

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2017-125

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	<i>MRC</i>	<i>3/23/17</i>	RECEIVED MAR 28 2017 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	<i>04/04/17</i>	<i>Introduction</i>
Division Head:				<i>04/18/17</i>	<i>Finance, Council</i>
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	<i>KMF</i>	<i>3/23/17</i>			
Purchasing/Budget:	<i>BB</i>	<i>3/23/17</i>			
Executive:	<i>TLS</i>	<i>3/28/17</i>			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 2014-073 Establishing the 2015 Courthouse Fire Alarm System and Juvenile Roof Improvement Fund and Establishing a Project Based Budget for Courthouse Fire Alarm System and Juvenile Roof Improvements

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance
2. Exhibit A
3. Supplemental Budget Request

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO
 SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO

Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () 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.)

Requesting Council approval for additional budget authority of \$811,907 to be added to the project budget for the fire alarm project and various other improvements. In addition, requesting the title of the fund be changed to "Courthouse Improvement Fund".

COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

4/4/2017: Introduced 6-0, Weimer absent

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:

Please Note: Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 04/04/2017

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 2014-073 ESTABLISHING THE 2015 COURTHOUSE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND JUVENILE ROOF IMPROVEMENT FUND AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR COURTHOUSE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND JUVENILE ROOF IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, this fund was established to replace the Courthouse fire alarm system and the roof over Juvenile; and

WHEREAS, the roof project has been completed, the fire alarm system proved to be higher cost than originally estimated; and

WHEREAS, several other courthouse repair and replacement projects need to be accomplished over the next two years in addition to the fire alarm system replacement; and

WHEREAS, funding for these projects is available from Real Estate Excise Tax Fund I (REET I) and the Public Utilities Improvement Fund (EDI), and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the name of the fund should more appropriately be changed to "Courthouse Improvement Fund",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2014-073 is hereby amended by adding \$811,907 of expenditure authority, as described in Exhibit A, to the original project budget of \$260,000, for a total amended project budget of \$1,071,907, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 2015 Courthouse Fire Alarm System and Juvenile Roof Improvement Fund's title be changed to "Courthouse Improvement Fund".

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:


WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Chair of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

() Approved () Denied



Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Jack Louws, County Executive
Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS - FUND 357

Account	Description	Original Project Budget	Amendment #1 to Ord. 2014-073	Total Amended Project Budget
Expenditures				
6510	Tools & Equipment	\$0	\$26,815	\$26,815
7060	Repairs & Maintenance	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000
7350	Buildings & Structures	\$0	\$785,092	\$785,092
7380	Other Improvements	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000
		\$260,000	\$811,907	\$1,071,907
Revenues				
8301.326	REET I Transfer	\$169,000	\$560,216	\$729,216
8301.332	Rural Sales Tax (EDI) Transfer	\$91,000	\$251,691	\$342,691
		\$260,000	\$811,907	\$1,071,907

Supplemental Budget Request

Status: Pending

Administrative Services

Facilities Management

Suppl ID # 2257

Fund 357

Cost Center 357100

Originator: Michael Russell

Expenditure Type: One-Time

Year 1 2017

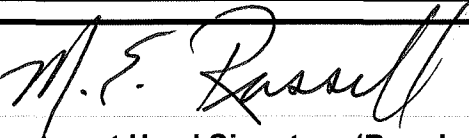
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Priority 1

Name of Request: Project Budget Fund Authorization

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3-13-2017

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

<i>Costs:</i>	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	6510	Tools & Equip	\$26,815
	7350	Buildings & Structures	\$785,092
	8301.332	Operating Transfer In	(\$251,691)
	8301.326	Operating Transfer In	(\$560,216)
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

Wheelchair Lift Replacement
 Amag Prox System Panel Replacement
 The Courthouse Projects (Fire Alarm, Duress Alarm & Flange Couplings)

1b. Primary customers:

The ADA Lift would be primarily for any citizens or employees who needs assistance with stairs in the Courthouse Rotunda
 The Amag System would primarily be for Whatcom County Employees.
 The Courthouse Projects would primarily be for all employees and citizens who use the Courthouse daily.

2. Problem to be solved:

The ADA Lift stalls out several times each year. We have it serviced as required. The lift is required to meet the ADA accessibility requirements. By replacing this 20 plus year old wheelchair lift, we will be giving the citizens and employees that utilize the lift a much more reliable system to access the Courthouse.

The Amag System replacement will give us the equipment to upgrade the old un-supported mdu-4 panels. We have been running the Amag Access Control System for 15+ years and most of the original equipment is still in use. We have been told that several of the field panels we still have in place are no longer supported, which means that when it quits working, that's it. The problem with this is having a main portion of the prox system being down while we have to order the new panel and parts and we will still need to install, program and enroll it into the security network, this will take some time (days or even weeks). While this is happening there will be doors that will not lock or un-lock, depending on the panel. There are a lot of County employees whose only access through a locked door is with their prox ID badge, as they don't necessarily have a key.

The other benefit will be the use of new current field panels and technology that we will be able to use with new features and the security will be enhanced, we currently have the very latest software but we cannot use some of the new features with the older panels and their firmware. At this time we have been experiencing difficulties with some of these panels failing to communicate with the main system.

The fire alarm system has been outdated for 16 years, parts are no longer available. This system has been problematic for several years. This will bring the Courthouse up to present day codes. Once the fire panel is replaced, code will require the rest of the building brought up to code within 24 months.

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The duress alarm system - parts are no longer available and we have been having problems keeping the system operational. This system silently alerts the 911 operator of an emergency.

These Flange Coupling Seals are leaking and are causing water damage to the ceiling of the 6th floor and we are losing treatment chemicals from the boilers. As you can imagine, if we have a major leak on the 7th floor of the Courthouse, the damage would be quite extensive.

3a. Options / Advantages:

ADA Lift – At this time we have no other options; we service the lift as required. The lift is required to meet the ADA accessibility requirements. By replacing the 20 plus year old wheelchair lift, we will be giving the citizens and the employees a much more reliable system to access the Courthouse.

Prox System: Facilities has been having issues with the original building system controllers. These device (MDU-4) panels are dropping out and failing to hold the programming. The age of the panels are an issue because they are no longer supported by the manufacturer. The replacement of these panels are critical to keep the prox system running properly.

Fire Alarm System: There are no other options; it is the only option, parts are no longer available, if the system goes down there is no repairing it.

Duress Alarms: The staff in the building has the ability to call 911. However, a panic system is a silent way to get help immediately. This system is used in many county buildings and is a standard for alerting 911 silently. There are no other options; Facilities has been having difficulties keeping the system running, it is no longer serviceable, parts are not available.

Flange Coupling Seals: Continued costly repair. Facilities will no longer have to make costly repairs and Juvenile Detention as well as the entire Courthouse will not have to endure leaks.

3b. Cost savings:

ADA Lift – There will not be any actual cost savings as there will still be a cost to maintain the lift as we do with our other elevators.

Amag Prox System – This installation is for the safety and security of the staff and to keep the public from restricted areas of the building.

There is no monetary cost savings for the fire alarm system or duress system. These are safety and security issues for the Courthouse

For the Flange Coupling Seals, there will be a minor improvement in the water usage, less cost for chemicals and less repairs for the floors below once the seals have been replaced.

4a. Outcomes:

ADA Lift: There will be less repairs and staff time to assist in any persons stranded when the lift malfunctions.

Amag Prox System: The prox system will be running properly, we will no longer have panels that malfunction.

Fire & Duress: Once these systems are in place; the building & citizens will have a functioning fire alarm system. When the duress system has been replaced, the employees of the courthouse will gain a functioning silent 911 call system available in the event of an emergency.

Flange Coupling Seals: Once the seals have been replaced, we will not have to deal with leaks and chemical loss.

4b. Measures:

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ADA Lift: When we no longer have to send staff over to help the public out of the stalled lift, make repairs or do other maintenance.

Amag Prox System: Secure areas of the building will be kept secure and public will be allowed in areas that are for public only. Employees will be able to gain access to the areas they are allowed entrances to.

Fire & Duress: when new reliable systems are up and running properly.

This will bring the Courthouse up to present day codes and give the County and citizens security that the building & personnel is being protected from fire and the duress system will also be reliable if there is an emergency and staff has the need for law enforcement to respond quickly and silently to aid in the emergency.

Flange Coupling Seals: When the seals have been replaced we will not have worry about leaks or chemical loss.

We should have a minor savings in water usage and chemical costs, less leaks and no more repairs.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

ADA Lift: No other department or agencies will be impacted

Duress Alarm: Emergency Services, PDS, Public Works and the agencies that utilize the building, they will need to be aware of how the system work and when to use it.

All three Courthouse Projects: All Departments within the Courthouse, this replacement will be coordinated by Facilities Management

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

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Michael Russell, Facilities Management

6. Funding Source:

REET 69% of each project

EDI 31% of each project