



# Committee of the Whole

Deb Bell

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2023-1056

**Motion:** 23-566

**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:** Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Smart Communications Holding, Inc for Inmate Telecommunication Services.

**Scope:** The County has negotiated a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and Statement of Work with Smart Communications specifically for the implementation of a turnkey inmate communications system that provides comprehensive services to incarcerated persons housed in the Snohomish County Correctional Facility.

**Duration:** From execution through November 30, 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

The services are provided to the County at no cost.

**Authority Granted:** Approve and authorize the County Executive to execute the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and associated amendments with Smart Communications Holding, under SCC 3.04.140(8).

**Background:** The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, within its Correctional Facility, currently provides telecommunications services to inmates under two separate service providers, Telemate tablet-led services (2018) and GTL telephone-based services (2004). The Snohomish County Department of Corrections has performed research to determine options that are currently available in the marketplace for telecommunications services to inmates.

In 2021 Kitsap County issued RFP #2021-129 to procure Inmate Telecommunication Services. The language within the Kitsap County RFP allows for other government entities to cooperatively purchase off the contract awarded to Kitsap County, and a contract was executed in November 2021 between Kitsap County and Smart Communications Holding, Inc.

The Sheriff's Office has determined that acquiring Smart Communications Inmate Telecommunication Services under the terms of the Kitsap County agreement is in the best interest of the County. Pursuant to [Motion 2023-041](#), the Sheriff's Office and Information Technology Department have negotiated a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and Statement of Work with Smart Communications Holding, Inc., specifically for the implementation of a turnkey inmate communications system that provides comprehensive services to incarcerated persons housed in the Snohomish County Correctional Facility.

**Requested Action:** For Council to consider the motion.