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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
**Regular County Council**

May 26, 2009

Council Chair Seth Fleetwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
Barbara Brenner	None
Bob Kelly	
Sam Crawford	
Carl Weimer	
Laurie Caskey-Schreiber	
L. Ward Nelson	

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**1. COUNTY EXECUTIVE PETE KREMEN TO PRESENT THE "STATE OF THE COUNTY" ADDRESS (AB2009-017)**

Pete Kremen, County Executive, submitted and read from his presentation (*on file*).

**MINUTES CONSENT**

***Weimer moved*** to approve the minutes.

***Motion carried 7-0.***

- 1. BOARD OF HEALTH FOR DECEMBER 2, 2008**
- 2. SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR DECEMBER 2, 2008**
- 3. REGULAR COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APRIL 28, 2009**
- 4. REGULAR COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MAY 12, 2009**

**OPEN SESSION**

Larry Helm, 2660 East 41<sup>st</sup> Terrace, Bellingham, stated he is a farmer. Most of the Drayton Harbor drainage residents who received notification from the County about their perceived livestock problems have just a few animals on five or more acres. Farm plan

1 procedures are expensive for just two horses. County staff aren't farmer-friendly regarding  
2 a maintenance and inspection schedule. More small farmers are just selling their animals.  
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4 Science isn't clear that small hobby farmers are cumulatively the cause of creek  
5 pollution. The science used to make enforcement decisions should be clearly identified and  
6 show how it applies to Whatcom County's agricultural acreage. Many other causes should  
7 be identified. Inventory the number of stock in the drainage to determine the ratio of  
8 animal units to accessible pasture acres. A factor in these decisions should be the economic  
9 impact to the County economy for loss of stock. County enforcement staff should receive  
10 more training on agricultural issues. Most new Planning Department staff have no  
11 agricultural experience. Clearly identify the farmer as the problem before sending out any  
12 more enforcement letters. Shellfish drainage at Birch Bay will double the problem until they  
13 solve the underlying cause of pollution.  
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15 Dave Pros, 1466 Roy Road, stated stop the 2031 program until the issues that are a  
16 part of that are brought to the citizens. That hasn't been done. Most people think that a  
17 population projection of 256,000 for 2031 is too high. Higher population projections mean  
18 higher taxes for citizens. They have not raised any countywide awareness about these  
19 issues, so few people have attended the citizen meetings. Have the Planning Department  
20 ask the citizens what they want. That will give the County the courage to do the right thing.  
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22 Leonard Lindstrom, citizen, stated he wants to share his feelings on the recession.  
23 He spent 20 years getting an education on this problem while in the Navy. He supports the  
24 young man who had enough social schooling to stay on the job. They have done so without  
25 any leadership from their superheroes, who had their heads jammed in a whiskey bottle.  
26 They were painfully aware they had an inverted social IQ. Their young men had a better  
27 social education than their older men, and it was ripping the county apart. They need good  
28 social leadership in all areas. When someone gets hostile, the man in charge is responsible  
29 for helping the person with the hostility problem. Don't ignore hostility problems. They will  
30 snowball, and they will lose the whole show. Work together as a family. Put quality in their  
31 social life. It all begins in the classroom. They can eliminate a lot of habits in the classroom  
32 when they teach and treat children properly.  
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34 Russell Weston, 2120 Cody, stated he is the Deputy of the Washington State Grange  
35 in Whatcom County. The Grange brought the end to monopolies, was instrumental in  
36 forming the Food and Drug Administration for healthy food. The Grange is the reason they  
37 have Bonneville Power in Washington State. That was a 30-year fight. Grangers have been  
38 around for 130 years in this state. They are ready to continue to fight for farmers and  
39 good, healthy food. The Council is driving farms and farmers out of the county with undue  
40 regulations. Currently, consumers buy only two to three percent of their crops locally. This  
41 county has more potential than that. Support Sustainable Connections and healthy food.  
42 Do something about it. The Washington State Grange policy handbook urges lawmakers to  
43 review economic input before implementing regulations that inhibit or affect the agricultural  
44 economy. People who want to participate in the Grange can call him.  
45

46 Bob Wiesen, 3314 Douglas Road, stated he agrees with Mr. Helm. They need to be  
47 more concerned. The Council says it wants to save farmers and farmland, but it is putting  
48 pressure on small farmers, so they may not survive.  
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50 They are in the process of doing the limited areas of more intense rural development  
51 (LAMIRDs). The Planning Commission isn't too concerned about saving all those businesses  
52 that may have been in business before 1990. Mason County made a very strong effort to  
53 be sure everything existing in 1990 stayed in conformity. This is an economic thing also.

1 Don't hassle the businesses anymore. When the County makes a business nonconforming,  
2 which means they can't expand, it creates lots of problems.

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4 They must figure out how to keep Gateway Industrial any way they can. There is  
5 justification for it. The Growth Management Act calls for economic development. There are  
6 many reasons to say they zoned that properly. Stand up for keeping that zone the way it  
7 is. Whatcom County needs a tax base. That is one way to keep the tax base.

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10 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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12 **1. ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 16.20, WHATCOM**  
13 **COUNTY SHELLFISH PROTECTION DISTRICTS, FOR THE FORMATION OF THE**  
14 **BIRCH BAY SHELLFISH PROTECTION DISTRICT (AB2009-245)**

15  
16 Fleetwood opened the public hearing and the following people spoke:

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18 Larry Helm, 2660 East 41<sup>st</sup> Terrace, Bellingham, stated farmers in the Drayton  
19 Harbor drainage are getting hammered. They are asking for more science. Now they're  
20 going to start another shellfish drainage that will trump all the agricultural rules, because it  
21 will be a new critical area. Go slow on this issue until they see what kind of problems they  
22 have in the creeks, and who is causing them. Don't just blame it all on the farmers.

23  
24 Bob Wiesen, 3314 Douglas Road, stated he agrees with Mr. Helm. They first need to  
25 straighten out how they are treating the people in the Drayton Harbor watershed. He  
26 doesn't know if the problem in the Birch Bay watershed has been properly defined. Define  
27 the actual problem before applying blanket rules on everything. In the meantime, the  
28 County causes unnecessary pain and suffering to the residents of that jurisdiction.

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30 Hearing no one else, Fleetwood closed the public hearing.

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32 ***Caskey-Schreiber moved*** to adopt the ordinance. She supports the ordinance  
33 because the State Department of Health closed the mouth of Terrell Creek in 2008.  
34 Whatcom County is mandated to create a plan to address pollution. It's a State law the  
35 County must obey. They can't ignore a polluted water body, especially one as heavily used  
36 for recreation. They have detected fecal coliform bacteria, which indicates animal waste  
37 that contaminates shellfish. They are also looking at wastewater and agricultural activities.  
38 If they can fix the problems, they can hopefully reopen it for recreational shellfish use.

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40 Brenner stated the County has no choice. State law requires the County to set this  
41 up. How the County sets it up is the important question. What they are doing in Drayton  
42 Harbor isn't working. They are applying a huge hammer, and they aren't going to end up  
43 with the results they want. The farm plans being developed are too restrictive. They need  
44 to revisit what isn't working. She saw lab work done by a reputable lab on water upstream  
45 and downstream of property in Drayton Harbor that showed the effluent leaving the  
46 property is cleaner than what came on their property. The problem is the one-size-fits-all  
47 requirements. They ought to at least be able to track spikes, and find the cause. Those are  
48 the people who need farm plans and to check their septic systems. If small farmers can  
49 show with their lab work that they have cleaner water coming off the property than what  
50 comes on the property, they should be exempted from farm plans. She supports creating  
51 shellfish protection districts, but not a one-size-fits-all regulation.

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53 Weimer stated he is in favor of the ordinance. The Drayton Harbor Shellfish  
54 Protection District has been downgraded again because the numbers are going the wrong

1 way, after more than ten years of being a district. The State Department of Health is also  
2 downgrading part of Portage Bay. They need to get a hold on the fecal coliform issue. In  
3 the last couple of years, they started to address the main issues, which are small farms and  
4 septic systems. They have really started to track those things. They are just starting to  
5 see the effects of that effort. Step up and address this so farmers and shellfish farmers can  
6 be successful.  
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8 Nelson asked about a comment in Attachment B, Council packet page 296 in the  
9 Agricultural Activities section. He read the section. He asked the location of the agricultural  
10 lands. The zoning is predominantly rural, one unit per ten acres (R10A) and rural, one unit  
11 per five acres (R5A). He asked if the significant impact is from hobby farms, and how many  
12 hobby farms are out there.  
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14 Scarlet Tang, Public Works Department, stated those zoned areas are hobby farms.  
15 They don't know yet how many there are. They have identified a number of onsite septic  
16 systems (OSS), but they haven't yet worked on the small farms.  
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18 Nelson also asked why agricultural is a major source around Lake Terrell. There  
19 aren't significant agricultural lands. He asked if there are hay fields. Tang stated there are  
20 alpaca farms in the Terrell Creek watershed. They have seen other livestock such as pigs  
21 and horses. There aren't any major dairies.  
22

23 Nelson stated most of the area occupied in the Birch Bay Shellfish Protection District  
24 is an urban growth area, which is a significant contributor. He asked why they are saying  
25 agriculture is a significant contributor. Tang stated that it depends on where the farms are  
26 located in proximity to the water bodies and how they are being managed. They are  
27 initiating a microbial source tracking (MST) project with the Environmental Protection  
28 Agency (EPA) in the Birch Bay watershed.  
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30 Nelson stated they are just assuming that problems are from agricultural practices.  
31 Tang stated they are, based on what they've seen in other shellfish districts.  
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33 **Brenner moved** to amend the first sentence in the Agricultural Activities section on  
34 page two of Attachment B, Council packet page 296, "In general, Aa significant source of  
35 fecal coliform...."  
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37 Nelson suggested language, "A significant source of fecal coliform...." They haven't  
38 indicated that the problem from agriculture is significant, compared to other sources. They  
39 don't know where the agricultural uses are located. Tang stated they see this in other  
40 shellfish districts. They are also basing the statement on a State Department of Health  
41 shoreline survey of Birch Bay from 2007 that indicated animal sources as a major issue.  
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43 Nelson asked if that survey was specific to livestock. Domestic animals and wildlife  
44 are also identified. Tang stated the wording in the survey is "agricultural activities" as being  
45 significant. The two key sources are wastewater collection and disposal and agricultural  
46 activities.  
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48 **Brenner amended her motion and moved** to amend the first sentence in the  
49 Agricultural Activities section on page two of Attachment B, Council packet page 296, "A  
50 significant source of fecal coliform bacteria is can be livestock manure."  
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52 **Weimer suggested a friendly amendment** to insert the word "potentially."  
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1 **Brenner accepted** the friendly amendment to amend the first sentence in the  
2 Agricultural Activities section on page two of Attachment B, Council packet page 296, "A  
3 potentially significant source of fecal coliform bacteria is can be livestock manure." She  
4 asked if the State said that agricultural activities are a significant source of these pathogens  
5 specifically, or pollution in general. Tang stated they are talking about fecal coliform  
6 bacteria.

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8 **Motion to amend carried 6-1 with Kelly opposed.**

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10 **Motion to adopted as amended carried 7-0.**

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12 *(Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side A.)*

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14 **2. ORDINANCE REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON BIRCH BAY**  
15 **DRIVE AND HARBORVIEW ROAD (AB2009-201A)**

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17 Fleetwood opened the public hearing and the following people spoke:

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19 Patricia Alesse, 4825 Alderson Road, stated leave the speed limit at 20 miles per  
20 hour in the summer. It is slow, and there is so much more traffic in the summertime. A  
21 speed limit of 35 miles per hour in the winter is fine. She looks forward to the speed limit  
22 going up in the winter.

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24 Patrick Alesse, 4825 Alderson Road, submitted and read his comments *(on file)*.  
25 Keep the 25/35 speed limit along the road. He surveyed people in 2007, 2008, and 2009,  
26 and left the survey results for the Council. Don't adopt the ordinance. They are trying to  
27 fine-tune something with boxing gloves on. They can't be successful. Most people drive  
28 according to the conditions.

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30 Claudia Hollod, 8240 Birch bay Drive, stated the main reason they have tried to  
31 adjust the speed limit is for safety reasons. She thanked the Council for all the work the  
32 citizens have done. Adopt the ordinance.

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34 Hearing no one else, Fleetwood closed the public hearing.

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36 **Weimer moved** to adopt the ordinance. The Council must uphold the wishes of the  
37 community. The majority of the citizens wanted the speed limit to change.

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39 Brenner stated she will support the ordinance. Nothing is ever perfect. The Sheriff  
40 Deputy strongly supports the change. It is reasonable. It did go through a very long  
41 process. Many in the community worked on this proposal. She appreciates that there are  
42 people who do not support it.

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44 Caskey-Schreiber stated she supports the ordinance. The densities are at a level of  
45 any urban density.

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47 Nelson stated he thanks Claudia Hollod, who finally wore him down.

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49 **Motion carried 7-0.**

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51 **3. ORDINANCE REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON PORTIONS**  
52 **OF BIRCH POINT ROAD, SHINTAFFER ROAD, ANDERSON ROAD, ALDERSON**  
53 **ROAD AND JACKSON ROAD, IN THE BIRCH BAY AREA (AB2009-201B)**

1 Fleetwood opened the public hearing, and the following people spoke:  
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3 Doralee Booth, 8130 Birch Bay Drive, stated these roads are 35 miles per hour,  
4 unless otherwise posted. This is a housekeeping issue to slow down traffic as it comes onto  
5 Birch Bay Drive. She gets many calls from residents of Anderson Road about speeding  
6 traffic. Slow down that road, also. Most of these roads don't have shoulders, and provide  
7 access to residents to the bay.  
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9 Crawford asked if Deputy Langley is in favor of this ordinance. Booth stated he is. It  
10 will clear things up for the Deputy.  
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12 Patrick Alesse, 4825 Alderson Road, stated the Birch Bay Lynden Road doesn't have  
13 many residents. The speed limit could be 35 miles per hour. Please read through the  
14 material he brought forward at the previous hearing.  
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16 Hearing no one else, Fleetwood closed the public hearing.  
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18 **Brenner moved** to adopt the ordinance. Generally speaking, someone can get  
19 people to sign anything, depending on the phrasing and conversation. She trusts Mr.  
20 Alesse, but also knows he really wanted the speed limit.  
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22 **Motion carried 5-2 with Nelson and Fleetwood opposed.**  
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25 **CONSENT AGENDA**  
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27 **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and  
28 **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda items.  
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30 **Motion carried 7-0.**  
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- 32 1. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID**  
33 **#09-41 TO LOW BIDDER, NORTHWEST CHIP & GRIND, INC. FOR THE**  
34 **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LARGE WOODY DEBRIS FOR THE ACME EARLY**  
35 **CHINOOK RESTORATION PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,007.60**  
36 **(AB2009-257)**  
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38 2. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**  
39 **RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ERIC CARABBA TO LEASE A HOUSE**  
40 **LOCATED AT 6176 SAXON ROAD, ACME, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$485 PER**  
41 **MONTH (AB2009-258)**  
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44 **OTHER ITEMS**  
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- 46 1. **ORDINANCE DECREASING THE PETTY CASH REVOLVING FUND TO A TOTAL**  
47 **OF \$100 FOR WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
48 **(AB2009-244)**  
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50 **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and  
51 **moved** to adopt the ordinance.  
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53 **Motion carried 7-0.**  
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1     **2.     ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, FIFTH**  
2     **REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$283,308 (AB2009-246)**

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4     **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and  
5 **moved** to adopt the ordinance.

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7     **Motion carried 7-0.**

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9     **3.     REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**  
10    **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVISION OF**  
11    **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SNOHOMISH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF**  
12    **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR ENHANCEMENT OF LOCAL JURISDICTION**  
13    **CAPABILITY TO PREVENT, DETER, RESPOND TO AND RECOVER FROM**  
14    **CATASTROPHIC AND/OR TERRORIST EVENTS (FUNDING IS PROVIDED BY**  
15    **THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY STATE PROGRAM FOR**  
16    **FFY2008), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298,551 (AB2009-252)**

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18    **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and  
19 **moved** to adopt the ordinance.

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21    **Motion carried 7-0.**

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23    Brenner thanked Sheriff Elfo and Undersheriff James for making sure they still have  
24 these funds coming to us in these difficult economic times.

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26    **4.     REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**  
27    **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVISION OF**  
28    **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE WASHINGTON STATE MILITARY**  
29    **DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO ENHANCE LAW**  
30    **ENFORCEMENT PREPAREDNESS AND OPERATIONAL READINESS ALONG THE**  
31    **LAND BORDERS OF THE US THROUGH THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND**  
32    **SECURITY FFY2008 OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT**  
33    **OF \$1,320,000 (AB2009-253)**

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35    **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and  
36 **moved** to approve the request.

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38    **Motion carried 7-0.**

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40    **5.     REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**  
41    **CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**  
42    **TRUE AUTOMATION TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENT SOFTWARE OF THE**  
43    **CRITICAL LEGACY ASSESSOR/TREASURER SYSTEM, IN THE AMOUNT OF**  
44    **\$803,295 (AB2009-254)**

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46    **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and  
47 **moved** to approve the request.

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49    **Motion carried 7-0.**

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51    **6.     REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**  
52    **MASTER LICENSE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM**  
53    **COUNTY AND TRUE AUTOMATION FOR PROPERTY APPRAISAL AND**

1           **COLLECTIONS SYSTEM (PACS) SOFTWARE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$792,903.35**  
2           **(AB2009-255)**

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4           **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and  
5 **moved** to approve the request.

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7           **Motion carried 7-0.**

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9           **7.     REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**  
10           **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**  
11           **CDW-G FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT FOR**  
12           **MIGRATING COUNTY DIRECTORY, FILE AND RELATED SERVICES FROM**  
13           **NOVELL PRODUCTS TO MICROSOFT PRODUCTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO**  
14           **EXCEED \$89,560 (AB2009-256)**

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16           **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and  
17 **moved** to approve the request.

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19           **Motion carried 7-0.**

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21           **8.     RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER VACATING A PORTION OF EDWARDS DRIVE**  
22           **(AB2009-260)**

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24           **Brenner** reported for the Public Works and Safety Committee and **moved** to  
25 approve the resolution.

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27           **Motion carried 7-0.**

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29           **9.     ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 20.78,**  
30           **TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT (AB2009-066A)**

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32           **Caskey-Schreiber** reported for the Planning and Development Committee **moved**  
33 to adopt the ordinance.

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35           **Motion carried 7-0.**

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37           **10.    APPOINTMENTS TO THE DRAYTON HARBOR SHELLFISH PROTECTION**  
38           **DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: LLYN DOREMUS, REPRESENTING THE**  
39           **NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE, AND THOMAS CLINE AS THE TRIBE'S**  
40           **ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE (AB2009-249)**

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42           This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

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44           **11.    RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF JUNE 10 AS**  
45           **NATIONAL PIPELINE SAFETY DAY (AB2009-266)**

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47           **Weimer moved** to approve the resolution. June 10 of this year is the 10-year  
48 anniversary of the Olympic pipeline failure and subsequent explosion in Whatcom Creek.  
49 Congressman Larsen introduced a resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives last week  
50 trying to designate June 10 as National Pipeline Safety Day. The Governor's Office is  
51 releasing a similar proclamation. This resolution supports that effort.

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53           Crawford stated some of the language was a little bit strong, but there is no denying  
54 the tragedy that occurred and need to rally around this.

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2 Brenner asked about Councilmember Crawford's concern.  
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4 Crawford stated he was concerned about language that says there is currently a  
5 general lack of oversight. In characterizing the situation, the local refinery industry might  
6 have a different perspective on the level of regulatory oversight that currently exists. The  
7 overall concept is good.  
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9 Brenner stated there are a lot of problems with pipeline oversight on some pipelines,  
10 but they have a lot of good employees here. That may not be true everywhere.  
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12 ***Motion carried 7-0.***  
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14 **12. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY**  
15 **COUNCIL TO CONDUCT A HEARING IN CONSIDERATION OF CREATING A**  
16 **"NO SHOOTING ZONE" IN THE COLUMBIA VALLEY URBAN GROWTH AREA**  
17 **(AB2009-251)**  
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19 ***Crawford moved*** to approve the resolution. This will probably be introduced in  
20 early July, with a public hearing later in July.  
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22 Brenner stated she is going to support the resolution. She thanked Councilmember  
23 Crawford. The Council received a letter from a hunting organization. To clarify, living in  
24 one of these zones does not preclude someone from lawfully carrying a firearm for  
25 protection.  
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27 ***Motion carried 7-0.***  
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29 **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**  
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31 ***Nelson moved*** to approve the Introduction Items.  
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33 ***Motion carried 7-0.***  
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- 36 **1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF**  
37 **THE ASSESSOR/TREASURER SYSTEM (AB2009-261)**  
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  - 39 **2. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF**  
40 **THE CENTRAL PLAZA BUILDING AT 215 NORTH COMMERCIAL, BELLINGHAM**  
41 **(AB2009-262)**  
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  - 43 **3. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, SIXTH**  
44 **REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,367,299 (AB2009-263)**  
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  - 46 **4. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, FIRST**  
47 **REQUEST (AB2009-264)**  
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50 **OTHER BUSINESS**  
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52 Brenner stated she received a letter from the York Neighborhood Association  
53 regarding the proposed offender reentry program at City Gate Apartments. The Association

1 has ideas on what would make the neighborhood a lot safer. Some suggestions are  
2 legitimate requests.

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4 Crawford stated the Association refers to the fact that the County administers some  
5 funds through the Health Department for housing. The Association felt the County had  
6 some control over how these decisions were made. He would like a better explanation of  
7 the County's role and responsibility in that regard. It's a difficult decision. He's not sure if  
8 the County should be in the middle of that decision.

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10 Brenner asked who she can give the letter to who could attend to the neighbors  
11 concerns.

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13 Pete Kremen, County Executive, stated Councilmember Brenner can route the letter  
14 to the administration, and they will route it appropriately.

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17 **REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

18  
19 Crawford stated he thanks Councilmember Weimer for adjusting the Natural  
20 Resources Committee in two weeks. He encourages all councilmembers and the Executive  
21 to attend the Finance Committee meeting in two weeks for the presentation on the state of  
22 finance in Whatcom County.

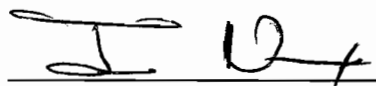
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24 Fleetwood stated he attended the Point Whitehorn marine reserve dedication. It was  
25 spectacular. The location was gorgeous, and is the newest gem for Whatcom County Parks.

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27 Brenner suggested that these trips not happen on Memorial Day. She would have  
28 liked to go. She attended a memorial ceremony at Green Acres Cemetery.

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30 Caskey-Schreiber stated the Northwest Clean Air agency recently awarded Whatcom  
31 County \$26,000. Of that, \$10,000 goes to the fire marshal for equipment. The rest can be  
32 applied to the County's green power bill.


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35 **ADJOURN**

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37 The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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41 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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43 The Council approved these minutes on July 7, 2009.

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45 ATTEST  
46 The seal is circular with a double border. The outer border contains the text 'WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL' at the top and 'WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON' at the bottom. Inside the seal, there are stars and the words 'COUNTY OF WHATCOM' and 'STATE OF WASHINGTON'.  
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