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Missoula County Elections Administrator Finalists Selected

Narrowed to three from more than 40 applicants, the Missoula County Commissioners will interview Elections Administrator finalists on Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. in conference room 206 of the County Administration Building. The finalists – Dayna Causby, Michelle Denman and Bradley Seaman – interviewed with a selection committee, comprised of senior staff in late December. The applicants were independently scored and ranked with the top candidates advancing in the interview process.

Causby serves as the Cleveland County Director of Elections in Shelby, North Carolina. After receiving a degree in Business Administration from Gardner-Webb University, she went onto a career in human resources and logistics management in several trade industries. She began working in elections in 2012 during North Carolina's "No-Excuse Absentee" Early Voting Period, and quickly rank advanced. Innovation and efficiency ranks top of her list as strategic goals. She received National CERA certification in 2015 and currently serves on several local community boards and committees as well as state and national committees in the election industry.

Denman has called Missoula home since 2013. She is currently employed by Harris Govern, a public sector software company, where she works with Treasurers and Assessors Offices throughout the United States, as a software business analyst. Michelle works to design computer accounting software to maximize efficiencies within each office, while ensuring the software maintains internal controls, and state and local mandates. Prior to this, Michelle worked with the Clark County Treasurer's Office for 15 years as the Tax Service Manager, from 1998-2013. Michelle attended Gonzaga University and the University of Montana where she studied Communications and Business Management.

Seaman currently serves as Missoula County's Elections Supervisor. He was born and raised in Great Falls and has spent over a decade working in the political field. After receiving his Political Sciences degree from the University of Montana, Bradley worked with many different organizations on a variety of issue, candidate, and petition campaigns. He has served the Missoula County Elections Office as an Election Judge and Polling Place Manager, originally training in 2008. He has also served on the Missoula County Election Advisory Committee. He also works with the Montana Election and Technology Advisory Council (METAC), an advisory committee that works with other counties and the Secretary of State's office to make improvements to the statewide voter database.

Former Elections Administrator, Rebecca Connors, left her post on Friday, Dec. 15, which required the commission to open the position for recruitment.

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