



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

March 11, 2008

Motion 12717

Proposed No. 2008-0117.3

Sponsors Gossett

1 A MOTION related to council adoption of the 2008 work
2 program for the county auditor's office.

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4 WHEREAS, K.C.C. 2.20.045 states that the council shall review and approve
5 annually by motion a work program prepared by the auditor for the county auditor's
6 office, and

7 WHEREAS, the work program shall include the audits, special studies and any
8 other oversight projects to be conducted and managed by the county auditor's office, and

9 WHEREAS, the mission of the county auditor's office is to conduct audit, studies and
10 other oversight activities that identify and recommend ways to improve accountability,
11 performance, and efficiency of county government, and

12 WHEREAS, the 2008 proposed auditor's work program has been developed and
13 is attached to this motion;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

15 The attached 2008 county auditor's work program is hereby adopted.

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Motion 12717 was introduced on 2/25/2008 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/10/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. 2008 King County Auditor's Office Work Plan, dated March 10, 2008

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Attachment A (March 10, 2008)
2008 KING COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE WORK PROGRAM

Project	Tentative Scope Summary
AUDITS/REVIEWS	
New:	
Animal Control ¹	Analyze the county's capacity to offer a model program such as the one envisioned by the Animal Care and Control Citizen's Advisory Committee. Also determine the adequacy of the incorporated city contracts in providing cost effective model animal care and control services throughout the county.
DDES Critical Areas Section	Evaluate the effectiveness of the Critical Areas Section of the Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES). This project will describe the work of the Critical Areas Section and update the staffing efficiency conclusions for the section made in the 2004 audit of DDES workload and staffing.
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy Financial Audit ¹	This levy mandates that the auditor's office conduct annual financial audits of the EMS levy monies, with the first report due in 2009. In 2008, pre-audit survey work will be done to prepare for these audits.
Historic Preservation ¹	Review how implementation of House Bill 1386 (historic preservation fees) has been implemented by King County and how it affects King County historic preservation and heritage programs. Determine whether supplanting of other funds has occurred.
Biennial Budget Pilot Evaluations	Conduct performance audits to evaluate transit operations and capital investments. This work shall begin in 2008 and be completed during 2009 with the goal of serving to inform the pilot biennial budget program for the Transit Division. This effort shall be coordinated with council budget committee staff and shall consider Transit strategic planning, performance measurement, and performance budgeting measures as evaluative criteria.
Carryover:	
Alternative Capital Procurement Methods Study	Review the pros and cons of various types of capital acquisition models available to the county, including design/build and General Contractor Construction Management (GCCM). Identify circumstances and criteria for beneficial use of each type of model. The courthouse seismic project is one of several county projects used as a case study.
Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) Code Enforcement Performance Audit	This audit will evaluate county code enforcement to determine whether current management, policies, procedures, and practices promote consistency, transparency, and accountability. The audit will include interviews with stakeholders in the code enforcement process.
Public Health, Environmental Health Division Fund Management Financial Audit	This audit will review how Public Health sets overhead rates for this division and determine if fee rate setting and fund management practices are in compliance with state law, county regulations and fund requirements.
Sheriff's Office Internal Investigation Unit (IIU) Performance Audit ¹	Continue to monitor Sheriff's Office progress towards addressing misconduct complaint issues in 2008 and provide a follow-up report in 2009. This may include review of changes to the Sheriff's Office 'use of force' policies and practices that were discussed in our 2006 report.

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FOLLOW-UP ON IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS	
Brightwater Procurement and Contracting Audit Follow-up	Determine whether revisions to executive procurement and contracting policies further contribute to the effective delivery and oversight of major capital projects as recommended in the audit. Also assess whether the policy revisions address issues related to professional services procurements and contracts for architectural and engineering services.
County Vehicle Replacement Program Audit Follow-up	Evaluate the implementation status of our 2007 recommendations to refine lifecycle cost analysis, strengthen cost recovery accounting, and improve customer relations related to county fleet management. This follow-up will also assess progress in developing county guidelines for purchasing and using vehicles.
Jail Health Services Pharmacy and Medication Administration Audit Follow-up	Evaluate whether effective implementation of 2007 recommendations has occurred. For example, assess whether processes for filling prescriptions and stocking medication carts have been improved to strengthen controls for medications and to increase efficiency of distribution.
Jail Overtime Performance Audit Follow-up	Evaluate the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention's progress implementing two recommendations made in our 2006 performance audit of Jail Overtime, including a review of the department's evaluation of its Operations Forecasting Model. This model could potentially be used to identify the most cost-effective mix of full-time and overtime staff and to estimate the budgetary impact of staffing policy changes.
New Construction Assessments Audit Follow-up	Evaluate whether the Assessor's Office has implemented our 2006 recommendations to streamline and improve the quality of new construction permit processing, implement performance measures for new construction assessments, and increase the credibility of revenue forecasting.
Roads Concurrency Study Follow-up	Assist in Council review of a proposed new Roads Concurrency system. Our review will assess the extent to which the proposed new concurrency system adheres to the recommendations of the study, including simplifying the system and using standard transportation modeling practices.
CAPITAL PROJECTS OVERSIGHT	
Capital Projects Oversight Phase 2 Implementation ¹	The auditor's office is continuing to implement the model developed in Phase I by hiring staff for the capital oversight program, who will begin the implementation of the recommendations of the Phase I report. Also, oversight continues on the six projects listed below.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountable Business Transformation (ABT) Oversight ¹ 	This project will review key milestones scheduled for completion in 2008, including the development of a High Level Business Design for ABT and various cost-benefit analyses. Executive branch reports to Council in 2008 will include the identification of business processes and decisions key to successfully unifying the county's Financial, Human Resource, Payroll and Budget processes; the prioritization of high payback areas; and development of high level requirements for a new budget system.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brightwater Capital Project Oversight ¹ 	Continue to provide independent and expert legislative oversight of the Brightwater Project – new treatment and conveyance system – to ensure that the County Council receives sufficient and timely information on the project scope, schedule and budget, and to promote transparency and public accountability in the development of the \$1.8 billion wastewater treatment facilities.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harborview Ninth and Jefferson Building Project Oversight ¹ 	Continue to provide independent and expert legislative oversight of the Ninth and Jefferson Building (NJB) Project to ensure that the County Council receives sufficient and timely information on the project scope, schedule and budget, and to promote transparency and public accountability in the development of this \$180 million bond-supported building project.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jail Integrated Security Project (ISP) and Jail Health Services (JHS) Oversight ¹ 	Continue to provide oversight of this capital project which includes the replacement of the jail's electronic security system and the remodeling of Inmate Transfer and Release (ITR) and space devoted to Jail Health Services. The project is scheduled to be completed late 2008.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelopment of County Administration Building ¹ 	Provide due diligence review of options, economic factors, and operational issues in the pre-design phase of the proposed project.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countywide Procurement & Contract Monitoring 	Monitor and provide input on countywide procurement and contracting policy revisions for capital planning, design, and construction projects to determine the potential impacts in strengthening capital program delivery and accountability.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritizing Major Capital Projects 	Develop a set of criteria that could be used to prioritize major capital projects. The criteria could further enable the ranking of projects considered for funding in the annual budget process, while also recognizing the differences and unique characteristics of each project, and differences in funding sources.
CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE	
Countywide Community Forums Program ¹	In 2007, the Council adopted, by ordinance, Initiative 24. It establishes a network of community forums, through which citizens can participate in small group discussions to provide input on a variety of county issues. The auditor's office oversees this program which should become operational in 2008.
Countywide Performance Measurement and Management Program ¹	Continue implementation of work plan developed by the countywide Performance Measurement Work Group. Four subcommittees of the main work group will work on key areas of implementation: strategic planning, citizen involvement, reporting to the public, overall coordination. The auditor plans to report results to the Council by late summer.
OTHER OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES	
Coordination of State Auditor's Office's (SAO) Local Government Performance Audits (I-900) ¹	The SAO is conducting performance audits of local government per Initiative 900 that passed in fall 2005. The initiative requires local government legislative bodies to hold public hearings and confirm implementation of the SAO's performance audit recommendations. In conjunction with the Washington State Local Government Auditors Association and the County Council, the auditor's office will continue to promote communication and coordination in fulfilling local governments' expectations. This includes advising on updating the protocols between the SAO and King County to, for example, prevent duplication of effort.
Jail Operational Master Plan (OMP) Implementation	Continue to oversee implementation of recommendations made in the 2005 Operational Master Plan for Adult Detention. Many recommendations were subject to completion of the Integrated Security Project, which is due to finish in the late fall 2008.
Review of State Auditor's Report and Other County Financial Statement Audits	Annually conduct a review of the State Auditor's annual financial audit reports of King County for the preceding fiscal year. The 2006 financial reports should be received and reviewed shortly, and the 2007 reports should be available late 2008.

¹ Mandated