

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL**

July 18, 2019

Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room, Mount Vernon

COUNCIL: Island County Commissioner, Helen Price Johnson; San Juan County Councilmembers, Jamie Stephens and Rick Hughes; Skagit County Commissioners, Lisa Janicki and Ron Wesen; Whatcom County Councilmember, Carol Frazey

STAFF: Aly Horry, Cindy Madigan, Dan Murphy, Ryan Blackwell, Kristine Glasgow, Pat Elwell

PUBLIC: Barbara Pesola, NWSSB Chair

The meeting was called to order at 1PM.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Island County Commissioner Helen Price-Johnson and seconded by San Juan County Councilmember, Rick Hughes to approve the Consent Agenda (items 3a through 3e) as presented: Minutes of the April 18, 2019 Regular Meeting and April 26, 2019 Public Meeting; March 2019 Voucher Listings Nos. 63837 through 64077 in the amount of \$1,410,937.32; April 2019 Voucher Listings Nos. 64078 through 64336 in the amount of \$1,455,832.97; May 2019 Voucher Listings Nos. 64337 through 64570 in the amount of \$1,450,256,02; the January to May 2019 Budget to Actual Report; Routine Contracts and Amendments; and, Cancellation of Warrants, Resolution #19-01. The Motion carried unanimously.

Clarification and discussion followed around item 3.f. Fund Balance Transfers.

Motion was made by Island County Commissioner Helen Price Johnson and seconded by Whatcom County Councilmember Carol Frazey that the Northwest Regional Council hereby approves the movement of \$90,209 from the Unassigned Fund Balance into the Contingency Reserve Fund. The Motion carried 6 - 0.

Regular Agenda

- a) 2019 Supplemental Budget, Resolution #19-02 – Executive Director Dan Murphy reviewed the highlights of the supplemental budget: adjustments to revenue, expenditures and staff positions. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by San Juan County Councilmember Rick Hughes, and seconded by Skagit County Commissioner Lisa Janicki to approve the

Northwest Regional Council Supplemental Budget #1 for 2019 as presented, Resolution 19-02. The Motion carried 6 – 0.

The agenda order was amended to next address item c) County Contribution Request for 2020.

- c) County Contribution Request for 2020 – The County Contribution Request for 2020 was presented. A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion was made by Whatcom County Councilmember Carol Frazey and seconded by Skagit County Commissioner Ron Wesen that the Northwest Regional Council approves the submittal of request for the presented amounts for fees and contributions to member counties for 2020. The Motion passed 6 – 0.

- b) 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Update and Tentative Discretionary Funding Allocations for 2020 – Handouts of the presentation were distributed. The purpose of and activities to-date in developing the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Update were reviewed. The five issue areas are:

- a. Building a Long-Term Services and Supports System to Meet Complex Needs
- b. Providing Information and Access
- c. Supporting Family Caregivers and People Affected by Dementia
- d. Transportation
- e. Working Effectively with Tribes

2020 Discretionary Funding is flat. The Older Americans Act needs a 25% increase in order to maintain 2010 services. A lengthy discussion followed.

- c) Legislative and Agency Updates – Executive Director Dan Murphy provided an update on legislative activity and NWRC program updates. Handouts of slide presentation were distributed. Discussion followed.
- d) Nomination of Officers – It was noted that, per the By-laws, nomination of officers should have occurred at the April 18th meeting.

Motion was made by Island County Commissioner Helen Price-Johnson and seconded by San Juan County Councilmember Rick Hughes to suspend By-laws in order to take action on election of officers. The Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion was made by San Juan County Councilmember Rick Hughes and seconded by Skagit County Commissioner Lisa Janicki to approve the following slate of officers:

Chair: Jamie Stephens, San Juan County Councilmember
Vice-Chair: Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Executive Committee: Carol Frazey, Whatcom County Councilmember
Lisa Janicki, Skagit County Commissioner

The Motion carried 6 – 0.

Other Issues

County Information Sharing – Board members shared highlights of activities of import occurring within their community.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45

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