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4 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
5 **Finance and Administrative Services Committee**
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7 June 8, 2010
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11 **CALL TO ORDER**
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13 Committee Chair Ken Mann called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. in the Council
14 Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.
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18 **ROLL CALL**
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20 **Present:** Kathy Kershner, Ken Mann and Carl Weimer.
21 **Absent:** None.
22 **Also Present:** Barbara Brenner and Sam Crawford.
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26 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**
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28 **1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, ELEVENTH**
29 **REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$445,062 (AB2010-223) (10:45:51 AM)**
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31 *Weimer moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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33 Discussion included hearing from the Advisory Committee about recommendations
34 about how this money is spent; an inclusive way for the paramedics to be trained; a
35 meeting with Dr. Wayne to find out whether people are adequately trained; the interlocal
36 agreement and fixing the system; a system that is administered by Whatcom County, not
37 the City ,and; bifurcating the ordinance into the two requests.
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39 The following person answered questions:

- 40 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
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42 The motion failed by the following vote:

43 **Ayes:** Kershner (1)

44 **Nays:** Mann and Weimer (2)
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46 **2. REQUEST APPROVAL OF A DIFFERENT COST-SHARE FORMULA THAN THE**
47 **STANDARD 70/30 FORMULA SPECIFIED IN THE FCZD CONSTRUCTION COST-**
48 **SHARE PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ACME PHASE 2 PROJECT IN**
49 **CONJUNCTION WITH THE ACME/VANZANDT SUBZONE (AB2010-226)**
50 **(10:58:26 AM)**
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52 *Kershner moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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1 Paula Cooper, Public Works Department, gave a staff report and provided a map (*on*
2 *file*).
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4 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6 **Nays:** None (0)
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9 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**
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- 11 **1. RESOLUTION AMENDING CRP NO. 908013 AND APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY**
12 **EXECUTIVE TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR "BAKER LAKE**
13 **ROAD SULPHUR CREEK BRIDGE #422 REPLACEMENT" TO LOW BIDDER**
14 **INTERWEST CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,168,168 (AB2010-**
15 **227) (11:01:19 AM)**

16 *Weimer moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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18 The following people answered questions:

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 - 20 • Joe Rutan, Public Works Department
 - 21 • Jim Karcher, Public Works Department
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23 Discussion included whether the federal government should pay for this bridge if it's
24 National Forest property and the use of the bridge and road.
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26 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

28 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 30 **2. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
31 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WSU COOPERATIVE**
32 **EXTENSION FOR A SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING TRAINING PROGRAM FOR**
33 **LAKE WHATCOM RESIDENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,690 (AB2010-228)**
34 **(11:05:15 AM)**

35 *Weimer moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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38 The following person answered questions:

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 - 40 • John Hutchings, Public Works Department
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42 Discussion included the fund from which this money will come.
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44 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

46 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 48 **3. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
49 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND COASTAL SAFETY SERVICES**
50 **FOR SAFETY AND TRAINING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 (AB2010-229)**
51 **(11:06:21 AM)**

52 *Kershner moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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1 The following person answered questions:

- 2 • John Hutchings, Public Works Department

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4 Discussion included whether this is a contract that would be billed as the work is
5 done or is a retainer contract.

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7 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9 **Nays:** None (0)

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11 **4. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT**
12 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY (NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL**
13 **BOARD) AND WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR THE**
14 **TREATMENT AND MONITORING OF FLOWERING RUSH IN SILVER LAKE IN**
15 **THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 (AB2010-230) (11:07:28 AM)**

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17 *Kershner 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 **5. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT**
24 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY (NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL**
25 **BOARD) AND THE SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD FOR INVENTORY,**
26 **TREATMENT AND MONITORING OF SATELLITE KNOTWEED POPULATIONS**
27 **ALONG THE UPPER REACHES OF THE SOUTH, NORTH AND MIDDLE FORKS OF**
28 **THE NOOKSACK RIVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,000 (AB2010-231) (11:07:46**
29 **AM)**

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

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33 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

35 **Nays:** None (0)

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37 **6. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
38 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE WASHINGTON STATE**
39 **MILITARY DEPARTMENT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO ENHANCE**
40 **LAW ENFORCEMENT PREPAREDNESS AND OPERATIONAL READINESS ALONG**
41 **THE LAND BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THE US**
42 **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FFY2009 OPERATION**
43 **STONEGARDEN PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$829,580 (AB2010-232)**
44 **(11:08:21 AM)**

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

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48 The following person answered questions:

- 49 • Bill Elfo, Sheriff

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51 Discussion included whether the money should be used elsewhere and how the
52 money will be used.

1 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3 **Nays:** None (0)

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5 **7. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
6 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND BRAUN CONSULTING GROUP**
7 **FOR PROFESSIONAL LABOR NEGOTIATION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF**
8 **\$52,320 (AB2010-233) (11:11:38 AM)**
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10 *Weimer moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

11 The following person answered questions:

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 - 13 • Karen Goens, Administrative Services Department

14 Discussion included whether this job should be done by the Human Resources
15 Division staff; two percent increases built into the contract; the County Code and history of
16 negotiations; the history of the contract rate, and; whether the County has a staff person
17 with Mr. Braun's skills.
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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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25 **OTHER BUSINESS (11:18:56 AM)**

26 Kershner stated she would like the Finance Committee to schedule during its next
27 meeting a presentation by Mr. Mike Gleeson regarding E-Verify.

28 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, stated it's fine to hear a presentation from Mr.
29 Gleeson. He does not want a discussion to become a debate. He is happy to explain what
30 the administration is doing.

31 Mann stated he would like a presentation from Mr. Gleeson's point of view.

32 Desler stated the administration is preparing a future discussion about issues with
33 the current jail and the site selection process for siting a new jail. They are continuing to
34 work on the Civic Center building. There are other issues. The administration identified
35 bond funding for upgrades to the building. He will schedule an update for the committee at
36 a future meeting.

37 Brenner asked that the Civic Center building update include information on the cost
38 of that property, what the County has spent to date, and an estimated total expenditure on
39 that building. Desler stated the County has spent about \$150,000 on upgrades over the
40 last ten years. The County recently spent close to \$1 million to update three floors of the
41 building. The County spent approximately \$3 million to purchase in the property in 1996 or
42 1997. He estimates a final cost of \$600,000 to \$800,000 for the upgrades, at the most.
43 This building is over 30 years old. Little money was spent on it over those 30 years.
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1 **ADJOURN**

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3 The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.
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9 official, signed copy:
10 360-676-6690 or council@co.whatcom.wa.us
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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Ken Mann, Committee Chair