

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL**

NO. 2006-148

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/13/06	<b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>MAR 13 2006</b>  <b>WHATCOM COUNTY</b> <b>COUNCIL</b>	3/14/06	Finance /Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	<i>[Signature]</i>	3-10-06			

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:** Resolution in Support of Whatcom County Multi-Jurisdictional Data Integration Project

**ATTACHMENTS:**

SEPA review required? ( ) Yes ( ) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? ( ) Yes ( ) NO
SEPA review completed? ( ) Yes ( ) NO	Requested Date:

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:** (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**  
3/14/06: Forwarded to Council for approval

**COUNCIL ACTION:**  
3/14/06: Approved 7-0

<b>Related County Contract #:</b>	<b>Related File Numbers:</b>	<b>Ordinance or Resolution Number:</b> Res. 2006-027
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SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 3/14/06

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-027

SUPPORT OF WHATCOM COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL DATA INTEGRATION  
PROJECT

WHEREAS, a number of agencies responsible for law enforcement and criminal justice have worked closely together to integrate their primary information systems; and

WHEREAS, significant assistance received through congressionally designated Department of Justice grants has allowed Whatcom County to build the Whatcom Exchange Network ("WENET"); and

WHEREAS, WENET involves the local partnership between the Whatcom County Sheriff/Jail/Prosecutor, Bellingham Police Department, Blaine Police Department, Everson Police Department, Ferndale Police Department, Lummi Tribal Police Department, Lynden Police Department, Nooksack Tribal Police Department, Sumas Police Department, and Western Washington University Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the integrated sharing process will track offenders from the moment they enter the system until re-integrated back into the community and beyond; and

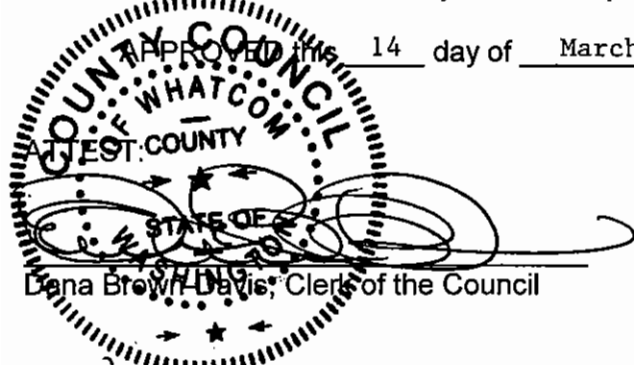
WHEREAS, WENET makes the retrieval of data approximately eight (8) times faster than the current methods, utilizes the federal Global Justice XML standards and allows member agencies to retain control of their own information; and

WHEREAS, WENET enhances Homeland Security by serving as the key system for data sharing among many law and justice agencies along the I-5 corridor, Alaska, as well as the Canadian and Mexican borders; and

WHEREAS, this multi-jurisdictional data integration project is the first priority program in the Whatcom County Law & Justice Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council strongly supports the efforts of the County Executive and his request for a congressionally designated appropriation to allow the continuation of this very successful project.

APPROVED in the 14 day of March, 2006.



Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

L. Caskey-Schrieber  
Laurie Caskey-Schrieber, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Karen H. [Signature]  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor