

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 22-216

APPROVING 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDMENT TO INITIAL 2020 CONTRACT FOR  
LEGAL SERVICES AND SUBSEQUENT 2021 1<sup>st</sup> AMENDED CONTRACT FOR  
LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2017, Sheriff's deputies responded to a 911 call. An extended altercation between deputies and a 29-year-old suspect, Alexander W. Dold, ensued. It is our understanding that both impact weapons and a Taser were used during the altercation. Once a total of six law enforcement officers arrived, Mr. Dold was able to be controlled. Mr. Dold subsequently became unresponsive, deputies' efforts to revive him were unsuccessful, and he passed away. The incident is currently being investigated by Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Plaintiffs' Jennifer Dold (sister and Personal Representative of Alexander Dold's Estate) and Kathy Duncan (Alexander Dold's mother) filed a lawsuit in United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Case No. C20-383-RAJ; and

WHEREAS, the Rules of Professional Conduct preclude the Civil Division from representing Snohomish County, former employees of Snohomish County, and former employees of Snohomish County and volunteers acting on behalf of Snohomish County where a conflict of interest may exist, and which require outside counsel to provide representation in the civil lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney, consistent with his authority under state law, county charter and county code, procured a Contract for Legal Services with Shannon Ragonesi at Keating, Bucklin and McCormack for the purpose representing Snohomish County Sheriff's Deputy Cody McCoy; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney subsequently discovered a conflict exists with representing Snohomish County Deputy Bryson McGee and, consistent with his authority under state law, county charter and county code, procured a 1<sup>st</sup> Amended Contract for Legal Services to include Deputy McGee and include Richard B. Jolley as co-counsel with Shannon Ragonesi; and

WHEREAS, the initial Contract for Legal Services with Shannon Ragonesi at Keating, Bucklin and McCormick executed on April 7, 2020, was not to exceed \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the 1<sup>st</sup> Amended Contract for Legal Services with Shannon Ragonesi and Richard Jolley at Keating Bucklin and McCormick, executed on December 15, 2021, was not to exceed \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, litigation is still ongoing and will likely continue for the unforeseeable future;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council authorizes the County Executive to sign the attached 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the initial 2020 Contract for Legal Services and subsequent 1<sup>st</sup> Amended Contract for Legal Services with Shannon Ragonesi and Richard Jolley at Keating Bucklin & McCormack in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

PASSED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



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Asst. Clerk of the Council