Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 03/17/20
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2020-019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THREE NEW DISPATCHER I POSITIONS IN THE SOLDOTNA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

- WHEREAS, for many years the Kenai Peninsula Borough (Borough) has partnered with the Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide 911 call-taking and dispatch services in the borough at the Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center ("SPSCC"); and
- **WHEREAS**, the current agreement, entered December 17, 2013, requires the Borough to provide thirteen employees including ten dispatchers, and DPS to provide nine personnel including eight dispatchers; and
- **WHEREAS,** DPS had one dispatcher vacancy from July 30, 2019 through September 5, 2019 and three other dispatcher positions have remained vacant since September 2019; and
- **WHEREAS,** these vacancies have required the borough employees to work overtime, costing the borough approximately 2,080 additional hours which is the equivalent of a full-time hourly employee for one year; and
- **WHEREAS**, the state is in the process of centralizing its emergency communications centers which will result in the state employees permanently leaving the Soldotna SPSCC; and
- **WHEREAS,** to provide adequate coverage for E911 services at this point the borough needs to hire three new Dispatcher I positions; and
- **WHEREAS,** KPB 3.04.100 requires the assembly to authorize all positions of employment in the classified service; and
- **WHEREAS,** additional funding for these positions and reimbursing the department for previously included overtime expenses is being requested in ordinance 2019-19-29;

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

SECTION 1. That three new Dispatcher I positions, which are classified positions, are hereby authorized in 911 Communications.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

Kelly Cooper, Assembly President TONY COOPSI, THE PROPERTY OF T

ATTEST:

Yes: Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, Cooper

No: None

Absent: None