

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-321

APPROVING DEFENSE AND INDEMNITY FOR SHERIFF  
ROBERT SNAZA AND HIS MARITAL COMMUNITY, AND  
FOR JOSEPH SOLBERG AND HIS MARITAL  
COMMUNITY, IF ANY.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners previously established a process for providing litigation defense and indemnification for County officers and employees in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Lewis County Sheriff Robert Snaza and Joseph Solberg have been named as defendants in the matter of *Thomas Anketell Jr., et al. v. Lewis County Sheriff's Office, et al.*, Lewis County Superior Court Case No. 20-2-0038121, which relates to actions allegedly taken in the course and performance of their duties for Lewis County; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Robert Snaza and his marital community, and Joseph Solberg and his marital community, if any, have requested defense and indemnity pursuant to Resolutions 03-042 and 04-164; and

**WHEREAS**, it currently appears that the provision of legal defense and indemnity for Sheriff Robert Snaza and marital his community, and Joseph Solberg and his marital community, if any, is appropriate in the circumstances of this case.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners approves the requests from Sheriff Robert Snaza and his marital community, and Joseph Solberg and his marital community, if any, for legal defense and indemnity in the above-referenced lawsuit, with the exception of, and subject to review in the event of, any award of punitive damages, based upon actions taken during the course and performance of their duties undertaken on behalf of Lewis County; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, is hereby requested and authorized to provide legal defense for Sheriff Robert Snaza and his marital community, and Joseph Solberg and his marital community, if any, in accordance herewith; and the Lewis County Risk Manager and/or Lewis County Claims Administrator, pursuant to Resolution 10-151, is authorized to serve as adjuster on this matter.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 14th day of September, 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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By: Kevin McDowell,  
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