Introduced by:

Date:

07/05/22

Hearing:

08/09/22

Action:

Enacted

Vote:

9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2022-19-05

## AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO COVER UNEXPECTED ELECTION EXPENSES

- WHEREAS, KPB 4.10.130(B) states in part, "The election supervisor shall set the hourly compensation to be paid for time spent by election officials at a rate comparable to that paid by the state for state elections," and
- WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2022, the State of Alaska has increased wages for election officials from \$10.00 to \$20.50 for election board chairs, from \$9.50 to \$20.00 for election board judges and from \$12.00 to \$20.50 for absentee voting officials; and
- **WHEREAS**, the FY23 budget was approved with election officials' wages reflected at the lesser rate; and
- WHEREAS, an additional \$16,000 is needed to cover the unexpected payroll expense; and
- **WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) will be conducting absentee voting at the Soldotna Prep building for all of 2022's elections; and
- WHEREAS, the DOE has designated Soldotna Prep as the day of election polling location for the Mackey Lake and Funny River No. 2 precincts; and
- WHEREAS, in order to eliminate voter confusion, the Clerk's Office has chosen to conduct absentee voting for the October 4, 2022 election at Soldotna Prep as well as day of election polling sites for Mackey Lake and Funny River No. 2 precincts; and
- **WHEREAS,** due to the fact that the Soldotna Prep building has no full-time custodian, the DOE has contracted with a local provider for custodial services; and
- **WHEREAS,** additional funds of approximately \$4,000 are required for the Clerk's Office to contract with the same provider for custodial services from September 16<sup>th</sup> through October 5, 2022 during the Borough's local election season; and
- WHEREAS, this expense was not anticipated at the time the FY23 budget was approved;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

- **SECTION 1.** That the amount of \$14,000 is appropriated from the General Fund fund balance to the Assembly Election Administration budget account number 100.11130.40120, Temporary Wages.
- **SECTION 2.** That the amount of \$2,000 is appropriated from the General Fund fund balance to the Assembly Election Administration budget account number 100.11130.40210, FICA.
- SECTION 3. That the amount of \$4,000 is appropriated from the General Fund fund balance to the Assembly Election Administration budget account number 100.11130.43011, Contract Services for custodial services.

**SECTION 4**. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Bjorkman, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Tupper, Johnson

No: None Absent: None