

MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 47-98

A RESOLUTION of Mason County, Washington, relating to contracting indebtedness; providing for the issuance of \$1,810,000 par value of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 1998, of the County for general County purposes to provide funds with which to pay a part of the cost of acquiring and remodeling certain land and buildings for general County purposes; fixing the date, form, maturities, interest rates, terms and covenants of the bonds; establishing a bond redemption fund and an acquisition fund; providing for bond insurance; and approving the sale and providing for the delivery of the bonds to BancAmerica ROBERTSON STEPHENS of Seattle, Washington.

WHEREAS, Mason County, Washington (the "County"), is in need of acquiring and remodeling land and buildings for general County purposes to provide administrative offices of the County and other capital purposes, the estimated cost of which is \$1,570,000, and the County does not have available sufficient funds to pay the cost; and

WHEREAS, Financial Security Assurance, Inc. (the "Bond Insurer"), has made a commitment to issue an insurance policy (the "Bond Insurance Policy") insuring the payment when due of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as provided therein, and the Board of County Commissioners deems that the purchase of the Bond Insurance Policy is in the best interest of the County. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Debt Capacity. The assessed valuation of the taxable property within the County as ascertained by the last preceding assessment for County purposes for the calendar year 1998, is \$3,082,441,309, and the County has outstanding general indebtedness evidenced by limited tax general obligation bonds, notes, leases and conditional sales contracts in the principal amount of \$0 incurred within the limit of up to 1-1/2% of the value of the taxable property within

the County permitted for general municipal purposes without a vote of the qualified voters therein, and unlimited tax general obligation bonds or notes in the principal amount of \$0 incurred within the limit of up to 2-1/2% of the value of the taxable property within the County for capital purposes only.

Section 2. Authorization of Bonds. The County shall borrow money on the credit of the County and issue negotiable limited tax general obligation bonds evidencing that indebtedness in the amount of \$1,810,000 for general County purposes to provide the funds to pay part of the cost of acquiring and remodeling certain land and buildings to provide County administrative offices and other capital purposes (the "Project") and to pay the costs of issuance and sale of the bonds (the "costs of issuance"). The general indebtedness to be incurred shall be within the limit of up to 1-1/2% of the value of the taxable property within the County permitted for general municipal purposes without a vote of the qualified voters therein.

Section 3. Description of Bonds. The bonds shall be called Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 1998, of the County (the "Bonds"); shall be in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,810,000; shall be dated May 1, 1998; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity; shall be numbered separately in the manner and with any additional designation as the Bond Registrar (collectively, the fiscal agencies of the State of Washington) deems necessary for purposes of identification; shall bear interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) payable semiannually on each June 1, and December 1, 1998, commencing December 1, 1998, to the maturity or earlier redemption of the Bonds; and shall mature on December 1, in years and amounts and bear interest at the rates per annum as follows:

<u>Maturity Years</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>
1998	\$ 90,000	3.80%
1999	90,000	3.90
2000	95,000	4.05
2001	100,000	4.20
2002	105,000	4.30
2003	105,000	4.40
2004	110,000	4.45
2005	115,000	4.55
2006	125,000	4.60
2007	130,000	4.65
2008	135,000	4.70
2009	140,000	4.75
2010	150,000	4.80
2011	155,000	4.90
2012	165,000	4.95

The life of the capital facilities to be acquired with the proceeds of the Bonds exceeds the term of the Bonds.

Section 4. Registration and Transfer of Bonds. The Bonds shall be issued only in registered form as to both principal and interest and shall be recorded on books or records maintained by the Bond Registrar (the "Bond Register"). The Bond Register shall contain the name and mailing address of the owner of each Bond and the principal amount and number of each of the Bonds held by each owner.

Bonds surrendered to the Bond Registrar may be exchanged for Bonds in any authorized denomination of an equal aggregate principal amount and of the same interest rate and maturity. Bonds may be transferred only if endorsed in the manner provided thereon and surrendered to the Bond Registrar. Any exchange or transfer shall be without cost to the owner or transferee. The Bond Registrar shall not be obligated to exchange or transfer any Bond during the 15 days preceding any principal payment or redemption date.

The Bonds initially shall be registered in the name of CEDE & CO., as the nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). The Bonds so registered shall

be held in fully immobilized form by DTC as depository in accordance with the provisions of a Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations with DTC substantially in the form on file with the County Treasurer and by this reference made a part hereof (the "Letter of Representations"). To induce DTC to accept the Bonds as eligible for deposit at DTC, the County approves the Letter of Representations. The County Treasurer is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Letter of Representations, on behalf of the County, to DTC on or before the date of delivery of the Bonds to the purchaser thereof and the payment therefor, with such changes as the County Treasurer deems to be in the best interests of the County, and her execution and delivery of the Letter of Representations shall evidence irrevocably the approval of the Letter of Representations by the County. Neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall have any responsibility or obligation to DTC participants or the persons for whom they act as nominees with respect to the Bonds regarding accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or DTC participants of any amount in respect of principal of or interest on the Bonds, or any notice which is permitted or required to be given to registered owners hereunder (except such notice as is required to be given by the Bond Registrar to DTC).

For so long as any Bonds are held in fully immobilized form, DTC or its successor depository shall be deemed to be the registered owner for all purposes hereunder and all references to registered owners, bondowners, bondholders or the like shall mean DTC or its nominees and shall not mean the owners of any beneficial interests in the Bonds. Registered ownership of such Bonds, or any portions thereof, may not thereafter be transferred except: (i) to any successor of DTC or its nominee, if that successor shall be qualified under any applicable laws to provide the services proposed to be provided by it; (ii) to any substitute depository appointed by the County or such substitute depository's successor; or (iii) to any person if the Bonds are no longer held in immobilized form.

Upon the resignation of DTC or its successor (or any substitute depository or its successor) from its functions as depository, or a determination by the County that it no longer wishes to continue the system of book entry transfers through DTC or its successor (or any substitute depository or its successor), the County may appoint a substitute depository. Any such substitute depository shall be qualified under any applicable laws to provide the services proposed to be provided by it.

If (i) DTC or its successor (or substitute depository or its successor) resigns from its functions as depository, and no substitute depository can be obtained, or (ii) the County determines that the Bonds are to be in certificated form, the ownership of Bonds may be transferred to any person as provided herein and the Bonds no longer shall be held in fully immobilized form.

Section 5. Payment of Bonds. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Interest on the Bonds shall be paid by checks or drafts of the Bond Registrar mailed on the interest payment date to the registered owners at the addresses appearing on the Bond Register on the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date. Principal of the Bonds shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds by the registered owners at either of the principal offices of the Bond Registrar at the option of the owners. Notwithstanding the foregoing, as long as the Bonds are registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be made in the manner set forth in the Letter of Representations.

Section 6. Optional Redemption and Open Market Purchase of Bonds. Bonds maturing in the years 1998 through 2008, inclusive, shall be issued without the right or option of the County to redeem those Bonds prior to their stated maturity dates. The County reserves the right and option to redeem the Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2009, prior to their stated

maturity dates on or after December 1, 2008, as a whole at any time, or in part on any interest payment date within one or more maturities selected by the County (and by lot within a maturity in such manner as the Bond Registrar shall determine), at par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Portions of the principal amount of any Bond, in installments of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, may be redeemed. If less than all of the principal amount of any Bond is redeemed, upon surrender of that Bond at either of the principal offices of the Bond Registrar, there shall be issued to the registered owner, without charge therefor, a new Bond (or Bonds, at the option of the registered owner) of the same maturity and interest rate in any of the denominations authorized by this resolution in the aggregate principal amount remaining unredeemed.

The County further reserves the right and option to purchase any or all of the Bonds in the open market at any time at any price acceptable to the County plus accrued interest to the date of purchase.

All Bonds purchased or redeemed under this section shall be canceled.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for so long as the Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, selection of Bonds for redemption shall be in accordance with the Letter of Representations (as it may be changed).

Section 7. Notice of Redemption. The County shall cause notice of any intended redemption of Bonds to be given not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the registered owner of any Bond to be redeemed at the address appearing on the Bond Register at the time the Bond Registrar prepares the notice, and the requirements of this sentence shall be deemed to have been fulfilled when notice has been mailed as so provided, whether or not it is actually received by the owner of any

Bond. Interest on Bonds called for redemption shall cease to accrue on the date fixed for redemption unless the Bond or Bonds called are not redeemed when presented pursuant to the call. In addition, the redemption notice shall be mailed within the same period, postage prepaid, to Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and Standard & Poor's at their offices in New York, New York, or their successors, to BancAmerica Robertson Stephens, at its principal office in Seattle, Washington, or its successor, to Financial Security Assurance Inc. at its principal office in New York, New York, and to such other persons, and with such additional information as the County Treasurer shall determine, but these additional mailings shall not be a condition precedent to the redemption of Bonds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for so long as the Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, notice of redemption shall be given in accordance with the Letter of Representations (as it may be changed).

Section 8. Failure To Redeem Bonds. If any Bond is not redeemed when properly presented at its maturity or call date, the County shall be obligated to pay interest on that Bond at the same rate provided in the Bond from and after its maturity or call date until that Bond, both principal and interest, is paid in full or until sufficient money for its payment in full is on deposit in the bond redemption fund hereinafter created and the Bond has been called for payment by giving notice of that call to the registered owner of each of those unpaid Bonds.

Section 9. Pledge of Taxes. For as long as any of the Bonds are outstanding, the County irrevocably pledges to include in its budget and levy taxes annually within the constitutional and statutory tax limitations provided by law without a vote of the electors of the County on all of the taxable property within the County in an amount sufficient, together with other money legally available and to be used therefor, to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the full faith, credit and resources of the County are pledged irrevocably for the annual levy and collection of those taxes and the prompt payment of that principal and interest.

Section 10. Form and Execution of Bonds. The Bonds shall be printed or lithographed on good bond paper in a form consistent with the provisions of this resolution and state law and shall be signed by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, either or both of whose signatures may be manual or in facsimile, and the seal of the County or a facsimile reproduction thereof shall be impressed or printed thereon.

Only Bonds bearing a Certificate of Authentication in the following form, manually signed by the Bond Registrar, shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to the benefits of this resolution:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the fully registered Mason County, Washington, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 1998, described in the Bond Resolution.

WASHINGTON STATE FISCAL AGENCY
Bond Registrar

By _____
Authorized Signer

The authorized signing of a Certificate of Authentication shall be conclusive evidence that the Bonds so authenticated have been duly executed, authenticated and delivered and are entitled to the benefits of this resolution.

If any officer whose facsimile signature appears on the Bonds ceases to be an officer of the County authorized to sign bonds before the Bonds bearing his or her facsimile signature are authenticated or delivered by the Bond Registrar or issued by the County, those Bonds nevertheless may be authenticated, issued and delivered and, when authenticated, issued and delivered, shall be as binding on the County as though that person had continued to be an officer of the County authorized to sign bonds. Any Bond also may be signed on behalf of the County

by any person who, on the actual date of signing of the Bond, is an officer of the County authorized to sign bonds, although he or she did not hold the required office on the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 11. Bond Registrar. The Bond Registrar shall keep, or cause to be kept, at its principal corporate trust office, sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which shall be open to inspection by the County at all times. The Bond Registrar is authorized, on behalf of the County, to authenticate and deliver Bonds transferred or exchanged in accordance with the provisions of the Bonds and this resolution, to serve as the County's paying agent for the Bonds and to carry out all of the Bond Registrar's powers and duties under this resolution and the County's resolution adopted the date hereof establishing a system of registration for the County's bonds and obligations.

The Bond Registrar shall be responsible for its representations contained in the Bond Registrar's Certificate of Authentication on the Bonds. The Bond Registrar may become the owner of Bonds with the same rights it would have if it were not the Bond Registrar and, to the extent permitted by law, may act as depository for and permit any of its officers or directors to act as members of, or in any other capacity with respect to, any committee formed to protect the rights of Bond owners.

Section 12. Preservation of Tax Exemption for Interest on Bonds. The County covenants that it will take all actions necessary to prevent interest on the Bonds from being included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, and it will neither take any action nor make or permit any use of proceeds of the Bonds or other funds of the County treated as proceeds of the Bonds at any time during the term of the Bonds which will cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The County certifies that it has not

been notified of any listing or proposed listing by the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that it is a bond issuer whose arbitrage certifications may not be relied upon.

Section 13. Small Governmental Issuer Arbitrage Rebate Exception and Designation of Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations." The County finds and declares that (a) it is a duly organized and existing governmental unit of the State of Washington and has general taxing power; (b) no Bond which is part of this issue of Bonds is a "private activity bond" within the meaning of Section 141 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); (c) at least 95% of the net proceeds of the Bonds will be used for local governmental activities of the County (or of a governmental unit the jurisdiction of which is entirely within the jurisdiction of the County); (d) the aggregate face amount of all tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds and other obligations not required to be included in such calculation) issued by the County and all entities subordinate to the County (including any entity that the County controls, that derives its authority to issue tax-exempt obligations from the County, or that issues tax-exempt obligations on behalf of the County) during the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued is not reasonably expected to exceed \$5,000,000; and (e) the amount of tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds, designated by the County as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code during the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued does not exceed \$10,000,000. The County therefore certifies that the Bonds are eligible for the arbitrage rebate exception under Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code and designates the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 14. Bonds Negotiable. The Bonds shall be negotiable instruments to the extent provided by RCW 62A.8-102 and 62A.8-105.

Section 15. Refunding or Defeasance of the Bonds. The County may issue refunding bonds pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington or use money available from any other lawful source to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or any portion thereof included in a refunding or defeasance plan, and to redeem and retire, refund or defease all such then-outstanding Bonds (hereinafter collectively called the "defeased Bonds") and to pay the costs of the refunding or defeasance. If money and/or "government obligations" (as defined in chapter 39.53 RCW, as now or hereafter amended) maturing at a time or times and bearing interest in amounts (together with money, if necessary) sufficient to redeem and retire, refund or defease the defeased Bonds in accordance with their terms are set aside in a special trust fund or escrow account irrevocably pledged to that redemption, retirement or defeasance of defeased Bonds (hereinafter called the "trust account"), then all right and interest of the owners of the defeased Bonds in the covenants of this resolution and in the funds and accounts obligated to the payment of the defeased Bonds shall cease and become void. The owners of defeased Bonds shall have the right to receive payment of the principal of and interest on the defeased Bonds from the trust account. The County shall include in the refunding or defeasance plan such provisions as the County deems necessary for the random selection of any defeased Bonds that constitute less than all of a particular maturity of the Bonds, for notice of the defeasance to be given to the owners of the defeased Bonds and to such other persons as the County shall determine, and for any required replacement of Bond certificates for defeased Bonds. The defeased Bonds shall be deemed no longer outstanding, and the County may apply any money in any other fund or account established for the payment or redemption of the defeased Bonds to any lawful purposes as it shall determine.

Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, if the principal of and/or interest due on the bonds is paid by the Bond Insurer pursuant to the Bond Insurance Policy, the Bonds

shall be treated as remaining outstanding for all purposes and shall not be considered paid by the County, and the covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the County to the registered owners of the Bonds shall continue to exist, and the Bond Insurer shall be subrogated to the rights of the registered owners.

Section 16. Bond Fund and Deposit of Bond Proceeds. There is created and established in the office of the County Treasurer a special fund designated as the Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Fund, 1998 (the "Bond Fund"), for the purpose of paying principal of and interest on the Bonds. Accrued interest on the Bonds, if any, received from the sale and delivery of the Bonds shall be paid into the Bond Fund. All taxes collected for and allocated to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be deposited in the Bond Fund.

There also is created and established in the office of the County Treasurer a special fund designated as the Building Acquisition Fund, 1998 (the "Acquisition Fund"). The principal proceeds and premium, if any, received from the sale and delivery of the Bonds shall be paid into the Acquisition Fund and used for the purposes specified in Section 2 of this resolution. Until needed to pay the costs of the Project and costs of issuance of the Bonds, the County may invest principal proceeds temporarily in any legal investment, and the investment earnings may be retained in the Acquisition Fund and be spent for the purposes of that fund .

Section 17. Approval of Bond Purchase Contract. BancAmerica Robertson Stephens of Seattle, Washington, has presented a purchase contract (the "Bond Purchase Contract") to the County offering to purchase the Bonds under the terms and conditions provided in the Bond Purchase Contract, which written Bond Purchase Contract is on file with the County Treasurer and is incorporated herein by this reference. The Board of County Commissioner finds that entering into the Bond Purchase Contract is in the County's best interest and therefore accepts the offer contained therein and authorizes its execution by County officials.

The Bonds will be printed at County expense and will be delivered to the purchaser in accordance with the Bond Purchase Contract, with the approving legal opinion of Foster Pepper & Shefelman PLLC, municipal bond counsel of Seattle, Washington, regarding the Bonds printed on each Bond. Bond counsel shall not be required to review and shall express no opinion concerning the completeness or accuracy of any official statement, offering circular or other sales or disclosure material issued or used in connection with the Bonds, and bond counsel's opinion shall so state.

The proper County officials are authorized and directed to do everything necessary for the prompt delivery of the Bonds to the purchaser and for the proper application and use of the proceeds of the sale thereof.

Section 18. Preliminary Official Statement Deemed Final. The Board of County Commissioner has been provided with copies of a preliminary official statement dated April 27, 1998 (the "Preliminary Official Statement"), prepared in connection with the sale of the Bonds. For the sole purpose of the Bond purchaser's compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), the County "deems final" that Preliminary Official Statement as of its date, except for the omission of information as to offering prices, interest rates, selling compensation, aggregate principal amount, principal amount per maturity, maturity dates, options of redemption, delivery dates, ratings and other terms of the Bonds dependent on such matters.

Section 19. Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure. To meet the conditions of paragraph (d)(2) of United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") as required to qualify for the limited exemption from paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule, as applicable to a participating underwriter for the Bonds, the County makes the following undertaking (the "Undertaking") for the benefit of holders of the Bonds:

(a) Undertaking to Provide Annual Financial Information and Notice of Material Events. The County undertakes to provide or cause to be provided, either directly or through a designated agent:

(i) To any person upon request, or annually to a state information depository, if any, established in the state of Washington (the “SID”), annual financial information and operating data of the type included in the final official statement for the Bonds and described in Section 19(b) (“annual financial information”) that is customarily prepared by the County and is otherwise publicly available; and

(ii) To each nationally recognized municipal securities information repository designated by the SEC in accordance with the Rule (“NRMSIR”) or the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”), and to the SID, timely notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, if material: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds; (8) Bond calls (other than scheduled mandatory redemptions of Term Bonds); (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds; and (11) rating changes.

(b) Type of Annual Financial Information Undertaken to be Provided.

The annual financial information that the County undertakes to provide:

(i) Shall consist of (1) annual financial statements for the prior fiscal year generally of the type included in the Official Statement under the caption “Comparative Statement of Current Expense Fund Revenues and Expenditures,” (2) a statement of authorized, issued and outstanding general obligation debt of the County, (3) the current assessed value of the property within the County subject to *ad valorem* taxation, and (4) current tax levy rates and amounts and percentages of taxes collected; and

(ii) Shall be available from the Treasurer of the County, whose current address and telephone number are identified in the final official statement for the Bonds.

(c) Amendment of Undertaking. The Undertaking is subject to amendment after the primary offering of the Bonds without the consent of any holder of any Bond, or of any broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, participating underwriter, rating agency, NRMSIR, the SID or the MSRB, under the circumstances and in the manner permitted by the Rule.

The County will give notice to each NRMSIR or the MSRB, and the SID, of the substance (or provide a copy) of any amendment to the Undertaking and a brief statement of the reasons for the amendment. If the amendment changes the type of annual financial information to be provided, the annual financial information containing the amended financial information will include a narrative explanation of the effect of that change on the type of information to be provided.

(d) Beneficiaries. The Undertaking evidenced by this Section 19 shall inure to the benefit of the County and any holder of Bonds, and shall not inure to the benefit of or create any rights in any other person.

(e) Termination of Undertaking. The County's obligations under this Undertaking shall terminate upon the legal defeasance of all of the Bonds. In addition, the County's obligations under this Undertaking shall terminate if those provisions of the Rule which require the County to comply with this Undertaking become legally inapplicable in respect of the Bonds for any reason, as confirmed by an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel or other counsel familiar with federal securities laws delivered to the County, and the County provides timely notice of such termination to each NRMSIR or the MSRB and the SID.

(f) Remedy for Failure to Comply with Undertaking. As soon as practicable after the County learns of any failure to comply with the Undertaking, the County will proceed with due diligence to cause such noncompliance to be corrected. No failure by the County or other obligated person to comply with the Undertaking shall constitute a default in respect of the Bonds. The sole remedy of any holder of a Bond shall be to take such actions as that holder deems necessary, including seeking an order of specific performance from an appropriate court, to compel the County or other obligated person to comply with the Undertaking.

(g) Designation of Official Responsible to Administer Undertaking. The Treasurer of the County (or such other officer of the County who may in the future perform the duties of the Treasurer) or his or her designee is authorized and directed in his or her discretion to take such further actions as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to carry out the Undertaking of the County in respect of the Bonds set

forth in this Section 19 and in accordance with the Rule, including, without limitation, the following actions:

(i) Preparing, filing and/or making available the annual financial information undertaken to be provided;

(ii) Determining whether any event specified in Section 19(a) has occurred, assessing its materiality with respect to the Bonds, and, if material, preparing and disseminating notice of its occurrence;

(iii) Determining whether any person other than the County is an “obligated person” within the meaning of the Rule with respect to the Bonds, and obtaining from such person an undertaking to provide any annual financial information and notice of material events for that person in accordance with the Rule;

(iv) Determining and monitoring the aggregate amount of outstanding municipal securities of the County and of any other obligated person for purposes of the qualification of the County and any other obligated person for the limited exemption from paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule;

(v) Selecting, engaging and compensating designated agents and consultants, including but not limited to financial advisors and legal counsel, to assist and advise the County in carrying out the Undertaking; and


(vi) Effecting any necessary amendment of the Undertaking.

Section 20. Bond Insurance. The Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the County’s best interest to purchase from Financial Security Assurance Inc., or any successor thereto (the “Bond Insurer”), the municipal bond new issue insurance policy (the “Bond Insurance Policy”) issued by the Bond Insurer insuring the prompt payment of the principal of and interest

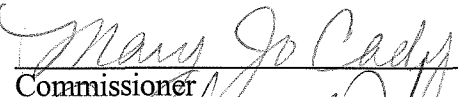
on the Bonds and agrees to the conditions for obtaining the Bond Insurance Policy, including the payment of the premium therefor. Any notice required to be given to the Bond Insurer shall be sent by certified or registered mail to Financial Security Assurance Inc., New York, New York, 10022-6022, Attention: Managing Director-Surveillance; Re Policy No. _____, Telephone: (212) 826-0100; Telecopier: (212) 339-3529.

Section 21. Temporary Bond. Pending the printing, execution and delivery to the purchaser of definitive Bonds, the County may cause to be executed and delivered to the purchaser a single temporary Bond in the total principal amount of the Bonds. The temporary Bond shall bear the same date of issuance, interest rates, principal payment dates and terms and covenants as the definitive Bonds, shall be issued as a fully registered Bond in the name of the purchaser, and otherwise shall be in a form acceptable to the purchaser. The temporary Bond shall be exchanged for definitive Bonds as soon as they are printed, executed and available for delivery.


ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof, this 5th day of May, 1998.



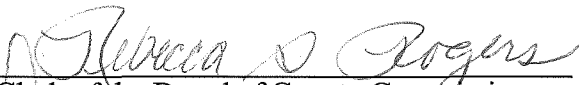
Chair




Commissioner



Commissioner

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Prosecuting Attorney