

III.

CERTIFICATE

ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT

FOR

ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Upon approval of the majority of voters the government of Roosevelt County shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-205 R.C.M., 1947:

- (1)
- (2) (a) (ii)
- (2) (b) (i)
- (2) (c) (i)
- (2) (d) (ii)
- (2) (e) (ii)
- (2) (f) (ii)
- (2) (g)
- (3) (a) (i)
- (3) (b) (i)
- (3) (c) (i)
- (3) (d) (i)
- (3) (e) (i)
- (3) (f) (v)
- (3) (g) (v)
- (3) (h) (i)
- (3) (i) (v)
- (3) (j) (v)
- (3) (k) (vi)

(4)

These sections establish the following form of government which shall be called the COMMISSION FORM:

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

(2) The plan of government shall also include the following:

(a) The commission shall be nominated by districts in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population, and ELECTED BY DISTRICT.

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

(c) The chairman of the commission 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 he may vote as other members of the commission. He 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 will serve four (4) year terms.

(3) The plan of government shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including the following elected and appointed officers. The appointed officers to be appointed by the Commission and that the Board of County Commissioners may combine any or all of the said appointed offices into one or more offices at their discretion:

(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 may at the discretion of the Commission be selected as provided by Ordinance.

(g) A Superintendent of Schools may at the discretion of the Commission be selected as provided by Ordinance.

(h) An Assessor shall be Elected.

- (i) A Coroner may at the discretion of the Commission be selected as provided by Ordinance.
- (j) A Public Administrator may at the discretion of the Commission be selected as provided by Ordinance.
- (k) An Auditor shall not be included as a separate office.
- (4) The plan of government shall have general government powers.

WE, the STUDY COMMISSION OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, do hereby CERTIFY that this is the proposed plan of government Approved by the Study Commissioners of Roosevelt County, Montana.

In Testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at Wolf Point, Montana, this 28th day of July, 1976.

*[Signature]*  
Chairman

*[Signature]*  
Vice-Chairmen

*[Signature]*  
Secretary Treasurer

*[Signature]*  
Member

*[Signature]*  
Member

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of July, 1976.

(Court Seal)

M. LORENE KNUDSON  
Clerk of the District Court  
Roosevelt County, Montana  
*By: Marjorie M. Redekopp, Deputy*