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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

September 29, 2009

Committee Chair Sam Crawford called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Present: Sam Crawford and Bob Kelly.

Absent: L. Ward Nelson.

Also Present: Seth Fleetwood, Carl Weimer, Laurie Caskey-Schreiber and Barbara Brenner.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. UPDATE FROM THE COMMISSION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (AB2009-383)

Rebecca Johnson, Commission Against Domestic Violence, submitted and read a handout on key activities for 2009 and domestic violence by jurisdiction in Whatcom County.

Andrea Cary-Grant, Commission Against Domestic Violence Director, described the new position for a domestic violence advocate in the court system and the total amount of grants received. She continued to read the key activities for 2009. Resources are available online.

Discussion included involving employers in the process of developing employee leave to deal with domestic violence issues, and; the commission's budget and staff.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, TENTH REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,098,633 (AB2009-358)

Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report.

Crawford moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

Discussion included whether the Parks Department request is completely covered with grants, and whether there are any strings attached, and; collecting non-resident fees because this park development will get a higher proportion of use from out-of-county residents.

Mike McFarlane, Parks and Recreation Department Director, gave a staff report and answered questions.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Crawford and Kelly (2)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Nelson (1)

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4 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**
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- 6 1. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AS THE LOCAL**
7 **SPONSOR FOR A COASTAL PROTECTION GRANT, TO ENTER INTO AN**
8 **AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE DOE TO PROVIDE FUNDING**
9 **FOR THE WHATCOM LAND TRUST TO PURCHASE APPROXIMATELY 65 ACRES**
10 **OF WETLANDS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PURPOSES IN THE HEADWATERS**
11 **OF THE SAMISH RIVER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000 (AB2009-368)**

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

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15 The motion carried by the following vote:

16 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

17 **Nays:** None (0)

18 **Absent:** Nelson (1)
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- 20 2. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
21 **PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY FOR**
22 **THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 146 ACRES AT LILY POINT, POINT**
23 **ROBERTS, FOR PARK PURPOSES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$880,030 (AB2009-**
24 **237A)**

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

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28 The motion carried by the following vote:

29 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

30 **Nays:** None (0)

31 **Absent:** Nelson (1)
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- 33 3. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
34 **PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE RECREATION AND**
35 **CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD (RCFB) FOR THE PURCHASE AND**
36 **DEVELOPMENT OF PARK LANDS AT LILY POINT, POINT ROBERTS, IN THE**
37 **AMOUNT OF \$2,499,788 (AB2009-237B)**

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

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41 Benner asked if this is for both purchase and development.

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43 Mike McFarlane, Parks and Recreation Department Director, stated they normally
44 have two separate grant agreements. The Washington State Recreation and Conservation
45 Office (RCO) asked to combine the two programs to simplify things. They are using federal
46 funds from the Nature Conservancy and funds from the acquisition of the southern property
47 as the in-kind contribution. Essentially, this is entirely funded through State and federal
48 grant funds, including development.

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50 The motion carried by the following vote:

51 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

52 **Nays:** None (0)

53 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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2 4. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
3 **CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND COMPU-TECH,**
4 **INC. FOR CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN AND TECHNICAL**
5 **DOCUMENTS FOR PHASE 1-3 OF THE JAIL RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
6 **UPGRADE, IN THE AMENDED AMOUNT OF \$15,500, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT**
7 **AMOUNT OF \$145,500 (AB2009-369)**

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

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11 Brenner asked if this has anything to do with all the money they've spent on
12 upgrading. They just spent millions of dollars.

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14 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated this is completely independent of the
15 Treasurer and Auditor system. It is work for Jail operations.

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17 Wendy Jones, Chief of Corrections, stated this was an additional services request
18 through the budget process.

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20 The motion carried by the following vote:

21 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

22 **Nays:** None (0)

23 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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25 5. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE**
26 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND KATIE CHUGG FOR LEASE**
27 **OF THE HOUSE LOCATED AT 8894 SILVER LAKE ROAD, MAPLE FALLS, IN THE**
28 **AMOUNT OF \$660 PER MONTH (AB2009-370)**

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

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32 The motion carried by the following vote:

33 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

34 **Nays:** None (0)

35 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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37 6. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
38 **CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF SERVICES WITH**
39 **REISNER DISTRIBUTOR, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF FUEL**
40 **TO BE USED IN WHATCOM COUNTY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES, IN THE**
41 **AMOUNT OF \$628,427.25 (AB2009-371)**

42
43 *Crawford moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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45 The motion carried by the following vote:

46 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

47 **Nays:** None (0)

48 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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50 7. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #09-57**
51 **AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LOW BIDDER ASSOCIATED ASPHALT,**
52 **INC. FOR THE 2009 HOT MIX ASPHALT REPAIRS OF VARIOUS COUNTY**
53 **ROADS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,789 (AB2009-372)**

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2 **Kelly moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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4 The motion carried by the following vote:

5 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

6 **Nays:** None (0)

7 **Absent:** Nelson (1)
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- 9 **8. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
10 **CONTRACT THROUGH THE WASHINGTON STATE CONTRACT WITH NORDISK**
11 **SYSTEMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO UPGRADE THE**
12 **IBM ISERIES MID-RANGE SERVER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,324.07**
13 **(AB2009-373)**
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15 **Crawford moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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17 Perry Rice, Administrative Services Department, gave a staff report.
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19 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated data and storage requirements are
20 increasing dramatically.
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22 *(Clerk's Note: The committee took the vote on this item later in the meeting. See*
23 *below.)*
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- 25 **9. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
26 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL FOR**
27 **CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (AB2009-374)**
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29 **Crawford moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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31 The motion carried by the following vote:

32 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

33 **Nays:** None (0)

34 **Absent:** Nelson (1)
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- 36 **8. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
37 **CONTRACT THROUGH THE WASHINGTON STATE CONTRACT WITH NORDISK**
38 **SYSTEMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO UPGRADE THE**
39 **IBM ISERIES MID-RANGE SERVER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,324.07**
40 **(AB2009-373)**
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42 The motion carried by the following vote:

43 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

44 **Nays:** None (0)

45 **Absent:** Nelson (1)
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- 47 **10. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
48 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WHATCOM CENTER FOR**
49 **EARLY LEARNING FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (AB2009-375)**
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51 **Kelly moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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53 The motion carried by the following vote:

1 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)
2 **Nays:** None (0)
3 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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5 **11. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
6 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND ADVANCED CHOICES FOR**
7 **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (AB2009-376)**

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

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11 The motion carried by the following vote:

12 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)
13 **Nays:** None (0)
14 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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16 **12. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
17 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**
18 **SERVICES FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (AB2009-377)**

19
20 *Crawford moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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22 The motion carried by the following vote:

23 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)
24 **Nays:** None (0)
25 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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27 **13. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
28 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND PIONEER HUMAN SERVICES**
29 **FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (AB2009-378)**

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

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33 The motion carried by the following vote:

34 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)
35 **Nays:** None (0)
36 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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38 **14. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
39 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND SEAMAR COMMUNITY HEALTH**
40 **CENTERS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (AB2009-379)**

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

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44 The motion carried by the following vote:

45 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)
46 **Nays:** None (0)
47 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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49 **15. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
50 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WESTCOAST COUNSELING**
51 **AND TREATMENT CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (AB2009-384)**

52
53 *Kelly moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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2 The motion carried by the following vote:

3 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

4 **Nays:** None (0)

5 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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7 **16. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
8 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND AMX INTERNATIONAL FOR**
9 **CONSULTING SERVICES FOR UPGRADE OF THE J.D. EDWARDS SOFTWARE,**
10 **IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 (AB2009-380)**

11
12 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report.

13
14 Brad Bennett, Administrative Services Department, stated this will upgrade the
15 County to the new release and provide better support from J.D. Edwards.

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

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19 The motion carried by the following vote:

20 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

21 **Nays:** None (0)

22 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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24 **17. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
25 **RENEWAL INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE WHATCOM CHIEF FOR THE PERIOD**
26 **OF 9/30/09 TO 9/30/10, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,539.22 (AB2009-381)**

27
28 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report.

29
30 ***Crawford moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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32 The following speakers answered questions:

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- 34 • Barry Hanson, The Unity Group, submitted information (*on file*) and answered questions.
 - 35 • Frank Abart, Public Works Department Director, answered questions.
 - 36 • Randy Watts, Prosecutor's Office, answered questions.
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38 Discussion included the cause for the rate increase; the value of the vessel; claims
39 activity; ferry crew fitness; negotiations with the union to change a condition of
40 employment, and; changing deductibles.

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42 The motion carried by the following vote:

43 **Ayes:** Crawford and Kelly (2)

44 **Nays:** None (0)

45 **Absent:** Nelson (1)

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48 **OTHER BUSINESS**

49 There was no other business

1 **ADJOURN**

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3 The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.
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7 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription
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10 ATTEST:

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WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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