

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WA

Submitting an Authorizing Proposition to the)
Voters of Cowlitz County to Fix and Impose)
a Sales and Use Tax of One-Tenth of One Percent)
Pursuant to the Chapter 82.14 420 RCW to be)
Used Solely for the Purpose of Providing Funds)
for Costs Associated With the Operations of Enhanced)
911 Emergency Communications Systems and Facilities)

Resolution No. 16 082

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington 82.14.420 authorizes county legislative authorities to submit a proposition to county voters to fix and impose a sales and use tax of one tenth of one percent to provide funds associated with the maintenance and operations of emergency communications systems and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the long term financial support of the Emergency 911 (“E911”) communications system is critical for the health and safety of county citizens, tourists, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz County 911 Center is the twenty-four hour primary public safety answering point of E911 calls, and provides dispatch services to the cities of Longview, Kelso, Kalama, Castle Rock, and Woodland, Washington, who are all members of a Public Safety Interlocal Agreement with the Cowlitz County Communications Center, and each have an appointed representative on the 911 Council; and

WHEREAS; the appointed representatives of the 911 Council have met and determined that a crucial need exists to fund critical infrastructure and operations of the emergency communications centers in order to provide vital public safety services to the public; and

WHEARAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cowlitz County deems it to be the best interest of the County and its constituents to submit such a proposition to the County voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners as follows:

- (1) There shall be submitted to the voters of Cowlitz County, Washington, at the next General Election to be held on Tuesday November, 8th, 2016, a ballot proposition, which, if approved by the voters, will fix and impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of the Chapters 82.14.420 RCW at the rate of one-tenth of one percent of the selling price in the case of sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of use tax, which tax shall be in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and which shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under Chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any

taxable event within Cowlitz County, to be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping and improvements of the Cowlitz County E911 public safety emergency communications systems and facilities.

(2) The Cowlitz County Auditor is hereby directed that the following proposition shall be placed before the voters on the November General Election ballot:

Proposition No. ____
Cowlitz County, WA

One-tenths of One Percent Sales and Use Tax for
Emergency 911 Communication Systems and Facilities

The Cowlitz County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. ____ concerning a proposition to increase the sales and use tax. The proposition would increase the sales and use tax within Cowlitz County by one-tenth of one percent for the purpose of providing funds for the costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping, and improvement of emergency 911 communication systems and facilities.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

SIGNED AND SEALED July 26, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Michael A. Karnofski

Michael A. Karnofski, Chairman

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Dennis P. Weber, Commissioner

absent-excused

Joe Gardner, Commissioner



ATTEST:

Tiffany Ostreim
Tiffany Ostreim, Clerk of the Board