

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
<i>Originator:</i>		12/9/2008		12/9/2008	finance/council
<i>Division Head:</i>					
<i>Dept. Head:</i>					
<i>Prosecutor:</i>					
<i>Purchasing/Budget:</i>					
<i>Executive:</i>					

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:
 Resolution to transfer unexpended general fund budget authority to Superior Crt

ATTACHMENTS:

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing ? () Yes () NO Requested Date:
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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.)*
 Resolution Authorizing Executive to Transfer Unexpended General fund Budget Authority to Superior Court

COMMITTEE ACTION:
 12/09/2008: Forwarded to Council for approval

COUNCIL ACTION:
 12/09/2008: Council Approved 7-0
 Res. 2008-085

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2008-085

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SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: County Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 12/9/08

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-085

Authorizing Executive to Transfer Unexpended General Fund
Budget Authority to Superior Court

WHEREAS, the approved 2008 budget included \$5,238,873 to fund operations of Superior Court Administration and the Office of the County Clerk, and;

WHEREAS, Superior Court has exceeded their budget, needed year-end supplementals or used restricted appropriation authority to cover budget shortfalls in 6 of the last 7 years, and;


WHEREAS, Superior Court will likely exceed its 2008 budget by approximately \$147,000 to approximately \$177,000 as a result of exceeding budgets for commissioners pro-tem, jury expenses and guardians ad litem, and;

WHEREAS, RCW 36.40.130 states that expenditures made in excess of budget appropriations shall not be the liability of the county, but that of the official making or incurring such expenditures; however, the County Executive wishes to avoid this exposure to the Court Officials by requesting the Council to adopt this Resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that the Council hereby authorizes the Whatcom County Executive to transfer unused budget authority within the existing 2008 General Fund Budget to cover Superior Court expenditures exceeding the currently approved Superior Court Administration and County Clerk's budget.

ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 2008.

ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK



Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Carl Weimer, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor


Pete Kremen, County Executive

Date: 12-16-08