR LEASE TERM (AB2006-075)
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- 31 14. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO
32 AGREEMENT ADDENDUM NO. 1 BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND
33 RUSTAND, INC. FOR CONTINUING TO OPERATE THE OFFSITE WORK
34 RELEASE FACILITY FOR MINIMUM-SECURITY WORK RELEASE INMATES, IN
35 AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$562,500 FOR 2006 AND \$638,750 FOR 2007
36 (AB2006-076)
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- 38 15. RESOLUTION CANCELING UNCOLLECTIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES IN
39 THE AMOUNT OF \$8,432.78 (AB2006-077)
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42 **OTHER ITEMS**
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- 44 1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
45 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND BELLINGHAM WHATCOM
46 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FOR ADVERTISING AND
47 PROMOTION OF THE ANNUAL SKI TO SEA FESTIVAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF
48 \$29,000 (AB2006-038A)
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50 Crawford reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and stated
51 this comes forward with no recommendation.
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53 ***Crawford moved*** to approve the request.

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2 **Brenner moved** to hold this item in committee for two weeks. Councilmember
3 Weimer had asked some pertinent questions. Mr. Oplinger would like time to answer those
4 questions.
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6 **Motion to hold in committee carried 4-2 with Caskey-Schreiber and McShane**
7 **opposed.**
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9 **2. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, SECOND**
10 **REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,933,277 (AB2006-055)**
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12 **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and
13 **moved** to adopt the ordinance.
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15 **Motion carried unanimously.**
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17 **3. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS OF STANDARD MAP**
18 **AMENDMENT, SITE-SPECIFIC REZONE, AND CONCOMITANT REZONE IN**
19 **SECTION 20.90.020 OF THE OFFICIAL WHATCOM COUNTY ZONING**
20 **ORDINANCE (AB2006-056)**
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22 **Fleetwood** reported for the Planning and Development Committee and **moved** to
23 adopt the ordinance.
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25 **Motion carried unanimously.**
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27 **4. RESOLUTION INITIATING A COMPREHENSIVE CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT**
28 **PROGRAM FOR WHATCOM COUNTY (AB2006-060)**
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30 **Fleetwood** reported for the Planning and Development Committee and **moved** to
31 approve the resolution.
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33 Caskey-Schreiber stated she commends Executive Kremen for bringing this forward.
34 The goal is for new development to pay its way so the citizens of the county don't have to
35 subsidize new development. A side effect of growth is that quality of life deteriorates. As
36 they grow, keep levels of service that are acceptable to all.
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38 McShane stated he appreciates that this is a high priority for Executive Kremen. He
39 has concerns about the transportation element causing an impact to the projects that the
40 Public Works Department chooses to work on. For instance, there may be a desire to work
41 on projects that gather money for impacts from development and that could supercede
42 projects elsewhere that may not generate concurrency money. A couple roads in the
43 county should not be dropped off the project list because of the desire to spend money.
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45 Also, this is a tough issue for the councilmembers and public to get their minds
46 around. There needs to be an educational process. Some people think this will be a
47 solution for the level of service problems on roads. It is part of a solution, but not the
48 entire solution.
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50 He's not sure any other counties have done concurrency right, in his experience. It
51 is a mess in other counties. They are not doing a good job yet.
52

1 Brenner stated she doesn't agree with Councilmember McShane. They have a lot to
2 learn from the mistakes of other counties. There are off-the-shelf concurrency ordinances
3 that Whatcom County can fine-tune. She is not concerned that transportation concurrency
4 will hold up other projects. She agrees that concurrency is one small piece of the puzzle.
5 It won't correct the sins of the past. She hopes they will stop the slide into more problems,
6 through concurrency.
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8 McShane stated he would like to have information on other jurisdictions that have
9 done concurrency.

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11 Caskey-Schreiber stated she would like to engage the school districts in the
12 discussion. They need to serve the communities as they grow.
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14 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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16 **OTHER BUSINESS and REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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18 McShane reported for the Natural Resources Committee and stated the committee
19 discussed several docket items in the **resolution initiating Comprehensive Plan and**
20 **zoning amendments for 2006 (AB2006-082).**
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23 **OTHER ITEMS**

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25 **5. APPOINTMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY BOARD – APPLICANT: LISA**
26 **FRIEND (AB2006-061)**

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28 ***Brenner moved*** to appoint Lisa Friend.

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30 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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32 **6. CONFIRMATION OF THE EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF DIANA QUINN TO**
33 **SERVE AS THE ADMINISTRATION POSITION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH**
34 **ADVISORY BOARD (AB2006-078)**

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36 ***Brenner moved*** to confirm the appointment.

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38 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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40 **7. CONFIRMATION OF THE EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF BRADLEY D.**
41 **SWANSON TO SERVE ON THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS TECHNICAL**
42 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AB2006-079)**

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44 ***Brenner moved*** to confirm the appointment.

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46 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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48 **8. CONFIRMATION OF THE EXECUTIVE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ROD ERICKSON**
49 **TO SERVE ON THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OVERSIGHT**
50 **COMMITTEE (AB2006-080)**

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52 ***Brenner moved*** to confirm the reappointment.
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1 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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4 **CORRESPONDENCE APPROVAL**
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6 **1. LETTER PROPOSED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRENNER OPPOSING STATE SENATE**
7 **BILL 5787 (AB2006-057)**
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9 ***Brenner moved*** to approve the letter and to support two other bills. State Senate
10 Bill 5787 seeks to streamline the process for certain fish farming projects. There is a lot of
11 evidence that fish farms cause harm to wild fish through transmission of disease and
12 pollution of the marine environment. That doesn't mean fish farms can't be done right.
13 She doesn't have a lot of confidence that it can be done right. Don't streamline a process
14 when there is evidence contributing to problems with wild fish.
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16 House Bill 2054 is a bill to protect salmon and steelhead spawning beds from
17 disturbances that destroy or damage the spawning fish and eggs. The County Council has
18 done this locally to some degree. It would be encouraging to send that message forward to
19 State representatives.
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21 House Bill 1543 would require identification or labeling of any wholesale or retail
22 fresh or frozen salmon. The label lets people know if they are buying fresh or farmed fish.
23 Consumers want adequate information.
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25 ***Motion carried 5-1 with Crawford opposed.***
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27 **2. LETTER PROPOSED BY COUNCILMEMBER WARD NELSON SUPPORTING**
28 **SENATE BILL 6459 (AB2006-057)**
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30 ***Fleetwood moved*** to approve the letter.
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32 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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35 **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**
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37 ***McShane moved*** to accept the Introduction Items.
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39 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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41 **1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, THIRD**
42 **REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,214,521 (AB2006-083)**
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44 **2. ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 82-109 RECONSTITUTING THE**
45 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD (AB2006-081)**
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1 **OTHER BUSINESS** and **REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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3 Crawford stated go Seahawks.

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5 McShane stated 12th Man, no matter what Texas A&M says.

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7 Brenner reported for Public Works Committee **discussion of constituent**
8 **complaints regarding the lack of lighting at the corner of Northwest and Slater and**
9 **the corner of Smith Road and the Mount Baker Highway (AB2006-084).** They
10 discussed lighting at Smith Road and Mt. Baker Highway. Because the Mt. Baker Highway is
11 a state highway, the County has limited jurisdiction. She would draft a letter to the State
12 saying that intersection is in dire need of safety measures.

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14 Caskey-Schreiber stated she has been fighting against the absence of lights in the
15 Kendall area along Highway 9. People walk along there. It is very dark and dangerous.
16 Address the broader issue of lack of lighting with the State.

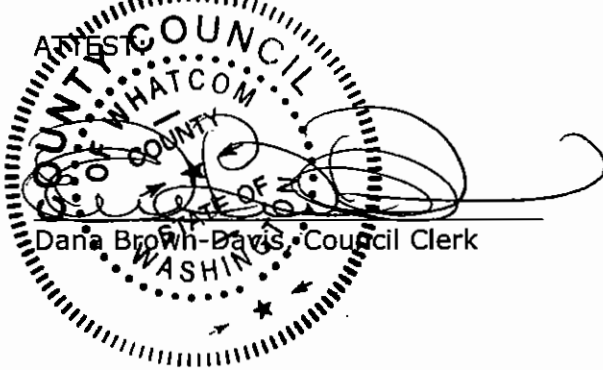
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19 **ADJOURN**

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21 The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

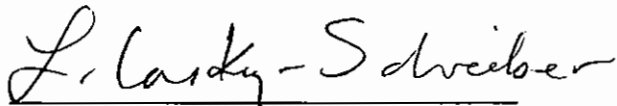
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25 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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27 The Council approved these minutes on February 28, 2006.

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29 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
30 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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38 Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council Chair