

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION 167 - 2021

A resolution appointing Chancey Crowell to fill the vacant position of District Court Judge beginning January 4, 2022 to serve until such a time an appointment is made during the next election cycle.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners as the county legislative authority has been informed by District Court Judge, Robert Grim, that he will be vacating the office as elected District Court Judge effective January 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of **RCW 3.34.100**:

District judges—Vacancies—Remuneration.

If a district judge dies, resigns, is convicted of a felony, ceases to reside in the district, fails to serve for any reason except temporary disability, or if his or her term of office is terminated in any other manner, the office shall be deemed vacant. The county legislative authority shall fill all vacancies by appointment and the judge thus appointed shall hold office until the next general election and until a successor is elected and qualified. However, if a vacancy in the office of district court judge occurs and the total number of district court judges remaining in the county is equal to or greater than the number of district court judges authorized in RCW **3.34.010** then the position shall remain vacant. District judges shall be granted sick leave in the same manner as other county employees. A district judge may receive when vacating office remuneration for unused accumulated leave and sick leave at a rate equal to one day's monetary compensation for each full day of accrued leave and one day's monetary compensation for each four full days of accrued sick leave, the total remuneration for leave and sick leave not to exceed the equivalent of thirty days' monetary compensation; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint an interim District Court Judge until the next election where the candidate shall run for office; and

WHEREAS, Chancey Crowell has the skill, ability, and knowledge that qualifies him for the appointment to fill the vacant position of District Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Okanogan County and necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare to appoint Chancey Crowell as District Court Judge pursuant to RCW 3.34.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Okanogan County, pursuant to RCW 3.34, the Board does hereby appoint Chancey Crowell to begin his appointment at 12:01am on January 4, 2022, to serve as District Court Judge until such time an appointment is made during the next election cycle.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 14th day of December, 2021.



ATTEST:

[Signature]
Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**

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Chris Branch, Chairman

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Andy Hover, Member

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Jim DeTro, Member