



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 23-0057
Proposal: Mot. 23-021

Analyst: Heidi Beazizo
Date: January 16, 2023

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 23-021 which would approve and authorize Amendment No. 3 with Joyce Ziker Partners for special services.

Background

Specialized environmental legal representation for Snohomish County Airport is needed for potential legal action related to hazardous waste, substances, pollutants and contaminants on Airport property, possibly caused by long-term tenants. Joyce Ziker Partners PLLC provides the County with sound legal advice and consultation regarding environmental issues at the Airport and other Locations.

The original agreement was entered into for a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000 and updated by Amendment No. 1 on June 2, 2021 by Motion 21-193¹ increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$75,000. Amendment No. 3 was entered into on October 13, 2021 by Motion 21-383² increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$100,000. Additional services are needed as the litigation is taking longer than anticipated to complete.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 23-021 increases the not-to-exceed amount by an additional \$50,000 to \$150,000.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Implications: Additional \$50,000 – up to \$150,000

2023 Budget: YES

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: N/A

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.

Request: Move to GLS on February 1 for Council to consider taking action.

¹ [Agenda \(legistar.com\)](#)

² [Snohomish County Council - File #: 2021-0847 \(legistar.com\)](#)