

WHATCOM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MINUTES
December 13, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS VOTING: Michael McAuley, Port of Bellingham (Vice-Chairman); April Barker (for Kelli Linville), Terry Bornemann, Michael Lilliquist, Bellingham; Jon Mutchler, Ferndale; Bruce Ford, Lake Whatcom W&SD; Scott Korthuis, Lynden; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Rud Browne, Whatcom County

GUEST Pete Stark, WTA

STAFF Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman McAuley, acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Korthuis requested that an action item be added to the agenda under New Business: "Resolution No. 17-12-1, Recognizing the Service of Bob Bromley."

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Browne seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition requested by Mr. Korthuis.

MOTION PASSED

D. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Mutchler moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the Council Board meeting of October 11, 2017, and a list of claims from October 1 through November 30, 2017, inclusive, in the amount of \$214,294.75, which was contained in the meeting packet sent to the representatives on December 6, 2017, and which was audited and certified by the Executive Director, acting as the Auditing Officer, as required by RCW 42.24.090.

MOTION PASSED (Ms. Barker abstained)

E. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Cubellis presented the budget report as of November 30, 2017.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Adoption of Proposed 2018 Budget

Mr. Cubellis described the changes made to the proposed budget since the Council Board reviewed the first draft in October. He then informed the representatives that the Executive Committee – at its meeting immediately preceding the Council Board meeting – passed a motion recommending that the budget be adopted.

MOTION: Mr. Mutchler moved, Mr. Lilliquist seconded, to approve the 2018 Whatcom Council of Governments Budget, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

G.2 2017 Budget Amendment

Mr. Cubellis explained that the 2017 WCOG Budget underestimated the Smart Trips program's printing expense by approximately \$20,000, and the building lease's triple-net expense by about \$15,000, primarily due to the unanticipated replacement of the building's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. To cover these expenses, he requested that the Board amend the budget by adding \$35,000 of state Commute Trip Reduction program funds to revenue. Mr. Cubellis then answered questions posed by the representatives about the triple-net expense.

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to approve Amendment No. 2017-1 to the 2017 Whatcom Council of Governments Budget.

MOTION PASSED

G.3 Adoption of 2018 Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Mr. Lilliquist moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the 2018 Whatcom Council of Governments meeting schedule, as presented.

MOTION PASSED

G.4 Resolution No. 17-12-1, Recognizing the Service of Bob Bromley

Acting Chairman McAuley asked the representatives to take a moment to read the proposed resolution honoring Chairman Bob Bromley for his long and dedicated service to WCOG, the City of Sumas and Whatcom County. A number of comments were made expressing admiration for Chairman Bromley.

MOTION: Mr. Mutchler moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to approve Resolution No. 17-12-1, "Recognizing the Service of Bob Bromley."

MOTION PASSED

(A copy of Resolution No. 17-12-1 is attached.)

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Cubellis directed the representatives' attention to the response from the U.S. Department of Transportation to the letter sent to Secretary Chao in October by the executive director at the instruction of the Board.

I. BOARD OPEN FORUM


No comments were offered by the representatives.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.



Jack Louws
Secretary-Treasurer



Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director



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**RESOLUTION NO. 17-12-1
RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF BOB BROMLEY**

WHEREAS, Bob Bromley has served continuously on the Board of the Whatcom Council of Governments since 2007, and

WHEREAS, Bob Bromley has served as a Member of both the Executive Committee and the Whatcom Transportation Policy Board throughout his tenure on the Council, and


WHEREAS, Bob Bromley served as Vice Chairman of the Board in 2008 and 2009, and

WHEREAS, Bob Bromley has served as Chairman of the Board since 2010, making him the longest-serving chairman in the fifty-two-year history of the Council, and

WHEREAS, Bob Bromley has served as Mayor of the City of Sumas, his hometown, since 2001, and has worked tirelessly for the Citizens of the City while also engaging actively with his fellow Mayors, the County Executive and others on numerous issues of importance and concern in Whatcom County, as exemplified by his longtime and dedicated service as Chairman of Whatcom County's Small Cities Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Whatcom Council of Governments to extend to Bob Bromley its deepest appreciation and most sincere thanks for his long and distinguished service to the Council, the City of Sumas and Whatcom County.

Adopted this Thirteenth day of December, 2017, in the City of Bellingham, Washington, a quorum being present.



Michael McAuley, Vice Chairman



Robert H. Wilson, Executive Director