

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2015-174

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	MDC	5/15/15	RECEIVED MAY 18 2015 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	5/26/15	Introduction
Division Head:				6/9/15	Finance Com/ Council
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	KNF	5/15/15			
Purchasing/Budget:	MDC	5/15/15			
Executive:		5/18/15			
TITLE OF DOCUMENT: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN TO CONTINUE FINANCING OF ASSESSOR TREASURER SYSTEM					
ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Ordinance Memo					
SEPA review required? () Yes () NO			Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes () NO		
SEPA review completed? () Yes () 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.) This ordinance authorizes a \$541,760 loan at 1% from the Whatcom County Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R) to the General Fund. The loan continues financing of the new Assessor Treasurer system from ER&R for an additional four years.					
COMMITTEE ACTION:			COUNCIL ACTION:		
Related County Contract #:		Related File Numbers:		Ordinance or Resolution Number:	
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Louws, County Executive

FROM: Brad Bennett, Finance Manager

DATE: May 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Interfund Loan Ordinance to Continue Financing of Assessor Treasurer System

Attached is a proposed interfund loan ordinance that will continue Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund financing of the new Assessor Treasurer System for an additional four years. The loan will be paid in full at the end of four years. The original three year interfund loan was authorized with ordinance 2009-48. It was renewed for three more years with ordinance 2012-027. The proposed ordinance provides for a \$541,760 loan at 1% interest. The maturing loan has been earning interest at 1%; our county investments are continuing to earn less than 1% interest. Annual payments of \$129,000 including interest and principal will continue to be made from the General Fund.

Thank you.

INTRODUCED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: Executive
DATE: May 26, 2015

ORDINANCE NO. _____
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN
TO CONTINUE FINANCING OF ASSESSOR TREASURER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Whatcom County replaced the county's Assessor Treasurer Software System in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council authorized an interfund loan from Whatcom County Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R Fund) to finance the new system with ordinance 2009-048; and

WHEREAS, the original loan was renewed on July 1, 2012 with ordinance 2012-027, and

WHEREAS, the renewed interfund loan becomes due July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the ER&R Fund has sufficient cash reserves to extend the loan through July 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the county wishes to delay issuing bonds until interest rates available for county investments return to traditional levels; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County's average rate of return on investments in the first quarter of 2015 was 0.61%; and

WHEREAS, the balance of the interfund loan on July 1, 2015 will be \$541,760; and

WHEREAS, on an interim basis, it is in the best interest of Whatcom County to continue to finance the new Assessor Treasurer Software utilizing an interfund loan from the ER&R Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that a loan shall be made from the ER&R Fund (fund #501) to the General Fund (fund #001) in the amount of \$541,760 at a rate of 1% annual interest. Payments of \$129,000 including interest and principal shall be made annually on July 1st. Repayment in full shall be made from the issue of general obligation bonds or other financing sources and/or funds available for capital purposes on or before July 1, 2019.

1 ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Carl Weimer, Council Chair

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9 APPROVED as to form:

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13 Karen Frakes
14 Senior Deputy II
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Jack Louws, Executive