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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

AGENDA REVISION FOR MAY 25, 2010
(DISTRIBUTED AT 4:40 P.M. ON MAY 25, 2010)

PLEASE ADD TO COUNCIL, INTRODUCTION:

2. Ordinance amending the 2010 Whatcom County Budget, eleventh request, in the amount of \$445,062 (AB2010-223)

| CLEARANCES | Initial | Date | Date Received in Council Office | Agenda Date | Assigned to: |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|---|-------------|----------------------------|
| Originator: | | | RECEIVED MAY 25 2010 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL | 05/25/10 | Intro |
| Division Head: | | | | 06/08/10 | Finance Committee; Council |
| Dept. Head: | | | | | |
| Prosecutor: | Row | 5/25/10 | | | |
| Purchasing/Budget: | MDC | 5/25/10 | | | |
| Executive: | [Signature] | 5-25-10 | | | |

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: 2010 Supplemental Budget Request #11

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance, Memoranda & Budget Modification Requests

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|---|---|
| SEPA review required? () Yes (X) NO | Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes (X) NO |
| SEPA review completed? () Yes (X) NO | Requested Date: |

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

Supplemental #11 requests funding from the Countywide Emergency Medical Service Fund:

1. To appropriate \$50,000 to fund a portion of Pt Roberts paramedic training costs.
2. To appropriate \$395,062 to fund Bellingham Fire Department 2010 paramedic training class.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:

SPONSORED BY: Finance
PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 05/25/10

ORDINANCE NO.

AMENDMENT NO. 11 OF THE 2010 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2009-2010 budget was adopted November 25, 2008; and,
WHEREAS, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 2009-2010 budget; and,
WHEREAS, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the Whatcom County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 2009-2010 Whatcom County Budget Ordinance #2008-053 is hereby amended by adding the following additional amounts to the budgets included therein:

| | Expenditures | Revenues | Net Effect |
|---|----------------|----------|----------------|
| Countywide Emergency Medical Service Fund | 445,062 | - | 445,062 |
| Total Supplemental | 445,062 | - | 445,062 |


ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2009.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Sam Crawford, Chair of the Council

() Approved () Denied

Pete Kremen, County Executive

Date: _____

| WHATCOM COUNTY | | | | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Summary of the 2010 Supplemental Budget Ordinance No. 11 | | | | |
| Department/Fund | Description | Increased Expenditure (Decrease) | (Increased) Revenue | Net Effect to Fund Balance (Increase) Decrease |
| Countywide Emergency Medical Service Fund | To fund Pt Roberts paramedic training costs. | 50,000 | - | 50,000 |
| Countywide Emergency Medical Service Fund | To fund Bellingham Medic One 2010 paramedic training class. | 395,062 | - | 395,062 |
| Total Countywide Emergency Medical Service Fund | | 445,062 | - | 445,062 |
| Total Supplemental | | 445,062 | - | 445,062 |

Supplemental Budget Request

Status: Pending

Non-Departmental

Suppl ID # 1110 Fund 130 Cost Center 130100 Originator: Tawni Helms/Marianne Caldwell

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 2 2010 Add'l FTE Add'l Space Priority 1

Name of Request: Point Roberts Paramedic Training

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

| Costs: | Object | Object Description | Amount Requested |
|--------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | 2910.1000 | Fund Balance | (\$50,000) |
| | 7210 | Intergov Prof Svcs | \$50,000 |
| | Request Total | | \$0 |

1a. Description of request:

Subsidize the costs of paramedic training at Harborview Medical Center for Whatcom County Fire District 5 in order to provide a local ALS response capacity.

1b. Primary customers:

Point Roberts residents.

2. Problem to be solved:

Due to geographic location and border issues, ALS response in Pt Roberts has been problematic. Pt Roberts needs a local ALS response capacity. The fire chief of Whatcom Fire District Number 5 has stepped forward and is willing to become a paramedic in order to provide that response capacity. Paramedic training is unavailable in Whatcom County. Harborview Medical Center has offered the fire chief a partial scholarship which is available this year (2010). Fire District 5 needs additional funding from the Countywide Emergency Medical Service Fund in order to take advantage of this opportunity.

The geographical location of Point Roberts, (District 5), makes it a difficult area for Medic One to service. Because of its location, Dr. Wayne and the Medic One program have given a number of concessions to Point Roberts. One concession was to give Point Roberts permission to transport ALS and BLS patients well before any other Districts were doing transports. Another concession has been to allow EMT-I's and IV technicians permission to practice in Point Roberts. Point Roberts is the only District that does not get Medics "toned out" for ALS calls. Given the limited ALS response capability to Point Roberts, it is understandable why it is difficult to expend County Medic resources to serve the Point Roberts area like the rest of the county.

Since Whatcom Medic One is a county system, Whatcom Fire District 5 inquired about participating in the the local paramedic course. They were informed in no uncertain terms they must be 106 members to take the Bellingham based Whatcom Medic One/WWU paramedic training course. Because the interested and available FD5 participant is the Fire Chief this requirement would be impossible to meet as an exempt employee.

Point Roberts Fire District has a small budget. Financially they cannot afford to send the fire chief to paramedic school, pay wages, as well as backfill pay, to cover the position of Chief. Harborview Medical Center has offered the Fire Chief a partial scholarship to attend their paramedic course under the leadership of Dr. Copass. In order to participate in this multi-month course the cost to the District and the Fire Chief will be substantial.

3a. Options / Advantages:

The District has considered fundraising to try and raise private donations but the Harborview scholarship

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offer is time sensitive. The scholarship may not be available if response is delayed until after private donations are raised.

3b. Cost savings:

Local ALS capacity means that Whatcom Medic One trips to Point Roberts will be reduced and resources will be available to service other areas of the county. In addition, costly air lifts will be reduced.

4a. Outcomes:

Upon certification as a paramedic the goal is to ultimately have local ALS response capability in Point Roberts and less dependence on an expensive response from Whatcom Medic One.

4b. Measures:

ALS responses to the Point Roberts area will occur through Whatcom Fire District 5

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

This will reduce the impact on Whatcom Medic one for calls to Point Roberts.

Upon certification a mutual aid agreement with BC Ambulance may be possible which would provide further capacity.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Dr. Wayne, Whatcom County Medical Program Director working under the authority of the Washington State Dept of Health, will oversee the certification process once training is completed.

6. Funding Source:

Countywide Emergency Medical Services Fund.

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Non-Departmental

Suppl ID # 1036 Fund 130 Cost Center 130100 Originator: Marianne Caldwell

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 2 2010 Add'l FTE Add'l Space Priority 1

Name of Request: Fund 2010 Paramedic Training Class

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission) Date

| Costs: | Object | Object Description | Amount Requested |
|--------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | 2910.1000 | Fund Balance | (\$395,062) |
| | 7210 | Intergov Prof Svcs | \$395,062 |
| | Request Total | | \$0 |

1a. Description of request:

Add funding for a 2010 paramedic training class to the EMS budget.

1b. Primary customers:

Paramedic trainees for Medic One

2. Problem to be solved:

As a result of mediation activities held on April 20, 2010, the County has agreed to fund the 2010 Medic One paramedic training class.

3a. Options / Advantages:

Delaying the class until 2011.

3b. Cost savings:

It's less expensive to do the class in 2010 while there is an agreement in place for no wage increases than to wait until 2011.

4a. Outcomes:

6 more trained paramedics will be available by the end of 2010.

4b. Measures:

Paramedic trainees will pass all certifications and requirements by the end of 2010.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

This request impacts the Bellingham Fire Department/Whatcom Medic One. Trainees belong to Whatcom Medic One.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Randy VanderHeiden, Division Chief of EMS, Whatcom Medic One is responsible for overseeing the class.

6. Funding Source:

Countywide EMS Fund