

RESOLUTION 5 - 2025

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SPECIAL DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY
UNDER MONT. CODE ANN. § 7-4-2705**

Whereas the Fergus County Attorney has requested prosecutorial assistance in the case of the investigation and prosecution of Shikara Catherine Harris, LPD report #2400806; and

Whereas Mont. Code Ann. § 7-4-2705 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to employ or authorize the County Attorney to employ special counsel to assist in the prosecution of any criminal case pending in the County;

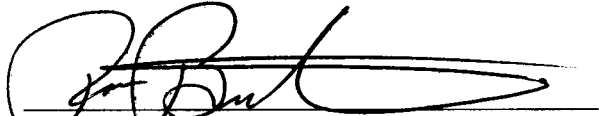
Whereas Joni Oja is the Judith Basin County Attorney, is licensed to practice law in the State of Montana, and is in good standing with the State Bar of Montana; and

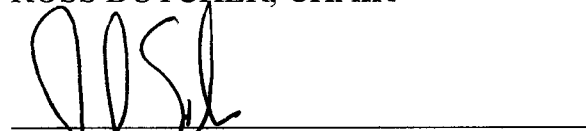
Whereas the Fergus County Attorney seeks to appoint Ms. Oja as a special deputy county attorney and it is deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners that a special deputy county attorney be appointed to assist in the investigation and possible prosecution of the aforementioned case,

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED: That Judith Basin County Attorney Joni Oja is appointed as a special deputy county attorney for Fergus County for the purpose of assisting the County Attorney in the investigation and possible prosecution of the aforementioned case.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED: That Ms. Oja will charge no legal fees for attorney time provided for under this appointment. Investigation expenses, witness fees and expenses, expert witness fees, jury costs, and other normal costs associated with trial will remain Fergus County's responsibility.

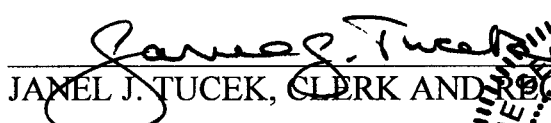
Dated this 10th day of January 2025.

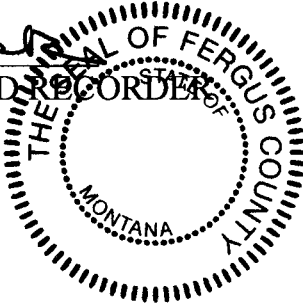

ROSS BUTCHER, CHAIR


JENNIFER SAUNDERS


TRAVIS WILLSON

ATTEST:


JANEL J. TUCEK, CLERK AND RECORDER

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