

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 22-183

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT
PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL FINANCING FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY REGIONAL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

WHEREAS, SNO911 provides emergency communication services on behalf of its member agencies throughout Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office is one of the largest member agencies; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Public Safety Communication Agency ("SNOCOM") and Snohomish County Police Staff and Auxiliary Services Center ("SNOPAC") consolidated into SNO911 in 2017 and physically consolidated operations into the leased Everett Campus in 2018 where SNOPAC had been located since 2001; and

WHEREAS, as part of the consolidation, a task force comprised of SNOCOM and SNOPAC members studied facility space and concluded, based on 2015 data, that the current space in the Everett facility could house SNO911 operations through 2025; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Emergency Radio System ("SERS") merged with SNO911 in 2019. SNO911 technology staff who were former SERS employees operate out of a leased facility in Marysville, while technology employees for SNO911 continue to work from the Everett Campus. SNO911 believes bringing the technology staff together in one workspace along with the rest of the supportive operations staff is most beneficial to the organization; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Agreement SNO911 has now outgrown the space and is leasing space in other locations to accommodate its needs. SNO911 operations are no longer consolidated in one physical location; and

WHEREAS, SNO911 commissioned a future facility study which reviewed multiple options including remodeling the existing facility or building a purpose-built facility from the ground up. The study itself was accepted by the SNO911 Board of Directors on April 18, 2019. On December 17, 2020, the SNO911 Board of Directors unanimously authorized staff to develop plans to build a new 911 facility to consolidate its operations; and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the Snohomish County Regional Public Safety Communications Agency Interlocal Agreement effective as of January 1, 2018, as thereafter amended and restated (“SNO911 ILA”), contemplates that its Participating Agencies, as defined therein, may issue debt in order to provide capital financing for SNO911 on terms agreed upon by the parties; and

WHEREAS, by the issuance of its limited tax general obligation bonds, the County is willing and able to provide financing, subject to repayment under the terms of this Agreement, for SNO911’s future facility needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council authorizes the County Executive to sign an agreement with SNO911 providing for Capital Financing for Snohomish County regional public safety communications agency and any amendments thereto.


PASSED this 18th day of May, 2022.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Council Vice-Chair

ATTEST:



Asst. Clerk of the Council