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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

June 23, 2009

Committee Chair Sam Crawford called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Present:

L. Ward Nelson
Bob Kelly

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Seth Fleetwood
Carl Weimer
Barbara Brenner

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, SEVENTH REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,530,696 (AB2009-287)

Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report and answered questions.

Discussion included the purpose of the property across the street that will be demolished; the source of funding for the jail site, and; the environmental impact statement (EIS) funding for the jail site.

Nelson moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

Motion carried 3-0.

2. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND COMPUWORK PACIFIC FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE FERNDALE POLICE SERVICE POINT FOR WENET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000 (AB2009-290)

Crawford moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report.

The following person spoke:

- Kathy Walker, Whatcom Exchange Network Committee Member, answered questions.

Discussion included the definition of a data field.

Motion carried 3-0.

1 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**
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- 3 **1. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
4 **CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE**
5 **OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES, IN THE**
6 **TOTAL AMENDED AMOUNT OF \$24,325 (AB2009-291)**
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8 *Kelly moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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10 *Motion carried 3-0.*
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- 12 **2. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
13 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL**
14 **FOR WHATCOM HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES,**
15 **IN THE AMOUNT OF \$236,229 (AB2009-292)**
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17 *Crawford moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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19 The following people spoke:

- 20 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, answered questions.
21 • Gail deHoog, Health Department, answered questions.
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23 Discussion included the total amount spent annually on homeless services and
24 administrative costs.
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26 Nelson stated he would like to know how much money is spent on administrative
27 costs and how much money is spent on actual services. He would like to know how much
28 money is spent on case management, administration, and actually providing housing, and;
29 other personal issues that may affect homelessness.
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31 *Motion carried 3-0.*
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- 33 **3. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
34 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE LYDIA PLACE FOR**
35 **WHATCOM HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, IN**
36 **THE AMOUNT OF \$153,285 (AB2009-293)**
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38 *Nelson moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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40 *Motion carried 3-0.*
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- 42 **4. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
43 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND NW YOUTH SERVICES FOR**
44 **WHATCOM HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, IN**
45 **THE AMOUNT OF \$72,164 (AB2009-294)**
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47 *Kelly moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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49 *Motion carried 3-0.*
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- 51 **5. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
52 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE**
53 **OF FISCAL MANAGEMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 (AB2009-295)**

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

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4 **Motion carried 3-0.**

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6 **6. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
7 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WHATCOM COALITION FOR**
8 **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT**
9 **INITIATIVES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,200 (AB2009-296)**

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

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13 The following person spoke:

- 14 • Nicole Willis, Health Department, gave a staff report and answered questions.

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16 Discussion included whether any of this funding is going to Leadership Whatcom and
17 who will go to Denver.

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19 **Motion carried 3-0.**

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21 **7. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
22 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**
23 **SERVICES FOR WHATCOM HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER HOUSING CASE**
24 **MANAGEMENT SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,735 (AB2009-297)**

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

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28 **Motion carried 3-0.**

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30 **8. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT**
31 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF**
32 **ECOLOGY FOR FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ADOPT-A-ROAD AND JUVENILE**
33 **OFFENDER LITTER CLEANUP PROGRAMS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,400**
34 **(AB2009-298)**

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

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38 **Motion carried 3-0.**

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40 **9. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
41 **CONTRACT WITH RONALD T. JEPSON & ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN SERVICES**
42 **FOR HOVANDER HOMESTEAD PARK TRAIL, DAY USE, AND PLAYGROUND**
43 **IMPROVEMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,940 (AB2009-299)**

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45 **Kelly moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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47 The following person spoke:

- 48 • Mike McFarland, Parks and Recreation Department Director, answered
49 questions.

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51 Discussion included the intended uses; park accessibility and other difficult issues
52 with the park, and; the number of proposals the County received.

1 **Motion carried 3-0.**
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4 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**
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6 **1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
7 **BOATING SAFETY PROGRAM (AB2009-306)**
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9 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report.
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11 The following people spoke:

- 12 • Carey James, Sheriff's Office, answered questions.
- 13 • Jeff Parks, Sheriff's Office, answered questions.
- 14 • Marianne Caldwell, Administrative Services Department, handed out
15 information and answered questions.

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17 Discussion included an outdated patrol boat with a two-stroke motor, which is not
18 allowed on Lake Whatcom; potential repair of the existing boat; the boating fund and
19 boating program; historical use of the boating fund; the purpose of boating fund according
20 to the State Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Washington Administrative Code
21 (WAC); using boating funds to supplant previously-existing expenditures for the boating
22 program, and; an increase in expenditure for a full-time deputy in the amount of \$80,000
23 since 2005.
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25 *(Clerk's Note: Councilmember Kelly left the meeting at 11:49 a.m.)*
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27 Crawford stated they are operating a boat on Lake Whatcom with two-stroke
28 engines, which is no longer allowed. It will cost approximately \$30,000 to get the boat
29 legal.
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31 Discussion continued and included setting grant funds aside for a particular purpose;
32 allowing departments to choose how to use their grant money; the reasons for not having
33 an equipment replacement fund for this equipment; the amount of the cost that is just for
34 replacing the engine; whether other repairs are necessary at this time, and; whether
35 anyone in the administration anticipated the upcoming ban on two-stroke engines affecting
36 the patrol boat.
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38 **Crawford moved** to recommend to the full Council that they request the Executive
39 prepare a supplemental budget request in the amount of \$30,000 to fix the patrol boat.
40 Separate from the motion, he also requests the Sheriff's Office and Executive discuss
41 developing an equipment rental and revolve (ER&R) fund for replacement of this equipment.
42 In future budgets, account for the long-term replacement of that equipment. Also, he
43 requests that they have a general discussion with the Sheriff's Office about whether there
44 should be a separate boating fund.
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46 Nelson stated he requests assurance from the accounting process that all use of
47 those funds go toward the boating program, and overspending on the program is the
48 responsibility of the Sheriff's Office. James stated the Sheriff's Office must provide an
49 annual report to the State Parks as part of the grant requirement. They do perform law
50 enforcement functions as part of the condition for receiving the funds.
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52 **Motion carried 2-0 with Kelly absent.**
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1 **2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ENERGY**
2 **EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (AB2009-289)**

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4 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report.

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6 **Crawford moved** to recommend approval of the resolution to the full Council.

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8 The following person spoke:

- 9 • Alex Ramel, Sustainable Connections, described the project and answered
10 questions.

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12 Discussion included matching funds and administrative costs, and a portion of the
13 funding being for education and administration instead of loans.

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15 **Motion carried 2-0 with Kelly absent.**

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18 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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20 There was no other business.

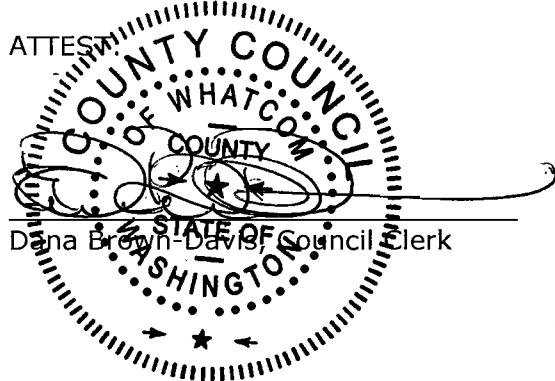
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23 **ADJOURN**

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25 The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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29 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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32 ATTEST



Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Sam Crawford, Committee Chair

