



## Cowlitz 911 Agenda Summary Sheet

2790 Ocean Beach Highway  
Longview, WA 98632  
[www.cowlitz911.org](http://www.cowlitz911.org)

**INTRODUCED BY:** Darr Kirk

**DATE:** September 16, 2026

**FOR AGENDA OF:** September 16, 2026

**SUBJECT TITLE:** 2026 Budget

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution 2025-04 and Exhibit A

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Increases in transfers bring Stabilization fund up to new reserve level.  
Operations expenditures are up 5.5% over the 2026 budget, due to increased budget in salaries and benefits (474,150). All other operations expenditures are down 8.5% (-128,214)(More Power and no audit).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to approve Cowlitz 911 Board Resolution 2025-004.

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**Expenditure Required: \$8,943,644**  
**Amount Budgeted (including transfers): \$15,727,388**  
**Appropriation Required: \$15,727,388**

**RESOLUTION 2026-004**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE 2027 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2018, the Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners adopted Cowlitz County Ordinance 18-014 which created the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority and approved an initial Charter; and,

WHEREAS, Cowlitz 911 (the "Authority") is a public corporation organized pursuant to RCW 35.21.730 through 35.21.754; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10.4 of the Cowlitz 911 Charter requires the Executive Director to provide, and the Board of Directors to adopt, the annual budget, work plan, and proposed service fees for services provided by contract to other public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed 2026 Budget, Work Plan, and Service Fee Schedule as submitted and finds them to be in the best interests of the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors as follows:

**Section 1. Adoption.** The Cowlitz 911 Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the 2027 Budget, Work Plan, and Service Fees as presented and attached hereto as Exhibit A (Budget Summary) and Exhibit B (Work Plan and Fee Schedule), which are incorporated by reference. The Executive Director is authorized to implement the approved Work Plan and administer service contracts consistent with the adopted budget and fee schedule.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any provision of this Resolution or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision, if such remainder conforms to the requirements of applicable law and the fundamental purpose of this Resolution, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

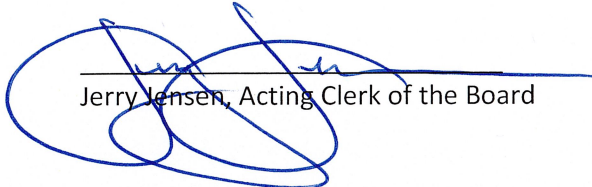
ADOPTED in regular session this 16th day of September, 2026

COWLITZ 911 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Chair of the Board, Robert Huhta

ATTEST:

  
Jerry Jensen, Acting Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
General Counsel

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

  
Darr Kirk, Executive Director

**EXHIBIT A**

| 2027 BUDGET SUMMARY      |                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Fund                     | Beginning Balance | Revenues         | Transfers In     | Expenditures     | Transfers Out    | Ending Balance    |
| OPERATIONS               | 1,302,716         | 2,772,231        | 4,500,000        | 6,650,400        | 1,100,000        | 824,547           |
| EQUIPMENT & TECH RESERVE | 2,931,889         | 110,000          | -                | 100,000          |                  | 2,941,889         |
| RADIO OPERATIONS         | 366,172           | 63,722           | 400,000          | 454,500          |                  | 375,394           |
| RADIO RESERVE            | 1,239,321         | 100,000          | 700,000          | 1,000,000        |                  | 1,039,321         |
| SALES TAX                | 4,021,917         | 3,470,000        |                  |                  | 5,683,744        | 1,808,173         |
| STABILIZATION RESERVE    | 1,969,723         | 85,000           | 545,000          |                  |                  | 2,599,723         |
| FACILITY RESERVE         | 1,121,133         | 33,672           | -                |                  |                  | 1,154,805         |
| DEBT SERVICE             | 120,075           | 9,000            | 638,744          | 738,744          |                  | 29,075            |
| <b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>   | <b>13,072,946</b> | <b>6,643,626</b> | <b>6,783,744</b> | <b>8,943,644</b> | <b>6,783,744</b> | <b>10,772,928</b> |

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**(2,300,018)**

**2027 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - ALL FUNDS**

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