

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION NO. 107- 2022 A

A resolution authorizing the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office to use Reserve Communications Deputies to support 911 Dispatch Operations.

WHEREAS, Okanogan County owns and operates an emergency 911 communications dispatch center used by all public safety agencies, law enforcement, fire and EMS first responders to deliver emergency services to residents and visitors of Okanogan County; and

WHEREAS, Nationally and statewide 911 communications centers have been experiencing prolonged difficulty filling open 911 dispatcher positions; and

WHEREAS, the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office 911 Dispatch Center will be experiencing a severe staff shortage beginning August 2022; and

WHEREAS, the 911 Dispatch staff members leaving full-time employment have the training, experience and interest to work as part-time 911 Dispatchers and support the 911 Dispatch Center, staff and public safety agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Okanogan County Civil Service Commission rules, Okanogan County policy and the collective bargaining agreement allow for reserve deputies to act as temporary employees and be paid an hourly wage to fill a temporary need for staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the BOCC authorizes the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office to use reserve communications deputies paid an hourly rate to support 911 Dispatch operations.

The hourly rate paid to communications reserve deputies shall be the current Communications Deputy top step hourly rate while no premiums and no benefits are paid to reserve deputies.

As necessary the Auditor's Office shall make appropriate BARS line additions or adjustments to Fund 161 and Fund 120 budgets for tracking of expenses associated with reserve deputy pay.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 2nd day of August 2022.

ATTEST:



Lalena Johns, CMC, Clerk of the Board

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OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**



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