WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

AGENDA REVISION NOTICE
FOR JULY 12, 2016
(DISTRIBUTED AT 3:30 P.M. ON JULY 7, 2016)

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE COUNCIL’S EVENING MEETING AGENDA:

OTHER ITEMS

(No Committee Assignment)

9. Appointment of Whatcom County Corrections Deputy Mark Holst to serve on the Jail Stakeholder Workgroup (AB2016-179A) (paperwork attached)

10. Resolution amending Resolution 2016-021 to increase membership on the Jail Stakeholder Workgroup (AB2016-179B) (paperwork attached)
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Appointment of Members to Serve on the Jail Stakeholder Workgroup

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### Should Clerk schedule a hearing?

| ( ) Yes | ( ) No |

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Appointment of Members to Serve on the Jail Stakeholder Workgroup

### COMMITTEE ACTION:

6/21/2016:Introduced

### COUNCIL ACTION:

6/28/2016: Appointed: Councilmembers Barry Buchanan and Todd Donovan

### Related County Contract #:

### Related File Numbers:

### Ordinance or Resolution Number:

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From: Bill Elfo  
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:05 AM  
To: Barry Buchanan  
Cc: Mark Holst; Daron; Wendy Jones; Caleb Erickson; Ernie Stach; Jack Louws; Tyler Schroeder  
Subject: Jail Stakeholder’s Workgroup - nomination

Barry, pursuant to paragraph D, I nominate Sergeant Mark Holst to serve as the Whatcom County Sheriff’s Corrections deputy to the workgroup. Mark has served in the Corrections Bureau for nearly 27 years and has broad experience in both the custodial and jail alternative programs. He is also a member of the Corrections Deputy bargaining unit and serves as a union steward.

I have copied Mark on this email so you will have his email address.

Thank you,

Sheriff Bill Elfo  
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office  
311 Grand Avenue  
Bellingham, Washington 98225  
(360) 778-6600 (office) 360-778-6605 (direct line)  
"Dedicated to making Whatcom County the safest in the State through excellence in public safety."

[Image of sheriff's badge]
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Res amending Res 2016-021 to increase membership for Jail Stakeholder Workgroup

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**SEPA review required?**

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

**SEPA review completed?**

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

**Should Clerk schedule a hearing?**

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

**Requested Date:**

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Resolution amending Resolution 2016-021 to increase membership on the Jail Stakeholder Workgroup

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RESOLUTION NO._________

AMENDING RESOLUTION 2016-021 TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP ON THE JAIL STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2016, the Whatcom County Council approved Resolution 2016-021, establishing a Jail Stakeholder Workgroup to provide a recommendation to the County Council for the financial agreements required for development of a new jail, including the cost of the facility; the funding mechanism; and the allocation and funding of operating expenses between jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2016-021 set forth a list of members to be appointed to the Workgroup, including one official representing Whatcom County’s small cities; and

WHEREAS, the Small Cities Caucus recently submitted a letter to the County Council requesting that the number of officials representing the small cities be increased to two; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has considered the request for increased small cities representation and concurs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that membership on the Jail Stakeholder Workgroup shall be amended as follows:

A. Two members of the Whatcom County Council;
B. Two members of the Bellingham City Council;
C. One member of the Lummi Indian Business Council;
D. One member of the Nooksack Tribal Council;
E. The Whatcom County Executive;
F. The Mayor of Bellingham;
G. One official mayor representing the small cities;
H. One councilmember representing the small cities;
I. The Whatcom County Sheriff; and
J. The City of Bellingham Police Chief.

The County Council will also appoint:
A. One resident of the City of Bellingham;
B. One Whatcom County resident who resides outside the City of Bellingham;
C. One member of the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction (IPR) Task Force nominated by the IPR Task Force and not already designated above; and
D. One Whatcom County Corrections Officer nominated by the Whatcom County Sheriff.

APPROVED this _____ day of __________, 2016.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council
Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Civil Deputy Prosecutor
June 28, 2016

The Honorable Gary Buchannan, Whatcom County Council Chair
311 Grand Avenue
Suite 105
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Council Chair Buchannan;

The Whatcom County Council recently formed a Work Group tasked to craft a funding plan for replacement of the aging Whatcom County Jail. It includes fifteen members representing various jail users and stakeholders. The Council allocated only one seat to the Small City Caucus. We urge you to add an additional seat to make our representation more commensurate with the population we serve.

As currently configured, eleven of the fifteen seats on the task force are in some way associated with either Whatcom County or the City of Bellingham. That number will likely increases to twelve of fifteen seats when a yet-to-be named member of the Incarceration Prevention task force is added. Specifically:

- The six individuals associated with Whatcom County are: Two County Council members; the County executive; Sheriff; a County resident and; a County Corrections officer.

- The five members associated with the City of Bellingham are: Two City Council members; the City Mayor; Police Chief and; a Bellingham resident.

The remaining members are divided among the two tribes and the small cities, each with one representative on the work group (plus the unnamed member of the Incarceration Prevention task force).

The Small Cities Caucus represents some 35,000 residents. It is clear that a single seat on the Work group is disproportionate to the size of our population. Further it is clear that a single seat cannot adequately represent those residents or advance their interests.
We ask you to increase our representation on the Work Group to two seats so that we may participate in a meaningful way in this important project. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely;

Harry Robinson / David Wilbrecht  
Mayor of Blaine / City Manager, Blaine

Jon Mutchler  
Mayor of Ferndale

Jim Ackerman  
Mayor of Nooksack

John Perry  
Mayor of Everson

Scott Korthuis  
Mayor of Lynden

Bob Bromley  
Mayor of Sumas

C:  
Council Member, Todd Donovan  
Council Member, Carl Weimer  
Council Member, Rud Browne  
Council Member, Barbara Brenner  
Council Member, Ken Mann  
Council Member, Satpal Sidhu