

1 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
2 **Finance and Administrative Services Committee**
3

4 February 23, 2009
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6 **CALL TO ORDER**
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8 Committee Chair Ken Mann called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Council
9 Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.
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12 **ROLL CALL**
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14 **Present:** Kathy Kershner, Ken Mann and Carl Weimer.
15 **Absent:** None.
16 **Also Present:** Sam Crawford, Bill Knutzen and Barbara Brenner.
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19 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**
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21 **1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHATCOM COUNTY 2010 PROJECT BUDGET,**
22 **FIRST REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,464,253 (AB2010-096)**
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24 ***Kershner moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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26 The following people answered questions:

- 27 • Mike McFarland, Parks and Recreation Department Director
- 28 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
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30 Discussion included the allowed uses of real estate excise tax (REET) II funds;
31 accessibility modifications to the existing playground at Bay Horizon Park; the existing
32 balance in the REET II fund; relocating Parks Department staff and selling the existing Parks
33 Department office building on the Mount Baker Highway, and; other planned uses for REET
34 II funds; developing a five-year budget for REET II.
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36 The motion carried by the following vote:

37 **Ayes:** Kershner and Weimer (2)
38 **Nays:** Mann (1)
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40 **2. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, SEVENTH**
41 **REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,985,140 (AB2010-097)**
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43 ***Kershner moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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45 The following people answered questions:

- 46 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
- 47 • Brad Bennett, Administrative Services Department
- 48 • Terry Hinz, Health Department
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50 Discussion included the purpose of the revised tort allocation; unanticipated, higher
51 insurance premiums for 2010; tort claims that have been settled versus gone to litigation;
52 targeting the allocation on the higher-risk departments; the source of funds to Western
53 Washington University (WWU) for the Center for Economic Vitality; how funding levels to
54 WWU for the Center for Economic Vitality have changed; the status of the Economic
55 Development Investment (EDI) funds and if the EDI Board approved the funding to the

1 Center for Economic Vitality; how EDI funds are collected, divided, and distributed; whether
2 funds for Lily Point are reappropriated from last year or new funds; using County
3 Administrative Services Department staff to fill need of an accounting position in the Health
4 Department, and; considering centralizing all County accounting functions throughout the
5 organization.
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7 Desler stated they need to change the ordinance. Delete the revenue amount and
8 reduce the expenditures by the same amount, for the Public Defender line item. He
9 submitted a substitute ordinance (*on file*).
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11 ***Kershner amended her motion and moved*** to recommend approval of the
12 substitute ordinance.
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14 The motion carried by the following vote:

15 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

16 **Nays:** None (0)
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19 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**
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- 21 **1. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
22 **CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND SMR**
23 **CONSULTING FOR ASSISTANCE TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF IN**
24 **MONITORING THE DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACTS IN THE**
25 **AMOUNT OF \$10,000 (AB2010-104)**
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27 ***Kershner moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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29 The motion carried by the following vote:

30 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

31 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 33 **2. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
34 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND SEAMAR COMMUNITY HEALTH**
35 **CENTERS FOR PROVISION OF OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT**
36 **SERVICES TO COUNTY RESIDENTS (AB2010-105)**
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38 ***Weimer moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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40 The motion carried by the following vote:

41 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

42 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 44 **3. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
45 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE MERIDIAN SCHOOL**
46 **DISTRICT FOR PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN**
47 **MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,500 (AB2010-106)**
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49 ***Weimer moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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51 The motion carried by the following vote:

52 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

53 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 1 4. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
2 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE BLAINE SCHOOL
3 DISTRICT FOR PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN
4 BLAINE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,500 (AB2010-107)

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6 *Weimer moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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8 The motion carried by the following vote:

9 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

10 **Nays:** None (0)

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12 5. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
13 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE NOOKSACK SCHOOL
14 DISTRICT FOR PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN
15 NOOKSACK SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,500 (AB2010-108)

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

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19 The motion carried by the following vote:

20 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

21 **Nays:** None (0)

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23 7. RESOLUTION AMENDING CRP NO. 905017 AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL
24 FUNDS FOR THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CLEARBROOK ROAD JOHNSON
25 CREEK BRIDGE NO. 32 REPLACEMENT TO TIGER CONSTRUCTION, LTD. AS
26 LOW BIDDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$391,067.87 (AB2010-110)

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28 *Kershner moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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30 The motion carried by the following vote:

31 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

32 **Nays:** None (0)

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34 6. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE
35 RENEWAL BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND NORTHWEST WILDLIFE
36 REHABILITATION CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING AND OPERATING
37 A PUBLIC WILDLIFE REHABILITATION FACILITY AT THE COUNTY'S
38 NUGENT'S CORNER RIVER ACCESS SITE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83.46 PER
39 MONTH (AB2010-109)

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41 *Kershner moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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43 The motion carried by the following vote:

44 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

45 **Nays:** None (0)

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47 8. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN
48 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WHATCOM
49 COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A RECORDS
50 CLERK POSITION TO ASSIST IN COLLECTING, ORGANIZING AND
51 PREPARING DATA AND REPORTS RELEVANT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY
52 PROPERTIES AND TENANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,820 (AB2010-111)

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54 *Kershner moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

1 The following people answered questions:

- 2 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
- 3 • Bill Elfo, County Sheriff

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5 Discussion included whether the County will have to continue funding this position if
6 the grant goes away and why the County needs to do this; the purpose of this position.

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8 The motion carried by the following vote:

9 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

10 **Nays:** None (0)

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12 **9. SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF 2011 CONGRESSIONAL**
13 **APPROPRIATION REQUESTS (AB2010-112)**

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15 *Weimer moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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17 The following person answered questions:

- 18 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator

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20 Discussion included the priority of the items on the list; making changes to the list
21 based on discussions with the Lummi Tribe regarding the ferry; creating a list of joint
22 projects with the Lummi Tribe, and; whether they need to request \$3 million for the existing
23 jail given plans for a new jail.

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25 The motion carried by the following vote:

26 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

27 **Nays:** None (0)

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31 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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33 There was no other business.

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36 **ADJOURN**

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

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51 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Ken Mann, Committee Chair