



WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2011- 04

**CRITICAL REPAIR WORK ON THE JAIL CORRECTIONS FACILITY
EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, recently the courthouse jail's security was compromised by inmates breaking several exterior windows and bringing contraband into the jail causing an unsafe condition for inmates and corrections officers; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Sheriff requests the jail perimeter be reinforced with a 6 foot fence and the exterior windows be secured by installing perforated steel plates that continue, as required, to let natural light into the jail; and

WHEREAS, the time required to develop bid documents and competitively bid these jail improvements would prolong the unsafe condition that exists in the jail for an additional six weeks; and

WHEREAS, correcting this unsafe condition is a priority of the County Administration and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to the Whatcom County Charter, Whatcom County Code 3.08.060, RCW 36.32.270, RCW 36.40.180, and RCW 38.52.070(s),

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR WHATCOM COUNTY, I hereby declare that an emergency exists in Whatcom County and that as a response thereto, Whatcom County departments are authorized to do the following:

- (1) enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to restore the security of the courthouse jail to protect the health and safety of the public and the safety of private property; and
- (2) perform such other actions as necessary to restore the security of the courthouse jail.

Each Whatcom County department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation without regard to the established purchasing procedures and competitive bidding requirements prescribed by law.

Dated this 16TH day of May, 2011.


Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive