SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4

RESOLUTION NO. 504

AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING SNOHOMISH COUNTY 911, A COUNTYWIDE CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY, AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED ACTIONS

Background: WHEREAS, Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 is a fire protection district formed under the laws of the State of Washington (the “State”) and is authorized by State law to provide emergency communications services to assist with the dispatch of fire and emergency medical service personnel to respond to 911 calls and related services; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 has for many years contracted with the Snohomish County Police Staff and Auxiliary Services Center (“SNOPAC”), a municipal instrumentality of its members, jointly organized by such members as a nonprofit corporation under chapter 24.06 RCW as expressly authorized by RCW 39.34.030(3)(b) for the provision of these emergency communications services; and

WHEREAS, SNOCOM and SNOPAC have worked for over three years to investigate the feasibility of a consolidating the two agencies and, in the last year and a half the Boards of Directors of the two agencies have negotiated terms and conditions for such a consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of SNOCOM and SNOPAC have determined that it is in the public interest to consolidate the two agencies in order to improve public safety and achieve economies of scale; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of SNOCOM and SNOPAC have each approved (by at least two-thirds affirmative vote) a resolution authorizing the consolidation of SNOCOM and SNOPAC into a new countywide public safety dispatch agency to be known as Snohomish County 911, pursuant to a plan of consolidation as required by chapter 24.06 RCW (the “Plan of Consolidation”); and

WHEREAS, under the Plan of Consolidation, on January 1, 2018 (the “Consolidation Effective Date”), SNOCOM and SNOPAC will become a single new corporation formed as a municipal instrumentality of its members pursuant to RCW 39.34.030 and organized as a nonprofit corporation under chapter 24.06 RCW as authorized by chapter 39.34 RCW, and SNOCOM and SNOPAC will cease to exist as separate legal entities; and

WHEREAS, all agencies who are members of SNOCOM and SNOPAC may join Snohomish County 911, either as a full member and co-owner (a “Principal”), or as an associate agency (an “Associate Agency”), or alternatively may become a subscriber (a “Subscriber”) of contract services; and
WHEREAS, Snohomish County 911 will be created and will be governed by the terms of the Snohomish County Regional Public Safety Communications Agency Interlocal Agreement, including all exhibits thereto (the “Agreement”) in the form of a governmental nonprofit corporation as authorized by chapter 39.34 RCW (the Interlocal Cooperation Act), and chapter 24.06 RCW (the Nonprofit Miscellaneous and Mutual Corporations Act); and

WHEREAS, in 2018 emergency communications dispatch operations will remain largely as they are today, operating out of two existing facilities but under a new unified governance structure under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 meets the qualifications of a Principal as further defined in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 has been provided forms of the Agreement, the Articles of Consolidation, the Plan of Consolidation, and other documents related to the consolidation of SNOCOM and SNOPAC in order to make the determinations set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 Board of Commissioners finds it is in the public interest of the citizens of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 to become a Principal of Snohomish County 911 and to approve other matters related thereto as set forth herein;

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 as follows:

Section 1. Approval of the Agreement: Execution. Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 hereby approves the Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference, and elects to become a Principal of Snohomish County 911. The Fire Chief is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4, the Agreement, in form substantially similar to that attached as Exhibit A, and to take other steps as necessary and to execute any related documents in order that Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 may become a Principal of Snohomish County 911. By execution of the Agreement, Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 hereby approves the consolidation of SNOCOM and SNOPAC pursuant to the Plan of Consolidation.

Section 2. Election of Services. Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 will request fire and emergency medical dispatch services from Snohomish County 911 beginning January 1, 2018, and the Fire Chief is directed to accordingly complete and submit the certification of service form attached as Exhibit A to the Agreement.

Section 3. Approval of Assessments. Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4’s assessments payable to Snohomish County 911 in 2018 as set forth in Exhibit E to the Agreement are hereby approved and will be included within Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4’s 2018 budget.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 at an open public meeting of such Board on the 13th day of NOVEMBER, 2017, the following Commissioners being present and voting:
SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4

Roger Portmann, Chairman

Mark Hintz, Commissioner

James H. Schmoker, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ron W. Simmons, District Secretary