

NO. 16 - 0777

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING FOR A )  
SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN SPOKANE )  
COUNTY TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, )  
APRIL 25, 2017 AND SUBMITTING TO THE )  
ELECTORS A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO )  
RENEW THE IMPOSITON OF A SALES )  
AND USE TAX EQUAL TO ONE-TENTH OF )  
THE ONE PERCENT THROUGHOUT )  
SPOKANE COUNTY, AS AUTHORIZED BY )  
RCW 82.14.420, FOR A TIME FRAME )  
COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND )  
TERMINATING DECEMBER 31, 2028, THE )  
PROCEEDS TO BE USED SOLELY FOR )  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION )  
SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES TO INCLUDE )  
EQUIPMENT, CRIME CHECK AND THE )  
REVERSE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION )  
SYSTEM )

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6), the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Board" or "Board of County Commissioners") has the care of County property and the management of County funds and business; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions RCW 82.14.420, a county legislative authority may submit an authorizing proposition to the county voters, and if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, fix and impose an additional sales and use tax in the amount 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 a use tax, the money received from any tax imposed there under to be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 82.14.420, the Board of County Commissioners submitted a ballot proposition to the voters of Spokane County at a Special Election held on May 20, 2008, on whether or not the Board of County Commissioners should impose an additional one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax in Spokane County for a ten (10) year time frame to fund emergency communication systems and facilities to include equipment, crime check and the reverse emergency notification system. The election results were 64,584 "yes" (66.23%) and 32,946 "no" (33.78%). Subsequent thereto, the Board of County Commissioners under Resolution No. 08-0668 passed a resolution fixing and imposing a sales and use tax as authorized by the voters in accordance with the terms of chapter 82.14 RCW, such tax commencing October 1, 2008 and terminating September 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has received correspondence from the Spokane County Emergency Services Communications Policy Board supporting and recommending that the Board of County Commissioners place before the electors of Spokane County a ballot proposition to RENEW the sales and use tax authorized under RCW 82.14.420 for the same purposes as set forth in the 2008 ballot proposition; and

**WHEREAS**, based in part on the recommendation of the Spokane County Emergency Communications Policy Board, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Spokane County and necessary for the public health, safety and welfare to call for a special election to be held on April 25, 2017, whereat the electors of Spokane County will be presented with a ballot proposition on whether or not they want to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County to RENEW the sales and use tax authorized under the provisions of RCW 82.14.420. commencing September 1, 2018 and running until December 31, 2028 in the amount of one-tenth of one percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax within Spokane County, the moneys received from the tax to be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling repairing, reequipping, improvement and financing of emergency communication systems and facilities to include equipment, crime check and the reverse emergency notification system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, as provided for in RCW 82.14.420, that the Board does hereby request a special election be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, wherein a ballot proposition, more particularly set forth in Attachment "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be submitted to the qualified electors of Spokane County, and that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners be and is accordingly instructed to notify the Spokane County Auditor, supervisor of elections, of such fact, and to request said Auditor and supervisor to call and conduct said Election in the manner provided by law, and to submit that ballot proposition set forth in Attachment "A" hereto in the form of a ballot title substantially set forth therein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, that the Board believes accountability to the public is essential in the event a majority of the persons voting on the ballot proposition provided for herein approve the imposition of an additional sales and use tax in the amount 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 a use tax as provided for in RCW 82.14.420. Accordingly, if the tax is approved, the Board of County Commissioners will establish a voluntary advisory committee to be known as the *Citizens Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Advisory Committee*. The role of the *Citizens Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Advisory Committee* will be to ensure that citizens are continuously informed and educated on the expenditure of revenues generated by the renewal of the additional 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% sales and use tax. The *Citizens Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Advisory Committee* will consist of six (6) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, two (2) from each County Commissioner District. The initial terms, which will be determined by lot by the Clerk of the Board, shall be two (2) for one-year terms, two (2) for two-year terms and two (2) for three-year terms. Thereafter, the terms shall be for four (4) years. Members of the *Citizens Emergency Community Systems and Facilities Advisory Committee* will be limited to a maximum of eight (8) consecutive years' service on the Committee. The composition of the *Citizens Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Advisory Committee* will consist of entirely lay citizens representing the community. The *Citizens Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Advisory Committee* will be responsible for providing the Board of County Commissioners on an annual basis on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year with a fiduciary report which includes the status of

completed, pending and future projects/services funded by the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities sales and use tax, and the appropriateness of the use of those funds on behalf of Spokane County taxpayers for the uses as defined by the ballot proposition provided for herein and the enabling legislation. The Board of County Commissioners will put the annual report prepared by the *Citizens Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Advisory Committee* on the County's website as well as make copies available to the public upon request at no charge.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2016.

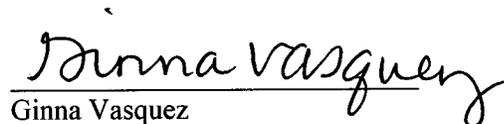


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OF SPOKANE, COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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ATTACHMENT "A"

PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPOKANE COUNTY

RENEWAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES TO INCLUDE EQUIPMENT, CRIME CHECK AND THE REVERSE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CONCERNING A PROPOSITION TO RENEW THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES SALES AND USE TAX. THE PROPOSITION WOULD RENEW THE EXPIRING ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, THE PROCEEDS TO BE USED SOLELY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING, REMODELING, REPAIRING, REEQUIPPING, IMPROVEMENT AND FINANCING OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES TO INCLUDE EQUIPMENT, CRIME CHECK AND THE REVERSE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND TERMINATING DECEMBER 31, 2028.

SHOULD THIS PROPOSITION BE APPROVED?

YES..... [ ]

NO..... [ ]