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FOR: LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 512 CALIFORNIA AVE,

RESOLUTION 2026-24

A Resolution Declaring Unopposed Candidates for the November 3, 2026, General Election Elected by Acclamation

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, MONTANA FINDS:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 13-1-403(4), the Lincoln County Election Administrator provided written notice on August 13, 2026, to the Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners that the number of candidates for certain county offices does not exceed the number of positions to be filled and that an election for those offices is not necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Election Administrator has verified that the candidates listed below have satisfied the applicable candidate filing requirements and that each is the sole candidate for the respective office:

- Lincoln County Commissioner, District 1 — Stuart Crismore (Republican)
- Clerk and Recorder — Crystal Denton (Republican)
- County Attorney — Marcia Boris (Republican)
- County Treasurer — Sedaris Carlberg (Republican)
- Public Administrator — Amanda Eckart (Republican)
- Coroner — Roger "Craig" Riddle (Republican)
- Superintendent of Schools — Suzy Rios (Republican)

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 13-1-403(5)(a) provides that when an election has been canceled and there is only one candidate for a position, the governing body shall declare that candidate elected to the position by acclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 13-1-403(4) and (5)(a), as follows:

1. Cancellation of Unopposed Races

The election for the county offices listed in this Resolution at the November 3, 2026, General Election is hereby canceled because the number of candidates does not exceed the number of positions to be filled. This cancellation applies only to the unopposed offices identified in this Resolution and does not affect the November 3, 2026, General Election, any other office, or any ballot issue.

2. Election by Acclamation

The following sole candidates are hereby declared elected by acclamation to their respective offices:

- Stuart Crismore — Lincoln County Commissioner, District 1
- Crystal Denton — Clerk and Recorder
- Marcia Boris — County Attorney
- Sedaris Carlberg — County Treasurer



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- Amanda Eckart — Public Administrator
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3. Recall Provisions Preserved

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to limit, eliminate, modify, or otherwise affect any right or procedure available under the Montana Recall Act, Title 2, Chapter 16, Part 6, Montana Code Annotated.

4. Implementation

The Lincoln County Election Administrator is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution and provide any notices required by law.

5. Effective Date and Commencement of Terms

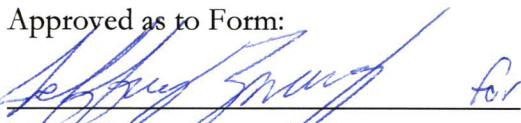
This Resolution is effective upon adoption. The candidates declared elected by acclamation shall assume their respective offices at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2027, subject to completion of all applicable oath and qualification requirements and as otherwise provided by Montana law.

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES:

1. If a provision of this resolution conflicts with a prior resolution, the provisions of this resolution will control.
2. The provisions of this resolution are severable. If any part is held invalid, the remainder remains in effect.
3. Under Montana Code Annotated § 7-5-123, resolutions are immediately effective unless a delayed date is specified.
4. This resolution must be entered into the minutes and signed by the presiding officer pursuant to § 7-5-121, MCA.

END OF RESOLUTION

Approved as to Form:


Marcia Boris, County Attorney

Date presented to the Board August 19, 2026
Adopted this 14 day of August, 2026.

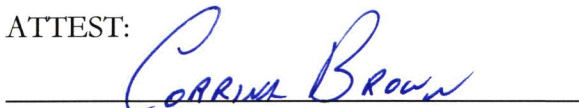
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LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Brent Teske, Chair

ATTEST:


Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board

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LINCOLN COUNTY, MONTANA

August 13, 2026

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Brent Teske, Commissioner, District 1 (Libby)
Jim Hammons, Commissioner, District 2 (Troy)
Noel Duram, Commissioner, District 3 (Eureka)

RE: Notice of unopposed county offices eligible for cancellation by resolution — November 3, 2026 General Election (§ 13-1-403(4), MCA)

Dear Commissioners:

As Acting Election Administrator, and in accordance with MCA § 13-1-403(4), I am providing written notice that the number of candidates who have filed for the county offices identified below does not exceed the number of positions to be elected. The election for each of these offices is therefore unnecessary. Under §13-1-403(4), the Board of County Commissioners may, by resolution adopted with adequate public notice, cancel the election for one or more of these offices and declare the sole candidate elected by acclamation.

Each candidate listed below has satisfied the candidacy filing requirements verified by the Commissioner of Political Practices, per that office's notification dated August 13, 2026.

Unopposed offices eligible for cancellation by resolution:

Lincoln County Commissioner, District 1 — Stuart Crismore (Republican)
Clerk and Recorder — Crystal Denton (Republican)
County Attorney — Marcia Boris (Republican)
County Treasurer — Sedaris Carlberg (Republican)
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Offices not eligible for cancellation:

Sheriff — This office is contested. Darren Short (Republican) and Ian Smith (Libertarian) have both filed, and the office remains on the ballot.

Justice of the Peace — Jay Sheffield (Nonpartisan) is the only candidate who filed. An unopposed incumbent justice of the peace is not cancelled and elected by acclamation; under the

Montana Constitution the office is placed on the ballot as a retention (yes or no) question. This office will be coded accordingly and is not included in the list above.

This notice concerns elected county offices certified by this office. Federal and statewide elected offices are certified by the Secretary of State and are not within the Board's cancellation authority.

Action and timing:

This is a notice only. Whether to cancel any of these elections rests with the Board. Any resolution to cancel must be adopted before the ballot is certified. The Acting Election Administrator avers only that, should the ballot contain the aforementioned candidates, it is expected to extend to two pages. The Board may wish to weigh the question of economy in printing and ballot tabulation in making its decision.

I intend to certify the November 3, 2026 general election ballot no later than August 20, 2026 in accordance with MCA § 13-12-201(1). The Board's regular meeting on August 19, 2026 is the last regular meeting before that deadline. If the Board elects to cancel one or more of these elections, please adopt the resolution(s) with adequate public notice and provide them to me so the action can be reflected in the certified ballot and the affected offices removed from the ballot, the ballot styles, and the tabulation materials.

The Clerk and Recorder is hereby requested to record this document upon the public record.

The Clerk and Recorder is further requested to present for consideration by the Board such a resolution at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on August 19, 2026, having first submitted any such draft to the County Attorney for review prior to the meeting.

Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,



Matthew A. Williams, MPA

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Cc: Marcia Boris, County Attorney
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