



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

Strom Peterson, Committee Chair
Sam Low, Committee Vice-Chair
Committee Members: Nate Nehring, Megan Dunn, Jared Mead

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst
Joshua Thompson, Legislative Aide
Lisa Campfield, Assistant Clerk of the Council

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

1:00 PM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Committee Member Nehring
Committee Chair Strom (*remote*)
Committee Vice-Chair Low (*not present*)
Committee Member Dunn
Committee Member Mead (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council
Lisa Campfield, Asst. Clerk of the Council

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Member Nehring called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment for both in-person and remote via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 22-072, making administrative changes regarding the allocation of revenues appropriated by the state legislature pursuant to the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Act (PSTAA) RCW 43.79.520 [2022-1256](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She explained that this ordinance ratifies motions 22-160, 22-205 and 22-232; authorizes future administrative amendments to the services and expenditure plans to be approved by the County Executive; authorizes amendments allocating unspent prior program year funds approved by the County Executive; and authorizes non-administrative amendments that change the scope of the services to the expenditure plan to be submitted to Council for approval by motion.

ACTION: Move to Administrative Matters, General Legislative Session December 28th to set time and date for a public hearing.

Agenda Items #2 and #3 were discussed together:

2. Ordinance 22-069, relating to the 2022 Budget; making a supplemental appropriation in Fund 124 to provide expenditure authority for rental assistance (ESG) [2022-1198](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She explained that this ordinance would approve supplemental appropriations in Fund 124 for the 2022 Budget Year. She explained that Human Services was awarded additional funds beyond the amounts included in the 2022 Grant Work Plan from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Treasury in the amount of \$18,162,100.00. She said the grants are for rental assistance.

ACTION: Move to Administrative Matters, General Legislative Session December 28th to set time and date for a public hearing.

3. Ordinance 22-070, relating to the 2022 Budget; making a supplemental appropriation in Fund 124 to provide expenditure authority for rental assistance (TERA) [2022-1199](#)

[See notes under Item #2, Ordinance 22-069.]

ACTION: Move to Administrative Matters, General Legislative Session December 28th to set time and date for a public hearing.

Agenda Items #4 and #5 were discussed together:

4. Motion 22-429, confirming the appointment of Benjamin Boyle to the Snohomish County Council on Aging [2022-1006](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She explained the qualifications of the candidate up for appointment. She said if appointed, the term expires December 30, 2025.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

5. Motion 22-430, confirming the appointment of Tony Lazaro to the Snohomish County Council on Aging [2022-1003](#)

[See notes under Item #4, Motion 22-429.]

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

Agenda Items #6 and #7 were discussed together:

6. Motion 22-453, confirming the appointment of Randy Burge to the Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Citizen Advisory Board [2022-1114](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She explained the qualifications of the candidate up for appointment.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

7. Motion 22-454, confirming the re-appointment of Nathan Hamner to the Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Citizen Advisory Board [2022-1116](#)

[See notes under Item #6, Motion 22-453.]

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

8. Motion 22-540, approve and authorize the County Executive to sign [2022-1284](#) the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Supplemental Contract 23-326CR-081 with the Washington State Department of Commerce

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She explained that these funds were not anticipated in the 2023 Grant Plan and therefore require Council consideration. She said the agreement is from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024 for a total of \$1,109,663.00.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

9. Motion 22-541, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to execute the agreement for legal services to contract [2022-1272](#) with Snohomish County Public Defender Association, for the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She explained that this agreement incorporates changes adopted during the 2023 Budget. She said the total increase over 2023 is \$1,562,708.00 and that \$1,083,556.00 of that amount is the ARPA Essential Government Services One Time Funding that was not listed in the prior agreement separately. She said this agreement is for the 2023 calendar year.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

10. Motion 22-459, approving the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the city of Stanwood relating to law enforcement services [2022-1117](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She said this agreement is for one year and expires on December 31, 2023 with the total compensation expected to be \$2,111,430.00. She explained this covers a Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant to act as the Chief of Police, one or more sergeants to assist the Chief of Police, one detective and six deputies. She said there is a building credit of \$48,790.00 in the agreement and that aside from the shorter duration, this agreement is substantively similar to the prior agreement executed in 2018.

Committee Member Dunn asked a question regarding if any changes need to be made relating to court security.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

11. Motion 22-510, approving the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the city of Everett relating to the Sex Offender Address and Residency Verification Program [2022-1222](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She explained that the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, Everett Police Department, and the Prosecutors Office created a task force which allows for address verification and consistent prosecution of registered sex offenders. She said the County receives grant dollars from the Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs for operation of this program. She explained that the \$101,000.00 goes to fund one detective for this work and the duration of this agreement is from the date of execution through June 30, 2023.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

12. Motion 22-488, approving 3rd Amendment to 2020 Contract for Legal Services [2022-1191](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She explained that this motion approves Amendment No. 3 with Simmons Sweeney Friemund Tardif PLLC for continued outside counsel and increases the not-to-exceed amount of the contract to \$250,000.00.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

Agenda Items #13 and #14 were discussed together:

13. Motion 22-523, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to execute the Agreement for Legal Services for Representation of Juveniles In Child Dependency Proceedings to contract with Kari Petrasek, Attorney At Law, for the period From January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 [2022-1250](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She explained that the agreement is for the initial term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with two one year extensions allowed and that the not-to-exceed amount is \$75,000.00, payable in monthly installments of \$6,250.00.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

14. Motion 22-524, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to execute the Agreement for Legal Services for Representation of Juveniles In Child Dependency Proceedings to Contract with Nancy Beckford, Attorney At Law, for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 [2022-1251](#)

[See notes under Item #13, Motion 22-523.]

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

15. Motion 22-527, approving agreement with the Washington State Office of Public Defense to provide indigent defense improvement funds to Snohomish County Office of Public Defense for the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023 [2022-1249](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She explained that pursuant to RCW 10.101, Washington State provides funds to counties for public defense improvements and the funds are based on population and allocated in the State budget. She said that for 2023, the funds equal \$429,925.00 which the Office of Public Defense intends to use to increase the conflict panel hourly rate for Class A felony representation.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session December 14th for consideration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review of SAO Performance Audit and Response [2022-1283](#)

Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Director of Human Services, spoke to the State Auditor's Report regarding the Homeless Housing System, specifically how recommendations are being received and handled.

There being no further business, Committee Member Nehring adjourned the Council for the day at 1:36 p.m.