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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

June 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Ken Mann called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL (11:04:35 AM)

Present: Kathy Kershner and Ken Mann.

Absent: Carl Weimer.

Also Present: Sam Crawford, Bill Knutzen, Barbara Brenner and L. Ward Nelson.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOUSING SPECIALIST GAIL DE HOOG AND WHATCOM HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER DIRECTOR GREG WINTER ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN WHATCOM COUNTY (AB2010-261)

Gail de Hoog, Health Department, read from the presentation in the Council packet (*on file*).

Greg Winter, Whatcom Homeless Service Center Director, continued to read the presentation.

De Hoog concluded the presentation on the next steps.

Discussion included (11:26:46 AM) reaching out to faith-based organizations in the community that are already helping the homeless community; whether there are plans to reach out to employers in the community to help the chronically homeless or recent jail inmates be productive; identifying how many of the chronic homeless are originally from Whatcom County and how many are from elsewhere; whether it's possible to completely end homelessness; whether a stellar program would attract more homeless to the community; the success of the City Gate complex; the differences between low and high barriers to housing; whether or not they should consider doubling up as a solution; whether the County funds any Homeless Service Center projects; the demographics of the homeless; whether and how they deal with undocumented aliens; whether the County collects the six percent for administrative costs; permanent support of housing, and; whether they are working at all with the Kulshan Community Land Trust.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, TWELFTH, REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,109,001 (AB2010-239) (11:47:24 AM)

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

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3 The motion carried by the following vote:

4 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

5 **Nays:** None (0)

6 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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9 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**

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11 1. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
12 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES INC.**
13 **(THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF**
14 **SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL**
15 **DISABILITIES) FOR "PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT" AND "COMMUNITY**
16 **ACCESS" SERVICES TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL**
17 **DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT THAT WILL VARY DEPENDING ON NUMBER**
18 **OF CLIENTS AND TYPES OF SERVICES AUTHORIZED (AB2010-245)**
19 *(11:48:40 AM)*

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

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23 The following person answered questions:

- 24 • Jessica Lee, Health Department

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26 Discussion included clients that would be served at Current Industries.

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28 The motion carried by the following vote:

29 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

30 **Nays:** None (0)

31 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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33 2. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
34 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND ADVANCEMENT NORTHWEST**
35 **(THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF**
36 **SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL**
37 **DISABILITIES) FOR "PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT" AND "COMMUNITY**
38 **ACCESS" SERVICES TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL**
39 **DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT THAT WILL VARY DEPENDING ON NUMBER**
40 **OF CLIENTS AND TYPES OF SERVICES AUTHORIZED (AB2010-246)**
41 *(11:50:02 AM)*

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

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45 The motion carried by the following vote:

46 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

47 **Nays:** None (0)

48 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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50 3. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
51 **CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND MATERIAL**
52 **TESTING AND CONSULTING, INC. FOR SAMPLE COLLECTION, INSPECTION,**
53 **AND TESTING OF CONCRETE, ASPHALT, AGGREGATES AND OTHER**

1 **CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH**
2 **SPECIFICATIONS ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO**
3 **EXCEED \$50,000 (AB2010-247) (11:50:33 AM)**

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

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7 The following people answered questions:

- 8 • Joe Rutan, Public Works Department
- 9 • Jim Karcher, Public Works Department

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11 Discussion included whether the County has done this before; evaluating the
12 contract on technical ability; whether they are allowed to make a selection based on cost,
13 and; whether the State Department of Transportation (DOT) uses the same process.

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15 The motion carried by the following vote:

16 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

17 **Nays:** None (0)

18 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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20 **4. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
21 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND SAN JUAN ISLAND**
22 **COMMUTER FOR TEMPORARY PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN**
23 **GOOSEBERRY POINT AND LUMMI ISLAND, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,482**
24 **(AB2010-248) (11:56:09 AM)**

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

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28 The following person answered questions:

- 29 • Frank Abart, Public Works Department Director

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31 Discussion included why this will cost more than previous years.

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33 The motion carried by the following vote:

34 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

35 **Nays:** None (0)

36 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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38 **5. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
39 **WATER TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
40 **MT. BAKER WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. TO RELOCATE AN EXISTING**
41 **WATERLINE AND EASEMENT ON COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT PROPERTY**
42 **TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF WSDOT ROUNDABOUT AT THE**
43 **INTERSECTION OF SMITH AND MT. BAKER HIGHWAY (AB2010-249)**
44 **(11:58:33 AM)**

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

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48 The motion carried by the following vote:

49 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

50 **Nays:** None (0)

51 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

- 1 6. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
2 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND CASCADE VOCATIONAL
3 SERVICES (THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE
4 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DIVISION OF
5 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES) TO PROVIDE "PATHWAYS TO
6 EMPLOYMENT" SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT THAT WILL VARY DEPENDING ON
7 NUMBER OF CLIENTS AND TYPES OF SERVICES AUTHORIZED (AB2010-250)
8 (11:59:07 AM)
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10 *Kershner moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

11 The motion carried by the following vote:

12 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

13 **Nays:** None (0)

14 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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17 7. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
18 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND SERVICE ALTERNATIVES
19 (THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
20 SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL
21 DISABILITIES) TO PROVIDE "PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT" AND
22 "COMMUNITY ACCESS" SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT THAT WILL VARY
23 DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF CLIENTS AND TYPES OF SERVICES
24 AUTHORIZED (AB2010-251) (11:59:29 AM)
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26 *Kershner moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

27 The following people answered questions:

- 28 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
- 29 • Jessica Lee, Health Department

30 Discussion included the amount for last year and the source of funding.

31 The motion carried by the following vote:

32 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

33 **Nays:** None (0)

34 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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39 8. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
40 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WASHINGTON VOCATIONAL
41 SERVICES (THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE
42 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DIVISION OF
43 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES) TO PROVIDE "PATHWAYS TO
44 EMPLOYMENT" SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT THAT WILL VARY DEPENDING ON
45 NUMBER OF CLIENTS AND TYPES OF SERVICES AUTHORIZED (AB2010-252)
46 (12:01:47 PM)
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48 *Kershner moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

49 The motion carried by the following vote:

50 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

51 **Nays:** None (0)

52 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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2 9. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
3 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND KULSHAN SUPPORTED
4 EMPLOYMENT (THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE
5 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DIVISION OF
6 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES) TO PROVIDE "PATHWAYS TO
7 EMPLOYMENT" SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT THAT WILL VARY DEPENDING ON
8 NUMBER OF CLIENTS AND TYPES OF SERVICES AUTHORIZED (AB2010-253)
9 (12:02:15 PM)

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

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13 The motion carried by the following vote:

14 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

15 **Nays:** None (0)

16 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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18 10. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID 10-22
19 TO LOW BIDDER, JANSEN, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY OF LARGE WOODY
20 DEBRIS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147,234.50 (AB2010-254) (12:02:34 PM)

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

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24 The motion carried by the following vote:

25 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

26 **Nays:** None (0)

27 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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29 11. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
30 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, K&H
31 INTEGRATED PRINT SOLUTIONS, FOR ELECTION ENVELOPES, IN THE
32 AMOUNT OF \$90,155 (AB2010-255) (12:03:08 PM)

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

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36 The motion carried by the following vote:

37 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

38 **Nays:** None (0)

39 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

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41 12. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE
42 AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
43 DEPARTMENT AND COLDSTREAM FARM, LLC FOR THE 9 MONTH LEASE OF
44 EAST ACME FARM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,400 (AB2010-259) (12:03:26 PM)

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

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48 The motion carried by the following vote:

49 **Ayes:** Kershner and Mann (2)

50 **Nays:** None (0)

51 **Absent:** Weimer (1)

1 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

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3 **1. UPDATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION ON WHATCOM COUNTY JAIL ISSUES**
4 **(AB2010-260) (12:03:55 PM)**
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6 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report and submitted and read
7 from a presentation (*on file*) on the replacement of failing fire and security systems at the
8 main jail.
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10 The following people answered questions:

- 11 • Mike Russell, Administrative Services Department
- 12 • Wendy Jones, Sheriff's Office
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14 Discussion included sustaining the current operation in the midst of plans to build a
15 new jail; the source of funding; the use of the current jail after a new jail is built; finding
16 parts for the systems; federal government funding due to the County's location on the
17 national border; whether the City has any responsibility to help with bond funding, and; the
18 cost of the consultant.
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20 Desler gave a staff report and submitted and read from a presentation (*on file*) on
21 the site selection program for a new jail. He explained the site requirements. (12:31:01
22 PM)
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24 The following people answered questions:

- 25 • Mike Russell, Administrative Services Department
- 26 • Wendy Jones, Sheriff's Office
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28 Discussion included the cost of operating possible horizontal and vertical jail designs;
29 how many jail beds they will need in the future; whether or not the jail facility will include
30 work release and all security levels; jail population increases; existing reports detailing
31 future jail size needs; choosing a location downtown versus another location, and;
32 restraining the demand for jail services by expanding alternative corrections programs and
33 treatment programs.
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35 Desler continued the presentation on design locations and options. (12:52:29 PM)
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37 Russell continued to read the presentation on the benefits and issues of each original
38 candidate site, evaluating final site candidates; the characteristics of final site candidates,
39 including wetlands, water and sewer; evaluating final sites and compiling data; conceptual
40 designs, and; next steps.
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42 Discussion included proximity to schools; wetland mitigation; ingress and egress;
43 getting water service from the City of Bellingham; whether the main seat of government
44 must be in the City; working with all the jurisdictions; releasing reports to the public;
45 whether it would be feasible to develop a new jail in the downtown core; attorney access to
46 inmates; an opportunity to locate the Sheriff in a more convenient place in the county; prior
47 council direction; the feedback from the neighborhood on the interim jail; the effects of
48 required lighting on the neighborhood, and; low impact designs.
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51 **OTHER BUSINESS**
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53 There was no other business.

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ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Please contact the Council Office to obtain an
official, signed copy:
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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Ken Mann, Committee Chair