

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution No. 26-119

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA**

WHEREAS, Scott Twito is resigning from his office as Yellowstone County Attorney effective October 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to appoint an interim county attorney effective October 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Arielle Dean is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 2-16-501 authorizes the filling of vacancies in public offices as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 7-4-2206 sets forth the authority and procedure for county governing bodies to fill vacancies in certain county offices, including county attorney; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 7-4-2702 specifically authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to appoint an attorney who meets the qualifications established in Montana Code Annotated § 7-4-2701 to fill a vacancy in the office of county attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a vacancy in the Office of County Attorney will occur upon the effectiveness of Mr. Twito's resignation and that appointment of an interim county attorney is necessary and appropriate to ensure the continued, orderly, and uninterrupted performance of the duties of the Office of County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that Arielle Dean possesses the qualifications and experience necessary to serve as Interim County Attorney of Yellowstone County effective October 27, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Yellowstone County, Montana, that:

1. Appointment. Effective October 27, 2026, Arielle Dean is hereby appointed to serve as Interim County Attorney of Yellowstone County.
2. Term of Service. Arielle Dean shall serve as Interim County Attorney through the end of the current term of office, which expires January 1, 2027, and shall continue to serve until a successor is duly appointed or elected and qualified, or as otherwise provided by law.

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3. Duties and Authority. The Interim County Attorney shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Office of County Attorney under Montana law during the term of this appointment.

Passed and Adopted on the 27th day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA.

Mark Morse, Chair

Michael J. Waters, Member

Jeff Martin, Clerk and Recorder

Chris White, Member