

RESOLUTION 11 - 2024

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF
CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF FERGUS COUNTY
AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Montana Constitution and Montana Code Annotated § 7-3-171 et seq. require an election on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission, to be held whenever 10 years have elapsed since electors have voted on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission; and,

WHEREAS, the last election on the question of local government review was held in 2014 and therefore a new election is required to be held due to the passage of a 10 year period; and,

WHEREAS, the County Election Administrator is charged with the responsibility of counting, canvassing and returning the votes on the question of establishing a study commission and for electing study commission members; and

WHEREAS, the Montana State University Extension Service Local Government Center has estimated that the cost of a study commission for a county with approximately 10,000 resident to be \$31,000; and

WHEREAS, the Fergus County Board of Commissioners has determined that the appropriate way to pay for a study commission is by levying approximately ½ mill in additional county property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission shall be submitted to the electors of Fergus County at the primary election on June 4, 2024; and the ballot language shall be in substantially the following form:

Vote for one:

[] FOR the establishment of a local government study commission consisting of 5 members to review the government of Fergus County with funding not to exceed \$31,000 to be paid via approximately ½ mill levied in additional county property taxes.

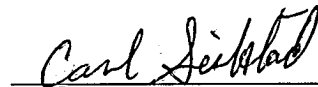
[] AGAINST the establishment of a local government study commission consisting of 5 members to review the government of Fergus County with funding not to exceed \$31,000 to be paid via approximately ½ mill levied in additional county property taxes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8 day of February 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



ROSS BUTCHER

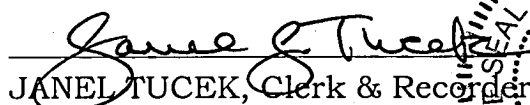


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ATTEST:



JANEL TUCEK, Clerk & Recorder

