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Missoula County Auditor Barbara Berens to Retire

Missoula County Auditor, Barbara Berens announced Wednesday, May 3, 2017 that she will be retiring effective August 11, 2017. The Board of Missoula County Commissioners will make an appointment to fill her position through the remainder of her term to December 31, 2018.

“I’ve spent an amazing fifteen years as County Auditor,” Berens said. “It’s been a privilege to part of the talented and committed team doing such good work for everyone in Missoula County.”

“Barbara Berens has been an outstanding Auditor,” Commissioner Jean Curtiss said. “She has great attention to detail and is willing to jump in wherever needed and with a smile. It’s been an honor to work with her and to have her as a member of our team.”

Because Berens will be retiring before her term expires, an interim Auditor will be appointed by the Board of Missoula County Commissioners. This vote does not need to be unanimous. The commissioners will be meeting in June to outline the process for making the appointment. A follow up release will be provided on the process at that time. The person appointed must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Missoula County for one year preceding the appointment.

Once an interim Auditor has been appointed, he or she will fully carry out the duties of the position as if he or she were elected.

Berens’ official letter to Clerk & Treasurer, Tyler Gernant, announcing her retirement is attached.



Barbara Berens was first elected Missoula County Auditor in November 2002 and was re-elected in 2006, 2010 and 2014.

She is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Montana and obtained certification as a Certified Fraud Examiner. Barbara has served on the board of the Missoula County Airport Authority since 2005 and is chair of the Fort Missoula Regional Park Oversight Committee. Over the years she has served on numerous community boards and is currently treasurer for Friends of MT PBS, Writing Coaches of Missoula, and the Garden City Duplicate Bridge Club.