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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Regular County Council

June 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER (7:00:48 PM)

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Brenner, Sam Crawford, Kathy Kershner, Bill Knutzen, Ken Mann, L. Ward Nelson and Carl Weimer

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS (7:00:53 PM)

Crawford stated there was a **discussion with Assistant Chief Deputy Prosecutor Daniel Gibson regarding potential EMS settlement (AB2010-018)** and a **discussion with Senior Deputy Prosecutor Karen Frakes regarding the UGA settlement process (AB2010-018)** in executive session during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Crawford stated there was a **Rural Element update - discussion of Growth Management Act requirements and the Planning Commission recommendations (AB2010-072)** during a special Committee of the Whole meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. COUNTY EXECUTIVE PETE KREMEN TO PRESENT THE "STATE OF THE COUNTY" (AB2010-017) (7:01:52 PM)

Pete Kremen, County Executive, recognized County staff who have served active and reserve military duty this past year. He submitted and read from the State of the Union address (*on file*).

MINUTES CONSENT (7:23:23 PM)

Brenner moved to approve the minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Nelson, Crawford, Brenner, Weimer, Knutzen, Mann and Kershner (7)

Nays: None (0)

1. SURFACE WATER WORK SESSION FOR MAY 18, 2010

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3 **OPEN SESSION** (7:23:45 PM)
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5 The following people spoke:

- 6 • Kay Sardo, 510 South State Street, Bellingham, spoke on the issue of jail
7 siting and preventative programs.
- 8 • *(Clerk's Note: The speaker following Kay Sardo requested that his/her*
9 *testimony not be included in the minutes.)*
- 10 • Paul Isaacson, citizen, commended Planning Staff Sam Ryan and Tyler
11 Schroeder for their professionalism and spoke on a land purchase proposal to
12 the County.
- 13 • Jim Dickinson, 2094 West Shore Drive, Lummi Island, spoke on the issue of
14 the Whatcom Chief.
- 15 • Jim Rothenbuhler, 2475 Pheasant Way, Ferndale, spoke on the issue of selling
16 property next to Fire District Hall #6 on Bennett Drive.

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19 **CONSENT AGENDA** (7:40:30 PM)
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21 **Mann** reported for Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** to
22 approve Consent Agenda items one through seven.

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24 Brenner withdrew item seven.

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26 The motion to approve Consent Agenda items one through six carried by the
27 following vote:

28 **Ayes:** Nelson, Crawford, Brenner, Weimer, Knutzen, Mann and Kershner (7)
29 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 31 1. **RESOLUTION AMENDING CRP NO. 908013 AND APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY**
32 **EXECUTIVE TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR "BAKER LAKE**
33 **ROAD SULPHUR CREEK BRIDGE #422 REPLACEMENT" TO LOW BIDDER**
34 **INTERWEST CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,168,168 (AB2010-**
35 **227)**
- 36
37 2. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
38 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WSU COOPERATIVE**
39 **EXTENSION FOR A SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING TRAINING PROGRAM FOR**
40 **LAKE WHATCOM RESIDENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,690 (AB2010-228)**
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42 3. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
43 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND COASTAL SAFETY SERVICES**
44 **FOR SAFETY AND TRAINING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 (AB2010-229)**
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46 4. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT**
47 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY (NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL**
48 **BOARD) AND WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR THE**
49 **TREATMENT AND MONITORING OF FLOWERING RUSH IN SILVER LAKE IN**
50 **THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 (AB2010-230)**
- 51
52 5. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT**
53 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY (NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL**

1 BOARD) AND THE SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD FOR INVENTORY,
2 TREATMENT AND MONITORING OF SATELLITE KNOTWEED POPULATIONS
3 ALONG THE UPPER REACHES OF THE SOUTH, NORTH AND MIDDLE FORKS OF
4 THE NOOKSACK RIVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,000 (AB2010-231)
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6 6. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
7 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE WASHINGTON STATE
8 MILITARY DEPARTMENT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO ENHANCE
9 LAW ENFORCEMENT PREPAREDNESS AND OPERATIONAL READINESS ALONG
10 THE LAND BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THE US
11 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FFY2009 OPERATION
12 STONEGARDEN PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$829,580 (AB2010-232)
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14 7. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
15 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND BRAUN CONSULTING GROUP
16 FOR PROFESSIONAL LABOR NEGOTIATION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF
17 \$52,320 (AB2010-233)
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19 *Mann* reported for Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* to
20 approve the request.
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22 Brenner stated she is opposed to this contract. County Human Resource staff should
23 handle labor negotiation services. After hearing the State of the Union, she knows that
24 County employees would be willing to do as much belt-tightening as everyone else to make
25 sure the County can operate. County staff can do just as good a job as this contractor.
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27 The motion carried by the following vote:

28 **Ayes:** Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (5)

29 **Nays:** Brenner and Knutzen (2)
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31 OTHER ITEMS

32 1. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, ELEVENTH**
33 **REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$445,062 (AB2010-223) (7:43:34 PM)**

34 *Mann* reported for Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* to
35 adopt the ordinance. He is opposed to the funding for paramedic training. Medic One
36 agreements may change and are in flux. It doesn't seem prudent to keep spending money
37 when they don't know what the final product will be.
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39 Brenner stated she is not supporting any money for training any more paramedics
40 until the ones already trained are certified. All parties agreed to the operation of the fifth
41 medic unit, but it has been disrupted and prevented during every step. The trainees have
42 been through all their training classes, but can't get certified locally by the same person who
43 represents the medics in Bellingham. They are supposed to be a unified system. She will
44 support the medic from Point Roberts, which is a separate issue and an emergency.
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46 Knutzen stated he agrees with Councilmember Brenner. Bifurcate the two requests.
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48 *Mann withdrew* the motion to adopt.
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50 *Kershner moved* to adopt the substitute ordinance.
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2 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated it's best procedurally to have a
3 discussion and then vote only on one of the three options.

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5 **Kershner withdrew** her motion.

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7 **Nelson moved** to adopt the original ordinance and **moved** to amend the ordinance
8 to remove the \$395,062 for the City of Bellingham.

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10 Kershner stated she is against the motion to amend. It's in the best interest of the
11 County and public to pay this cost and avoid a lawsuit with associated costs. Take up these
12 issues separately. She is just as disappointed in the situation with paramedic training as
13 Councilmember Brenner. However, it's not in the interest of the taxpayers to bring on a
14 lawsuit from the City of Bellingham by not paying these training costs.

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16 Brenner stated they are supposed to represent the public. She doesn't know why
17 they are voting on this if it's a done deal. If the County Council approves this funding, she's
18 concerned the City will continue to stall on certifying the trained paramedics.

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20 Crawford stated two of the paramedic trainees are certified, and the issue is over two
21 other paramedic trainees. He doesn't know where everything stands.

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23 Brenner stated they all should have been certified by now. They had to train in
24 Seattle and do their field work in Wenatchee. No judge will rule on the side of that kind of
25 treatment.

26
27 Crawford stated he is against the motion to amend. They must move forward on the
28 emergency medical services (EMS) issue. Withholding this money won't leverage the City's
29 actions or the Union's actions. The money was already budgeted in the 2010 budget. The
30 Executive and Mayor agreed to spend it. The City of Bellingham has moved forward with
31 their training on the assumption that the budget allocation process would go through.
32 However, he agrees with the sentiments expressed. It's past time for a fundamental shift in
33 the administration of the Whatcom Medic One system. The County needs to propose a
34 different administrator for the system, rather than Whatcom County. He shares the
35 disappointment expressed about the outcome of the City's administration. The
36 administration of the Medic One system must change. One idea is to compartmentalize
37 various service delivery elements of the system, such as each medic unit. Operate and
38 administer in a way to allow the City certain significant responsibilities for certain units.
39 Regarding transport, training, and county units, the County can take on an administrative
40 role.

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42 Brenner stated she wants to keep the system unified, not split up. If they can't work
43 cooperatively, she may agree to that. This is an issue of doing things in order. This
44 training money was set aside, but not for this year. The medical director who certifies the
45 paramedics works part time for the City of Bellingham. There is a conflict of interest. Stand
46 firm.

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48 Nelson stated he's concerned about the conflict between the community's desire for
49 a unified system and the rural community's desire to have a more localized system. He
50 asked the County's future direction.

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52 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated they should stay the course. This
53 County government provided leadership for the entire county, including the cities and fire

1 districts, in unanimously adopting a plan, which was to sustain four medic units in the City
2 of Bellingham and add additional capacity over the future years, beginning with a fifth unit
3 in Fire District 7. Even with the frustrating circumstances, they have stayed this course. All
4 governments in the community approved the plan. If governments don't want to implement
5 the plan, they must come together again and talk about what comes next. This plan is to
6 sustain, not enlarge, the four medic units in Bellingham. They won't need to train any more
7 Bellingham paramedics for three or four years. They need to train the officers at District 7
8 and the Point Roberts officer.

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10 Knutzen stated there is a motion to amend. He understands the administration view
11 that the County must pay its debts through the interlocal agreement. There is some
12 question of whether the other side followed through on the agreement. There was an open
13 enrollment class that is now a closed enrollment class. It's unfair to the Chief and people of
14 Point Roberts to bundle their request into the same proposal, which may limit the County
15 Council to approving one and not the other. Approve the money for the Point Roberts chief.

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17 Weimer stated he is tired of the entire issue, which has been going on for a few
18 years. There is much confusion and conflict on all sides. Budget requests that haven't been
19 recommended have come to the Council as emergencies. All the cities and the people voted
20 to reinvigorate the EMS committee to deal with strategies for how EMS goes forward, a
21 budget recommendation in a timely manner, and conflicts. All on that committee are EMS
22 experts. He is not. Move forward with that committee. Put budget recommendations and
23 system solutions through the committee. However, they will lose this \$395,000. There is
24 an interlocal agreement. He tends to want to change his vote. The County Council has
25 made it clear that it wants a better system. Vote to approve both of these requests this
26 evening, then make sure the EMS Committee is reinvigorated per the Plan. If that
27 committee can't make a recommendation, the County will have to redesign the system.

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29 The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

30 **Ayes:** Brenner (1)

31 **Nays:** Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (6)

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33 Brenner stated she would like to bifurcate the two requests.

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35 The motion to adopt the original ordinance carried by the following vote:

36 **Ayes:** Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (5)

37 **Nays:** Brenner (1)

38 **Abstain:** Knutzen (1)

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40 **2. REQUEST APPROVAL OF A DIFFERENT COST-SHARE FORMULA THAN THE**
41 **STANDARD 70/30 FORMULA SPECIFIED IN THE FCZD CONSTRUCTION**
42 **COST-SHARE PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ACME PHASE 2**
43 **PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ACME/VANZANDT SUBZONE**
44 **(AB2010-226) (8:11:35 PM)**

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46 *(Clerk's Note: Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District*
47 *Board of Supervisors.)*

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49 **Mann** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved**
50 to approve the request.

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52 The motion carried by the following vote:

53 **Ayes:** Brenner, Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (7)

1 **Nays:** None (0)

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3 **3. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN**
4 **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE CITY OF**
5 **BELLINGHAM FOR ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 174 ACRES (KNOWN**
6 **AS THE BENNETT/BAKERVUEW/AIRPORT DRIVE ANNEXATION) (AB2010-**
7 **234) (8:12:58 PM)**

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9 **Knutzen** reported for the Planning and Development Committee and *moved* to
10 approve the request.

11 The motion carried by the following vote:

12 **Ayes:** Brenner, Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (7)

13 **Nays:** None (0)

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16 **4. CONSIDERATION OF HEARING EXAMINER’S RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A**
17 **PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND PRELIMINARY BINDING SITE PLAN,**
18 **FILED BY THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM FOR “BELLINGHAM INTERNATIONAL**
19 **AIRPORT” (PUD2008-0001) (BSP2008-0003) (AB2010-224) (8:13:18 PM)**

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21 **Knutzen** reported for the Planning and Development Committee and *moved* to
22 approve the request.

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24 Mann stated he is against the proposal. He has questions about the water supply
25 and implications for the jail. He is not comfortable with wording in the proposal, which
26 allows for commercial activity on Port property when other commercial real estate centers
27 throughout the county are hurting. They don’t need to create more opportunities for the
28 Port to compete with the private sector.

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30 Brenner stated the Port can only lease these properties at market value. They can’t
31 undercut private businesses.

32 Mann stated it increases the supply.

33 Brenner stated the Port’s job is to create business.

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35 Mann stated the Port is supposed to do job creating and economic development.
36 He’s not sure that purpose is best served by being a landlord.

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38 Brenner stated she agrees. The Port is supposed to pay for itself. It’s not supposed
39 to be subsidized. She supports the Port because of the fact the land has to be offered and
40 has to be available at market value.

41 Weimer asked if this would impact jail siting.

42 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated it would not.

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44 The motion carried by the following vote:

45 **Ayes:** Brenner, Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Weimer and Kershner (6)

46 **Nays:** Mann (1)

1 5. **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE, TITLE 20, TO REDUCE**
2 **DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL IN ZONING DISTRICTS WITHIN THE LAKE**
3 **WHATCOM WATERSHED (AB2010-185) (8:18:33 PM)**
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5 **Knutzen** reported for the Planning and Development Committee and **moved** to hold
6 this in Committee indefinitely. There is confusion about the boundaries. They will have to
7 deal with this within the context of the rural element. This item doesn't expire until
8 September.
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10 **Crawford** stated the motion is out of order. The issue is up for discussion. He
11 **moved** to adopt the ordinance.
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13 Brenner stated it behooves the County to make sure the boundary lines are correct.
14 She is interested in getting a workable transfer of development rights proposal together
15 with Councilmember Mann. When there is a question of whether properties at the edge of a
16 watershed are in or out of the watershed, the County should have the option to work with
17 the property owners. Otherwise, the owners have no predictability.
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19 Nelson asked the number of lots affected.
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21 Sam Ryan, Planning and Development Services, stated that the number of buildable
22 lots this would affect is less than 200.
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24 Nelson stated he is against the moratorium. It has put people in the watershed on
25 hold for 15 years. The Council addressed stormwater, shorelines, and other things.
26 Everything is being done. None of these property owners intended to do the damage people
27 thought they would. It's an urban areas. Use regulatory tools to protect the watershed and
28 infrastructure, and quit punishing people.
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30 **Mann** stated development in the watershed affects water quality. That's been
31 proven. They have a duty to protect the water supply. They are obligated to not take
32 property randomly. It doesn't feel right to change the rules on someone. He wants to
33 come up with a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program that really works. Balance
34 protection of the watershed and agricultural land through a market-based system that
35 compensates landowners. He asked for another six-month moratorium to work on a TDR
36 program. He **moved** to hold in committee indefinitely.
37

38 The motion to hold failed for lack of a super-majority by the following vote:

39 **Ayes:** Mann, Brenner, Knutzen and Kershner (4)

40 **Nays:** Weimer, Nelson and Crawford (3)
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42 Crawford stated he is against the ordinance. Only three property owners have
43 indicated any interest. That indicates to him that there is very little desire by property
44 owners. The properties are compromised by critical areas and steep slopes. South Bay
45 properties have historical development patterns of large lots with a house in the middle.
46 There isn't any practical way for those to be divided into two lots. They need to work on
47 things that really make a difference to the lake. This is a textbook downzone. It's no way
48 to deal respectfully, realistically, and practically with the property owners in the watershed
49 on protection.
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51 Brenner stated she is against the motion for opposite reasons. She supports the
52 downzone. Take people back a number of years. People talked about this for years before
53 the moratorium. People who wanted to develop had every opportunity to vest their lots.

1 The map changed. That bothers her. It has affected at least one property owner, maybe
2 more. She's disgusted with the comment that it's only one property owner.
3 Councilmembers are supposed to represent all property owners. If one property owner is
4 treated unfairly, it's still a matter of unfairness. She likes Councilmember Mann's
5 suggestion, especially as it applies to areas where they're not clear of watershed status.
6 Keep the moratorium in place, but make sure they have a mechanism in place to treat
7 people fairly. If they vote this down, the moratorium will stay in place.

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9 The motion failed by the following vote:

10 **Ayes:** Weimer (1)

11 **Nays:** Brenner, Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Mann and Kershner (6)

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13 **6. ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE, TITLE 20, TO CLARIFY**
14 **AND REVISE THE DEFINITION AND STANDARDS OF HOME OCCUPATIONS**
15 **(AB2010-047) (8:34:08 PM)**

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17 Knutzen reported for the Planning and Development Committee and stated the
18 committee made changes to the ordinance, and a hearing will be scheduled July 27, with
19 introduction on June 22.

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21 **7. NOMINATION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE**
22 **WHATCOM COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, REPRESENTING DISTRICT 3**
23 **– APPLICANT: CAROLYN DWYER (AB2010-218) (8:34:56 PM)**

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25 *Knutzen moved* to appoint Carolyn Dwyer.

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27 *Nelson moved* to suspend the rules and nominate and appoint this evening, with a
28 two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire council.

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30 The motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

31 **Ayes:** Brenner, Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (7)

32 **Nays:** None (0)

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34 The motion to appoint Carolyn Dwyer carried by the following vote:

35 **Ayes:** Brenner, Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (7)

36 **Nays:** None (0)

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38 **8. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF**
39 **~~GIL THURSTON~~ GEORGE WHITE AND LINDA LANCASTER AND HIS RE-**
40 **APPOINTMENT OF GLEN HALLMAN AND SHARON WOLF TO THE NORTHWEST**
41 **SENIOR SERVICES BOARD (AB2010-236) (8:36:32 PM)**

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43 *Nelson moved* to confirm the appointment.

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45 The motion carried by the following vote:

46 **Ayes:** Brenner, Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (7)

47 **Nays:** None (0)

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49 **9. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF**
50 **DAVID KINCHELOE TO THE WHATCOM COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY**
51 **BOARD (AB2010-237) (8:37:01 PM)**

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53 *Brenner moved* to confirm the appointment.

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2 The motion carried by the following vote:

3 **Ayes:** Brenner, Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (7)

4 **Nays:** None (0)

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7 **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

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9 ***Mann moved*** to accept the Introduction Items.

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11 Weimer asked to postpone scheduling Introduction Item one in committee until July's
12 second meeting.

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14 The motion to introduce items one and two carried by the following vote:

15 **Ayes:** Brenner, Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (7)

16 **Nays:** None (0)

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18 1. **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 20, TO ADD**
19 **PIPELINE SAFETY REGULATIONS (AB2010-238)**
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21 2. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, TWELFTH,**
22 **REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,109,001 (AB2010-239)**

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25 **OTHER BUSINESS** (8:38:50 PM)

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27 ***Brenner*** submitted a draft letter (*on file*) and ***moved*** to send the letter to the
28 Governor and federal government to defend businesses in Point Roberts. Send it to all
29 necessary officials.

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31 Nelson stated he understands the letter, but doesn't like the format. It is confusing.
32 It's important to say that businesses are being impacted by changes in policy beyond the
33 scope of County control. If nothing else, the letter will alert them at the national level about
34 Whatcom County being impacted by border areas in the county. This has a great impact
35 economically on these areas.

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37 Brenner amended her motion and moved to approve the letter with one change. She
38 will rewrite the letter so the last sentence becomes the first sentence in the letter, and the
39 sentence would be amended, "~~This new policy~~ **The new H2B policy** will have a grave
40 effect...."

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42 The motion carried by the following vote:

43 **Ayes:** Brenner, Knutzen, Nelson, Crawford, Weimer, Mann and Kershner (7)

44 **Nays:** None (0)

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47 **REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS** (8:48:32 PM)

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49 Weimer stated he will not be at the next meeting.

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51 Knutzen stated he got to tour Point Roberts.

1 Mann stated he and Councilmember Kershner took the Farm Friends tour about
2 starling control.

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4 Brenner reported for the Public Works and Safety Committee about today's
5 **presentation by Rodd Pemble, SSC Recycling Manager, regarding waste reduction**
6 **ideas (AB2010-241)**. Also, the Women in Timber tour is Friday at 8 a.m. at the Deming
7 Logging Show.

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9 Nelson reported for the Natural Resources Committee on the **discussion regarding**
10 **a proposed ordinance establishing a Forestry Advisory Committee for Whatcom**
11 **County (AB2010-225)** and the **discussion regarding Whatcom County Code 20.38,**
12 **Agriculture Protection Overlay (AB2010-240)**. There was a discussion of a Forestry
13 Advisory Committee. Mr. Engholm is a proponent of the committee. There are questions
14 remaining on financing and staffing. Also, they are still discussing how to appropriately-size
15 the agricultural overlay.

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17 Kershner stated the starling program is very effective. She is inclined to continue
18 funding the program.

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21 **ADJOURN**

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23 The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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27 official, signed copy:
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29 360-676-6690 or council@co.whatcom.wa.us
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37 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Sam Crawford, Council Chair