

CERTIFICATE
ESTABLISHING THE RATIFIED PLAN OF
GOVERNMENT FOR McCONE COUNTY

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As ratified by the voters on November 2, 1976, the government of McCone County shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-205, 1947 Revised Codes of Montana:

47A-3-205 Commission Form.

(1) The commission form consists of an elected commission and other elected officers as provided in this section. All legislative, executive, administrative powers and duties of the local government not specifically reserved by law or ordinance to other elected officials, shall reside in the commission. The commission shall appoint the heads of departments and other employees, except for those appointed by other elected officials.

(2) The plan of government shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including the items listed below:

(a) The commission shall be nominated by districts in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population, but elected at large.

(b) Local government elections shall be conducted on a partisan basis as provided in this title.

(c) The chairman of the commission, who may be referred to as the "mayor", shall be the presiding officer of the commission. All members of boards and committees shall be appointed by the chairman with the consent of the commission. The chairman shall be recognized as the head of the local government unit and may vote as other members on the commission. The chairman shall be elected by the members of the commission from their own number for a term established by ordinance.

(d) The commission may appoint one or more administrative assistants to assist them in the supervision and operation of the local government.

(e) Commission members shall be elected for overlapping terms of office.

(f) The size of the commission shall be three (3) members, and community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance.

(g) The term of office of the commissioners shall be six (6) years. Other elected officials shall serve four (4) year terms.

(3) The plan of government shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including the following items. The officers shall have the

powers and duties established by ordinance. After the establishment of any office, the commission may consolidate, as provided by law, two or more of the offices.

- (a) A legal officer (called the county attorney) shall be elected.
 - (b) A law enforcement officer (called the sheriff) shall be elected.
 - (c) A clerk and recorder shall be elected.
 - (d) A clerk of district court shall be elected.
 - (e) A treasurer shall be elected.
 - (f) A surveyor shall not be included in the form as a separate office.
 - (g) A superintendent of schools shall be elected.
 - (h) An assessor shall be elected.
 - (i) A coroner shall be elected.
 - (j) A public administrator shall be elected.
 - (k) An auditor shall not be included in the form as a separate office.
- (4) The plan of government shall authorize general government power.

I, Keith Casterline, Chairman of the McCone County Local Government Study Commission, do hereby certify that this is the Plan of Government as ratified by the voters.

In testimony whereof, I set my hand this 22nd day of November, 1976, at Circle, Montana.

Keith Casterline
Chairman

ATTEST?

David G. Larson
Clerk and Recorder of McCone County