



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 22-0686
Proposal: Mot. 22-372

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Date: Sept. 20, 2022

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Substitute Motion 22-272 which would approve Amendment No. 2 to the 2020 Contract for Legal Services with the law firm of Frey Buck P.S.

Background

The original agreement for legal services with Frey Buck P.S. was executed on February 12, 2021 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000. The firm provides outside legal services for the County in the matter of Jennifer Dold, et al. v. Snohomish County, et al.

Amendment No. 1 was approved on February 11, 2022 increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$100,000. Prior to sending Amendment No. 1 to Council for consideration, the costs of the litigation increased beyond Amendment No.1 prompting the drafting of Amendment No. 2.

As litigation continues, continued services are needed.

Current Proposal

Scope: Proposed Substitute Motion 22-273 approves Amendment No. 2 which increases the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement and also requests that Council ratify Amendment No. 1. All other terms and conditions are the same.

Duration: Unknown

Fiscal Implications: Not to exceed \$300,000

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 September 28, 2022 for Council to consider taking action.