

RESOLUTION 2026 - 37

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EMPLOY SPECIAL COUNSEL TO ASSIST IN PROSECUTION OF CR-515-2026-267

WHEREAS, the County Attorney requires general prosecutorial assistance in the prosecution of *State of Montana v. Bushnell*, pending in the Montana First Judicial District Court, Lewis and Clark County; and

WHEREAS, it is desired and deemed appropriate that a special deputy county attorney(s) be appointed to assist in the prosecution of the aforementioned case; and

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 7-4-2705 authorizes and contemplates that a board of county commissioners may employ or authorize the employ of special counsel on request of the county attorney to assist in the prosecution of any criminal case pending in the county; and

WHEREAS, it is desired and deemed appropriate that Bree Gee and Jennifer Barbee of the Helena City Attorney's Office be appointed as special deputy county attorneys to assist in the prosecution of the aforementioned case,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the attorneys listed above are hereby appointed as special deputy county attorneys for Lewis and Clark County for the purpose of assisting in the prosecution of the aforementioned case.
2. That under the terms of this agreement, no fee will be charged for attorney time provided by the City Attorney's Office. Assistance in such cases is provided without an hourly fee. Witness fees and expenses, jury costs, and other normal costs associated with trial will be the County's responsibility as with all other prosecutions.

Dated this 21 day of May, 2026.



LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tom Rolfe".

Tom Rolfe, Chair

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Amy Reeves".
Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

