



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS

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ECAF: 23-0241

Proposal: Mot. 23-106

Date: March 8, 2023

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 23-106 which would approve Amendment No. 3 to the 2020 Contract for Legal Services with Keating, Bucklin & McCormack.

Background

The original agreement for legal services with Keating, Bucklin & McCormack was executed on April 7, 2020 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000. The firm provides outside legal services for the County in the litigation of Dold v. Snohomish County.

Amendment No. 1 was approved by Council via Motion 21-423¹ on December 15, 2021 increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$150,000.

Amendment No. 2 was approved by Council via Motion 22-216² on June 1, 2022 increasing the not to exceed amount to \$250,000.

As litigation continues, continued services are needed.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 23-106 approves Amendment No. 3 which increases the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement. All other terms and conditions are the same.

Duration: Unknown

Fiscal Implications: Not to exceed \$325,000

2021 Budget: YES. Expenditures are drawn from Fund 506, Insurance Defense Fund.

Future Budget Impacts: Unknown and dependent on ongoing litigation costs

Handling: NORMAL.

Approved-as-to-form: YES.

Risk Management: APPROVE.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Analysis: SCC 3.04.140(5) allows for the Prosecuting Attorney to approve \$50,000 in litigation contracts. As the not to exceed amount is increasing, it requires council approval.

Attachments: NONE

Amendments: NONE

Request: Move to GLS on March 22nd for Council to consider taking action.

¹ [Snohomish County Council - File #: 2021-0967 \(legistar.com\)](#)

² [Snohomish County Council - File #: 2022-0518 \(legistar.com\)](#)