



Legislation Text

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A MOTION of the county council accepting a bond purchase contract for the purchase of a combined offering consisting of the county's Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2003, Series A in the aggregate principal amount of \$27,605,000, and the county's Limited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, 2003, Series B in the aggregate principal amount of \$40,435,000, and establishing certain terms of such bonds and a plan of refunding.

PREAMBLE:

Pursuant to Ordinance 14167, the county council authorized the issuance of one or more series of its limited tax general obligation bonds in an outstanding aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$125,000,000 to provide long-term financing for the Courthouse Seismic Project, the North Rehabilitation Facility Project and the Regional Communications and Emergency Control Center Project, each defined and described in Ordinance 14167, and further authorized the issuance and public sale of one or more series of its limited tax general obligation bond anticipation notes in an outstanding aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$125,000,000 to provide interim financing for such projects pending the issuance of the bonds.

Pursuant to Ordinance 14463, the county council amended Ordinance 14167 to revise the description of the North Rehabilitation Facility Project and to augment the projects authorized to be financed, on a long-term basis, by such bonds, and pending the sale of such bonds, on an interim basis, by such bond anticipation notes by the addition of the Courthouse Earthquake Repairs, all as defined and described in Ordinance 14463.

Pursuant to Ordinance 14745, the county council amended Ordinance 14167, as previously amended by Ordinance 14463, to add the Integrated Security and Jail Health Remodel Project to the list of projects that are authorized to be financed, on a long-term basis, by such bonds, and pending the sale of such bonds, on an interim basis, by such bond anticipation notes, and that the maximum outstanding aggregate principal amount of such bonds and bond anticipation notes be increased to \$145,000,000 as a result; and also to amend certain provisions of Ordinance 14167, as previously amended by Ordinance 14463 (as so amended, the "2003A Bond Ordinance"), pertaining to such bonds and bond anticipation notes.

The 2003A Bond Ordinance provided that such bonds may be publicly sold in one or more

series, any of which may be sold in a combined offering with other bonds of the county, either by negotiated sale or by competitive bid, as determined by the Finance Manager in consultation with the county's financial advisor.

Pursuant to Ordinance 14766 (the "2003B Bond Ordinance"), the county council authorized the issuance of one or more series of its limited tax general obligation bonds in an outstanding aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$89,000,000 to finance or reimburse the county for the Treemont Conservation Easement Acquisition Project and to refund, on a current basis, all or a portion of the county's Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Various Purpose), 1993 Series A, and Limited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds (Various Purpose), 1993 Series B.

The 2003B Bond Ordinance provided that such bonds may be publicly sold in one or more series, any of which may be sold in a combined offering with other bonds of the county, either by negotiated sale or by competitive bid, as determined by the Finance Manager in consultation with the county's financial advisor.

The Finance Manager has determined that a series of the bonds authorized pursuant to the 2003A Bond Ordinance, to be designated as the county's Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2003, Series A (the "2003A Bonds") and a series of the bonds authorized pursuant to the 2003B Bond Ordinance, to be designated as the county's Limited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, 2003, Series B (the "2003B Bonds" and, together with the 2003A Bonds, the "Bonds") be sold in a combined offering by negotiated sale as provided herein.

None of the bonds authorized by the 2003A Bond Ordinance are currently outstanding, but \$108,800,000 in aggregate principal amount of the bond anticipation notes authorized by the 2003A Bond Ordinance are currently outstanding, \$28,800,000 of which will be repaid and retired with proceeds of the 2003A Bonds. The aggregate principal amount of all bonds authorized by the 2003A Bond Ordinance, including the 2003A Bonds, to be outstanding on the date of issuance of the 2003A Bonds will be \$27,605,000, which amount does not to exceed the remainder of \$145,000,000 less the aggregate principal amount of all bond anticipation notes authorized by the 2003A Bond Ordinance to be outstanding on the date of issuance of the 2003A Bonds.

Pursuant to the 2003A Bond Ordinance and the 2003B Bond Ordinance, the Finance Manager has negotiated the sale of the Bonds to UBS Financial Services, Inc. and Siebert Brandford Shank & Co., LLC (collectively, the "Underwriters"), and a preliminary official statement dated October 13, 2003, has been prepared for the sale of the Bonds.

It is in the best interest of the county that the Bonds be sold to the Underwriters on the terms set forth in the attached bond purchase contract, the 2003A Bond Ordinance, the 2003B Bond Ordinance and this motion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

A. Definitions. Except as expressly authorized herein, terms used in this motion have the meanings

set forth in the 2003A Bond Ordinance and the 2003B Bond Ordinance.

B. Approval of Bond Purchase Contract and Authorization of Bonds. The issuance of the 2003A Bonds, designated as the county's Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2003, Series A, in the aggregate principal amount of \$27,605,000, and the 2003B Bonds, designated as the county's Limited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, 2003, Series B, in the aggregate principal amount of \$40,435,000, and the terms and conditions thereof, as set forth in the bond purchase contract attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Purchase Contract"), are hereby ratified and confirmed, and the Purchase Contract is hereby approved. The Bonds shall be dated, shall mature or be subject to mandatory redemption, as applicable, on the dates in each of the years and in the amounts, and shall bear interest at the rates and payable on the dates specified in the Purchase Contract. In all other respects, the Bonds shall conform to the terms and conditions specified in the Purchase Contract and Bond Ordinance, which terms are hereby ratified and confirmed.

The Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption as set forth in the Purchase Contract.

C. Refunding of Refunded Bonds.

1. Plan of Refunding. The proper county officials are authorized to carry out the Refunding Plan in accordance with Section 13 of the 2003B Bond Ordinance. The amounts and maturities of the Refunded Bonds shall be as identified in the Purchase Contract, which identification is hereby ratified and confirmed.

2. Escrow Trustee. The selection of U.S. Bank National Association as Escrow Trustee is hereby ratified and confirmed.

3. Finding of Savings and Defeasance. The county council finds and determines that a substantial savings will be effected by the difference between the principal and interest cost over the life of the refunding portion of the 2003B Bonds and the principal and interest cost over the life of the Refunded Bonds but for such refunding, and that the Government Obligations to be deposited with the Escrow Trustee and the income therefrom, together with any necessary beginning cash balance, are sufficient to defease and redeem the above-referenced Refunded Bonds and will discharge and satisfy the obligations of the county with respect to

the Refunded 1993A Bonds under Ordinance 10685, the obligations of the county with respect to the Refunded 1993B Bonds under Ordinance 11121, and the pledges of the county in each such ordinance. Immediately upon delivery of such Government Obligations to the Escrow Trustee and the deposit of any necessary beginning cash balance, the Refunded 1993A Bonds shall be deemed not to be outstanding under Ordinance 10685 and the Refunded 1993B Bonds shall be deemed not to be outstanding under Ordinance 11122, and such bonds shall cease to be entitled to any lien, benefit or security under their respective ordinances except the right to receive payment from the Government Obligations and beginning cash balance so set aside and pledged.

D. Undertaking to Provide Ongoing Disclosure.

1. Contract/Undertaking. This section D constitutes the county's written undertaking for the benefit of the owners and beneficial owners of the Bonds as required by section (b)(5) of rule 15c2-12 (the "rule") of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "commission").

2. Financial Statements/Operating Data. The county agrees to provide or cause to be provided to each nationally recognized municipal securities information repository ("NRMSIR") and to the state information depository (the "SID"), if any, in each case as designated by the commission in accordance with the rule, the following annual financial information and operating data for the prior fiscal year (commencing in 2004 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003):

- (a) annual financial statements prepared in accordance with the Budget Accounting and Reporting System ("BARS") prescribed by the Washington State Auditor pursuant to RCW 43.09.200 (or any successor statutes) and generally of the type included in the official statement for the Bonds under the heading "Appendix B: Audited 2002 Financial Statements," which statements will not be audited, except that if and when audited financial statements are otherwise prepared and available to the county they will be provided;
- (b) a summary of the assessed value of taxable property in the county;
- (c) a summary of budgeted General Fund revenues and appropriations;
- (d) a summary of *ad valorem* property tax levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value

and delinquency rates;

- (e) a summary of outstanding tax-supported indebtedness of the county; and
- (f) a schedule of the aggregate annual debt service on tax-supported indebtedness of

the county.

Items (b) through (f) shall be required only to the extent that such information is not included in the annual financial statement.

Such annual information and operating data described above shall be provided on or before seven months after the end of the county's fiscal year. The county's fiscal year currently ends on December 31. The county may adjust such fiscal year by providing written notice of the change of fiscal year to each then existing NRMSIR and the SID, if any. In lieu of providing such annual financial information and operating data, the county may cross-reference to other documents provided to the NRMSIR, the SID or to the commission, and, if such document is a final official statement within the meaning of the rule, such document will be available from the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB").

If not provided as part of the annual financial information discussed above, the county shall provide the county's audited annual financial statement prepared in accordance with BARS when and if available to each then existing NRMSIR and the SID, if any.

3. Material Events. The county agrees to provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, to the SID, if any, and to each NRMSIR or to the MSRB, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, if material:

- (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (b) non-payment related defaults;
- (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (d) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

- (f) adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds;
- (g) modifications to rights of Bondholders;
- (h) optional, contingent or unscheduled calls of any Bonds other than scheduled sinking fund redemptions for which notice is given pursuant to Exchange Act Release 34-23856;
- (i) defeasances;
- (j) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds; and
- (k) rating changes.

Solely for purposes of disclosure, and not intending to modify this undertaking, the county advises with reference to items (c) and (j) above that no debt service reserves secure payment of the Bonds and no property secures repayment of the Bonds.

4. Notification Upon Failure to Provide Financial Data. The county agrees to provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, to each NRMSIR or to the MSRB and to the SID, if any, notice of its failure to provide the annual financial information described in subsection 2 above on or prior to the date set forth in subsection 2 above.

5. Termination/Modification. The county's obligations to provide annual financial information and notices of material events shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds. This section, or any provision hereof, shall be null and void if the county (i) obtains an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that those portions of the rule which require this section, or any such provision, are invalid, have been repealed retroactively or otherwise do not apply to the Bonds; and (ii) notifies each then existing NRMSIR and the SID, if any, of such opinion and the cancellation of this section.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this motion, the county may amend this section D, and any provision of this section D may be waived, with an approving opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel and in accordance with the rule.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this section D, the county shall describe such amendment in the next annual report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the county. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (i) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a material event under subsection 3, and (ii) the annual report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

6. Bond Owner's Remedies Under This Section. The right of any Bond owner or beneficial owner of Bonds to enforce the provisions of this section shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the county's obligations hereunder, and any failure by the county to comply with the provisions of this undertaking shall not be an event of default with respect to the Bonds. For purposes of this section, "beneficial owner" means any person who has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds, including persons holding Bonds through nominees or depositories.

E. Further Authority. The county officials, their agents, and representatives are hereby authorized and directed to do everything necessary for the prompt issuance and delivery of the Bonds and for the proper use and application of the proceeds of such sale.

F. Severability. The covenants contained in this motion shall constitute a contract between the county and the owners of each and every Bond. If any one or more of the covenants or agreements provided in this motion to be performed on the part of the county shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such covenant or covenants, agreement or agreements, shall be null and void and shall be

deemed separable from the remaining covenants and agreements of this motion and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this motion or of the Bonds.