



Committee of the Whole

Cynthia Foley

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2026-1133

Motion: 26-194

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Real Estate Purchase for Flood Control Operations

Scope: The Snohomish County Conservation and Natural Resources Department’s Surface Water Management Division (SWM) desires to purchase a 0.38 acre property located in Arlington for flood control operations. The purchase price is \$15,000. The Tax Parcel Number is 005780-000-029-00.

The property purchase price was originally approved by Council at \$10,000 via Motion 25-487. However, in the process of negotiations additional heirs to the property identified themselves and the purchase price increased to \$15,000, contingent upon a formal probate proceeding to eliminate any heirs that may still exist but have not been found.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

| Expenditures | Current Year | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | Total |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| 415.50951336101 | \$15,000 | | | | | \$15,000 |
| Totals | \$15,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$15,000 |

Authority Granted:

Motion 26-194 approves and authorizes:

- The increase in the purchase price to \$15,000, as long as the estate performs a formal probate proceeding to eliminate any heirs that may still exist but have not been found.
- The Snohomish County Council authorizes the Property Officer of the Department of Facilities and Fleet, Property Management Division to sign the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement on behalf of the County, revising the sales price to \$15,000.
- The Snohomish County Council authorizes the Property Officer of the Department of Facilities and Fleet, Property Management Division to sign the Statutory Warranty Deed, escrow closing documents, and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Property to the County in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement. All parties and departments involved with this matter have been conferred with and agree with the proposed Council action as described herein.

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Background: The Snohomish County Council previously approved the acquisition of the property under Motion 25-487¹ on November 12, 2025, in the amount of \$10,000 (the “Purchase Price”).

Through the process of negotiating with the heirs of the estate, it was determined that other heirs that were not part of the original negotiation have an interest in the property. The addition of other heirs, in combination of the heirs involved in the original negotiations, have requested an increase in sales price of \$5,000 for a new total of \$15,000 for the property.

Requested Action: Consider taking action.

¹ [2025-3280 - Motion 25-487](#)