



AGENDA ACTION ITEM

DATE: 2025-07-14

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dan Reyes – County Manager

ITEM TITLE: **Action Item – Supervision of River Ambassadors to go under Sheriff's Department**

Summary:

This item is for the BoCC to consider using a Sheriff's deputy to provide monitoring of the river rather than river ambassadors.

Over the past two summers, Teton County has hired part-time seasonal employees as river ambassadors. These positions are responsible for helping manage the flow of traffic onto and off boat ramps and throughout the parking lot, to provide help to the public when needed, to report parking in the right of way or arguments to the Sheriff's department, to keep track of accidents or near-miss events, to meet with the Waterways and Recreation Advisory Committee about the state of the river, potential improvements to procedures and facilities, etc. During the last season, the ambassadors noted that without any enforcement capabilities, they were not as effective as they could have been.

The Board of County Commissioners would like to consider having a Sheriff's Deputy take on some or all of these responsibilities. The Deputy that is being considered for this position is the current School Resource officer who is currently paid at \$35.86/hr, plus benefits ~ \$47/hr. The County budgets \$15,000 for river ambassadors which translates to about 319 hours or 7.97 weeks.

To give these funds to the Sheriff's department, they need to be used for river related activities.

Attachments:

Job Description for River Ambassador.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Approve pay for up to 319 hours of the School Resource Officers time to patrol the river out of the Recreation fund.