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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
AMONG SPOKANE COUNTY, CITY OF SPOKANE,
CITY OF SPOKANE VALLEY, CITY OF CHENEY,
CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE AND CITY OF AIRWAY
HEIGHTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
SPOKANE REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR
HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING, HEALTH AND
SAFETY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Spokane County, City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley, City of Cheney, City of Medical Lake and City of Airway Heights (collectively, the “Parties”) currently directly or indirectly fund programs to provide services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity and/or behavioral health, but these issues remain a chronic and serious problem; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties are authorized to enter into interlocal cooperation agreements in accordance with chapter 39.34 RCW (the “Interlocal Cooperation Act”) to jointly provide services which each can individually provide; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that a joint and cooperative undertaking to coordinate homelessness services, affordable housing and behavioral health services within an equitable operational framework will enable and facilitate joint planning, program funding and establishing standards for and accountability of programs, thereby improving the delivery of services and enhancing outcomes for those receiving such services within Spokane County; and

WHEREAS, any city, town or county may lawfully create a public development authority in accordance with RCW 35.21.730 through RCW 35.21.759 to perform any lawful public purpose or public function (the “Public Development Authority Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into an Interlocal Agreement wherein (1) they agree Spokane County will create a public development authority to be known as the “Spokane Regional Authority for Homelessness, Housing, Health and Safety”, consistent with the provisions agreed by the Parties as set forth in a Charter attached to the Interlocal Agreement, for the purpose of facilitating joint planning, program funding and establishing standards for and accountability of programs, and thereby improving the delivery of homelessness services, affordable housing and behavioral health services and enhancing outcomes for those receiving such services within Spokane County, and (2) they agree to various terms in the Interlocal Agreement regarding (i) transfer of funding, staffing and contracts to the Spokane Regional Authority for Homelessness, Housing, Health and Safety” as well as (ii) start-up funding and staffing of the “Spokane Regional Authority for Homelessness, Housing, Health and Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 39.34 RCW and RCW 35.21.730 through RCW 35.21.759, that the Board, a majority of the Board or the Chair of the Board be and are hereby authorized to execute that document entitled “INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPOKANE REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY” (the “Interlocal Agreement”) whereby Spokane County will (1) agree to create a public development authority to be known as the “Spokane Regional Authority for Homelessness, Housing, Health and Safety”, consistent with the provisions agreed by the Parties as set forth in the Charter attached to the Interlocal Agreement, for the purpose of facilitating joint planning, program funding and establishing standards for and accountability of programs, and thereby improving the delivery of homelessness services, affordable housing and behavioral health services and enhancing outcomes for those

receiving such services within Spokane County, and (2) agree to various terms in the Interlocal Agreement regarding (i) transfer of funding, staffing and contracts to the “Spokane Regional Authority for Homelessness, Housing, Health and Safety” as well as start-up funding and staffing of the “Spokane Regional Authority for Homelessness, Housing, Health and Safety”.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

MARY L. KUNEY, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JOSH KERNS, VICE-CHAIR

Ginna Vasquez, Clerk of the Board

AL FRENCH, COMMISSIONER

AMBER WALDREF, COMMISSIONER

CHRIS JORDAN, COMMISSIONER