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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

April 13, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL (11:03:15 AM)

Present: Kathy Kershner, Ken Mann and Carl Weimer
Absent: None
All Present: Bill Knutzen and Sam Crawford

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. PRESENTATION REGARDING TORT CLAIMS AND INSURANCE (AB2010-119)

David Goldsmith, Washington Counties Risk Pool Member Services Division Manager, submitted and read from a presentation in the handout (*on file*). He described the history and structure of the self-insured co-op; how they establish premium rates; joint and several liability, and; the structure of the joint self-insurance liability program.

Vyrle Hill, Washington Counties Risk Pool Executive Director, continued the presentation on the premiums, deductibles, and limits per occurrence.

Goldsmith concluded the presentation.

Discussion included the deductible for the property program; the Risk Pool's financial situation; Whatcom County's claim performance; how other counties not in the pool are insured; the factors on which the County premium is based; rates going up when the markets are down, and; reinsurer ratings.

The following person answered questions:

- Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY (SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT) AND SNOHOMISH COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOCATING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO ENHANCE THE CAPABILITY OF LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT, DETER, RESPOND TO AND RECOVER FROM CATASTROPHIC AND/OR TERRORIST EVENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$272,825 (AB2010-173) (11:43:04 AM)

Weimer moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

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2 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4 **Nays:** None (0)

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7 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**

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9 **1. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE**
10 **AGREEMENT WITH DAVID AND SHARON MCCARTHY TO LEASE THE HOUSE**
11 **AT 811 MARINE DRIVE, POINT ROBERTS (AT LIGHTHOUSE MARINE PARK),**
12 **IN THE AMOUNT OF \$975 PER MONTH (AB2010-174) (11:43:45 AM)**

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

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16 Discussion included the process for finding people who rent these locations and a
17 vendor with an option to rent a home and who was late on payments.

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19 The following person answered questions:

- 20 • Mike McFarland, Parks and Recreation Department

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22 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

24 **Nays:** None (0)

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26 **2. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #10-15**
27 **FOR ON-CALL CONTRACTOR/EQUIPMENT FOR LABOR AND RENTAL OF**
28 **CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TO ALL BIDDERS, WITH THE INTENT OF**
29 **OBTAINING FIRM PRICING AND TO ENSURE PREVAILING WAGES ARE PAID**
30 **ON ALL ON-CALL PROJECTS, IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT THAT COULD BE MORE**
31 **THAN \$35,000 FOR A SINGLE VENDOR (AB2010-175) (11:46:50 AM)**

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33 *Weimer moved* to recommend approval to the full Council and the Flood Control
34 Zone District Board of Supervisors.

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36 The following person answered questions:

- 37 • Paula Cooper, Public Works Department

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39 Discussion included vendor bonding.

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41 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

43 **Nays:** None (0)

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45 **3. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #10-16**
46 **FOR ON-CALL RENTAL EQUIPMENT TO ALL BIDDERS, WHEN NEEDED, THE**
47 **COUNTY WILL SELECT FROM THE RENTAL LIST BASED ON EQUIPMENT**
48 **AVAILABILITY AND SUITABILITY WITH PREFERENCE TO LOW BIDDERS, IN**
49 **AN ANNUAL AMOUNT THAT COULD BE MORE THAN \$35,000 FOR A SINGLE**
50 **VENDOR (AB2010-176) (11:50:20 AM)**

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

1 The following person answered questions:
2 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator

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4 Discussion included vendor bonding.

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6 The motion carried by the following vote:
7 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)
8 **Nays:** None (0)
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10 **4. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #10-22**
11 **FOR THE SUPPLY OF BRIDGE GIRDERS TO LOW BIDDER BELLINGHAM**
12 **MARINE INDUSTRIES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE NOON ROAD TEN MILE**
13 **CREEK BRIDGE #210, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,306.22 (AB2010-177)**
14 **(11:51:25 AM)**

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

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18 Joe Rutan, Public Works Department, gave a staff report on the status of County
19 bridges.

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21 Discussion included the traffic count.

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23 The motion carried by the following vote:
24 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)
25 **Nays:** None (0)
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28 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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30 Crawford stated he will introduce two ordinances at the evening meeting. He read
31 the titles of the two ordinances. The ordinances will have public hearings in two weeks.

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33 There was discussion on the cost to the Council to put something on the ballot and
34 creating a difficulty with bond underwriters.
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37 **ADJOURN**

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39 The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.
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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Ken Mann, Committee Chair