



**Snohomish County Council**  
**Law and Justice / Human Services Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Jared Mead, Committee Chair  
Sam Low, Committee Vice-Chair  
Committee Members: Stephanie Wright, Nate Nehring, Megan Dunn

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst  
Angela Ewert, Legislative Aide  
Elena Lao, Assistant Clerk of the Council

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**Monday, March 28, 2022**

**1:30 PM**

**Jackson Board Room  
& Remote Meeting**

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**PRESENT:**

Acting Committee Chair Dunn  
Committee Chair Mead (remote)  
Committee Vice-Chair Low (remote)  
Committee Member Wright (remote)  
Committee Member Nehring  
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff  
Andrew Somers, Superior Court Administrator  
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Committee Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment for both in-person and remotely via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL**

The clerk called the roll and stated that all five members were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 22-015, relating to the Superior Court, increasing the number of Superior Court Commissioners, and amending Chapter 2.14 SCC [2022-0336](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview and fiscal impacts of the proposed ordinance to add a Protection Order Court Commissioner to address the workload impact precipitated by the passage of a new state law concerning civil protection orders.

Discussion followed as Andrew Somers, Superior Court Administrator, responded to questions relating to the additional commissioner position, as well as the workload and financial impacts for Superior Court.

Committee Member Nehring noted that he will relay the County's concerns to the Washington State Association of Counties relating to this new unfunded state mandate.

**ACTION:** Move to Regular Agenda, General Legislative Session on March 30, 2022, to set time and date for a public hearing.

### ***Agenda items #2 and #3 were considered together:***

2. Motion 22-116, approving Release and Indemnity Agreement for Transfer of Sheriff's Office K9-Ronin [2022-0264](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report on the proposed transfer agreements for K-9 Ronin and K-9 Luuk to Sheriff Office employees. She suggested that both motions could move together to General Legislative Session on March 30, 2022, for consideration.

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on March 30, 2022, for consideration.

3. Motion 22-135, approving Release and Indemnity Agreement for Transfer of Sheriff's Office K9-Luuk [2022-0265](#)

*[See notes under Item #2, Motion 22-116.]*

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on March 30, 2022, for consideration.

4. Motion 22-120, approving 1st Amendment to 2020 Contract for Legal Services [2022-0270](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, presented information on the proposed amendment to the contract with Bundy Law Group in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on March 30, 2022, for consideration.

5. Motion 22-138, approving 2022 Dispute Resolution Center Surcharge Contract with Volunteers of America Western Washington [2022-0305](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the contract for the operation of the Dispute Resolution Center through December 31, 2022. She explained that the cost is not to exceed \$140,000.

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on April 6, 2022, for consideration.

There being no further business, Acting Committee Chair Dunn adjourned the Council for the day at 1:40 p.m.