RESOLUTION 2023 - 7

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EMPLOY SPECIAL COUNSEL TO ASSIST IN PROSECUTION OF ADC-2020-493

WHEREAS, the County Attorney requires general prosecutorial assistance in the prosecution of several cases, including State of Montana v. Leon Michael Ford, ADC-2020-493, pending in the Montana First Judicial District Court, Lewis and Clark County; and

WHEREAS, ADC-2020-493 is currently set for a trial date to begin on May 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Leo J. Gallagher is intimately familiar with the facts and procedure of this specific criminal case; and

WHEREAS, Leo J. Gallagher has offered to assist in the prosecution of this criminal case without compensation; and

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 7-4-2705 allows a board of county commissioners to authorize the County Attorney to employ special counsel to assist in the prosecution of any criminal case pending in the county,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS authorizes the county attorney:

1. To employ Leo J. Gallagher as special counsel in the above-mentioned matter.

DATED this 2 of February, 2023.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tom Rolfe, Chairman

Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

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