

Judiciary Committee

Chairwoman Larson and Committee members, please find attached 16 county resolutions, for you to consider, against the proposed bill SB 2277.

Thank you,

Carol Fey

McIntosh County Recorder/Clerk

**DICKEY COUNTY  
COMMISSION RESOLUTION**

Commissioner Jerry Walsh introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption;

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE  
DICKEY COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS' OFFICE A STATE OFFICE**

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Dickey County Clerk of Courts' Office a state agency and the employees thereof state employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Dickey County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the Dickey County Clerk of Courts' Office as a county office;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for Dickey County, North Dakota that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

- 1.) That the Board of County Commissioners of Dickey County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and
- 2) That the Board of County Commissioners of Dickey County resolves to keep the Dickey County Clerk of Courts' office a county office.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Marke Roberts. On roll call vote the following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Marke Roberts, Joel Hamar, Dean Simek, Jerry Walsh, and John Hokana.

The majority having voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried the resolution was duly adopted on November 1, 2022.

APPROVED:

  
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John Hokana, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Wanda Sheppard, Auditor

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: November 1, 2022

MCINTOSH COUNTY  
COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Commissioner Neil Meidinger introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE  
MCINTOSH COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS' OFFICE A STATE OFFICE

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the McIntosh County Clerk of Courts' office a state agency and the employees thereof state employee, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for McIntosh County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the McIntosh County Clerk of Courts' office as a county office.

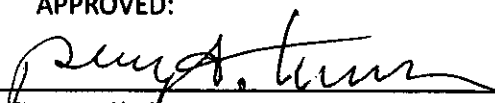
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for McIntosh County, North Dakota, that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

- a) That the Board of County Commissioners of McIntosh County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and
- b) That the Board of County Commissioners of McIntosh County resolves to keep the McIntosh County Clerk of Courts' office a county office.


The motion for adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Heinrich. On roll call vote the following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Perry Turner, Neil Meidinger and Jim Heinrich

The majority having voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried; the Resolution was duly adopted on December 12, 2022.

APPROVED:

  
Perry Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Gina Ketterling, Auditor Deputy  
Rebecca Andrew

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 12.12.22

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04**  
**Resolution opposing Legislation making Foster County Clerk of Courts' Office a State Office**

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Foster County Clerk of Courts' Office a state agency and the employees thereof state employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Foster County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the Foster County Clerk of Courts' Office as a county office.

RESOLVED, that the Foster County Board of Commissioners hereby declares the following resolution be adopted as follows:

That the Board of Foster County Commissioners directly opposed the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and

That the Board of Foster County Commissioners resolves to keep the Foster County Clerk of Courts' office a county office.

Dated at Carrington, ND this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

FOSTER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

By:   
Patrick Copenhaver, Board Chairman

Attest:   
Ellen Roundy, Interim County Auditor

LAMOURE COUNTY  
COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Commissioner Jason Weigel introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption;

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE LAMOURE COUNTY  
CLERK OF COURTS' OFFICE A STATE OFFICE

Whereas, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities;

Whereas, such legislation would make the LaMoure County Clerk of Courts' Office a state agency and the employees thereof state employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees;

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners for LaMoure County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the LaMoure County Clerk of Courts' Office as a county office;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for LaMoure County, North Dakota, that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

- 1.) That the Board of County Commissioners of LaMoure County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and
- 2.) That the Board of County Commissioners of LaMoure County resolves to keep the LaMoure County Clerk of Courts' Office a county office.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Bruce Klein. On roll call vote the following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, Joe Miller, Bruce Klein, Bob Haith

The majority having voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried the resolution was duly adopted on Dec 6, 2022.

APPROVED:

Bob Haith

ATTEST:

Alan Hamlen

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_



**LOGAN COUNTY  
COMMISSION RESOLUTION**

Commissioner John Wald introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE  
LOGAN COUNTY CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE A STATE OFFICE**

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Logan County Clerk of Court's Office a state agency and the employees thereof state employees, which would take away local regulation/jurisdiction and governance of such office and employees;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Logan County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the Logan County Clerk of Court's Office as a county office;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for Logan County, North Dakota that the following Resolution be adopted as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Logan County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and
2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Logan County resolves to keep the Logan County Clerk of Court's Office a county office.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Charles Johs. On roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: John Wald, Charles Johs and Blanche Schumacher.

The majority having voted in favor of the motion, the motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted on November 14, 2022.

APPROVED:

  
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Blanche Schumacher, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Fischer, Auditor

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12  
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE BILLINGS COUNTY CLERK  
OF COURT OFFICE A STATE OFFICE

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Billings County Clerk of Court office a state agency and the employees thereof state employed, which would remove local control and governance of such office and employees;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Billings County, North Dakota desires to keep the Billings County Clerk of Court office as a county office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Billings County, North Dakota, that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Billings County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and

That the Board of County Commissioners of Billings County resolves to keep the Billings County Clerk of Court office a county office.

Dated at Medora, ND, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.

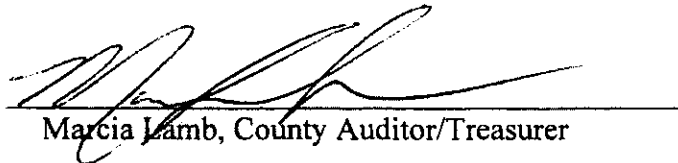
BILLINGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

By:



Lester Iverson, Board Chairman

Attest:



Marcia Lamb, County Auditor/Treasurer



## RESOLUTION

### Resolution Opposing Legislation making Bottineau County Clerk of Courts' Office a State Office

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of county clerk services to be controlled by the State;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Bottineau County Clerk of Courts' Office a state agency and the employees there of state employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees;

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners for Bottineau County, North Dakota, desires to keep the Bottineau County Clerk of Courts' Office as a county office;

RESOLVED, that the Bottineau County Board of Commissioners hereby declares the following resolution be adopted as follows:

That the Board of Bottineau County Commissioners directly opposed the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and

That the Board of Bottineau County Commissioners resolves to keep the Bottineau County Clerk of Courts' office a county office for the following reasons:

1. Local control allows for faster response to issues and better flexibility;
2. Having the Clerk of Court office, a county office has been working well since the State took over Court;
3. There would be concerns regarding staffing in rural counties;
4. A better option might be to allow counties to opt in if they choose to.
5. Potential for losing services included but not limited to passports, marriage licenses and school records for citizens.

This resolution was properly proposed by and read by Commissioner Jeff Beyer, who moved for its adoption. This Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benjamin Tonneson, voting aye, Commissioner Rodney Hiatt, voting aye Commissioner Lance Kjelshus, voting aye and Commissioner Nathaniel Buynak, voting aye.

WHEREUPON, said motion was declared and adopted this day of 3rd, Jan. - 23  
2023.

  
Lance Kjelshus  
Chairman, Bottineau County Commission

## SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Commissioner Lyle Bopp introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

### A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE SARGENT COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS' OFFICE A STATE OFFICE

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Sargent County Clerk of Courts' Office a state agency and the employees thereof state employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioner of Sargent County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the Sargent County Clerk of Courts' Office as a county office; and

WHEREAS, Sargent County has experienced loss of vital services in Sargent County when the State of North Dakota takes control of county services, and

WHEREAS, the loss of services in Sargent County creates a hardship on the elderly, low income, and disabled individuals,

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR SARGENT COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

- 1) That the Board of County Commissioners of Sargent County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and
- 2) That the Board of County Commissioners of Sargent County resolves to keep the Sargent County Clerk of Courts' office a county office.

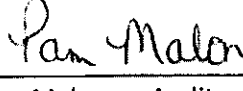
The motion for adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Scott Johnson. On roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Lyle Bopp, Mark Breker, Scott Johnson and Richard Ruch.

The majority having voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried the resolution was duly adopted on November 15, 2022.

Approved:

  
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Jason Arth, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Pam Maloney, Auditor

**RESOLUTION**  
**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE**  
**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE A STATE OFFICE**

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract County Clerk services to State funding and other legislative priorities;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Golden Valley County Clerk of Courts Office a State Agency and the employees thereof State employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Golden Valley County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the Golden Valley County Clerk of Courts Office as a County Office.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Golden Valley County, North Dakota, that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

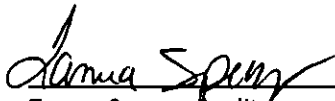
- 1.) That the Board of County Commissioners of Golden Valley County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract County Clerk services to State funding and other legislative priorities; and
- 2.) That the Board of County Commissioners of Golden Valley County resolves to keep the Golden Valley County Clerk of Courts Office a County Office.

The majority having voted in favor of the motion and the motion having carried, the resolution was duly adopted on January 11, 2023.

APPROVED:

  
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Adam Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Tamra Sperry, Auditor

# MOUNTRAIL COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION

## RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING MOUNTRAIL COUNTY CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE A STATE OFFICE

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Mountrail County Clerk of Court's Office a state agency and the employees thereof state employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Mountrail County, North Dakota is desirous of keeping the Mountrail County Clerk of Court's Office as a county office; and

WHEREAS, Mountrail County has experienced loss of vital services in Mountrail County when the State of North Dakota takes control of county services; and

WHEREAS, the loss of services in Mountrail County to the general public and creates a hardship on the elderly, low income, and disabled individuals,

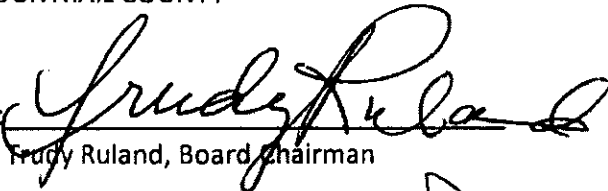
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Mountrail County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and
2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Mountrail County resolves to keep the Mountrail County Clerk of Court's office a county office that is contracted with the State of North Dakota to providing Clerk of Court services.

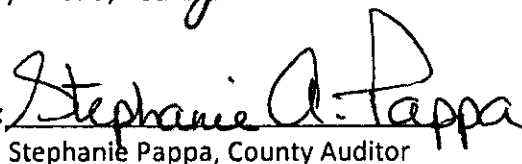
Dated at Stanley, North Dakota this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

MOUNTRAIL COUNTY

BY:

  
Rudy Ruland, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Stephanie Pappa, County Auditor

**DUNN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01**

Commissioner Tracey Dolezal introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE  
DUNN COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE A STATE OFFICE**

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county services to state funding and other legislative priorities;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Dunn County Clerk of Courts Office a state agency and the employees thereof state employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Dunn County, North Dakota, desires to keep the Dunn County Clerk of Courts Office as a county office.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Dunn County, North Dakota, that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

- 1) That the Board of County Commissioners of Dunn County directly oppose the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and
- 2) That the Board of County Commissioners of Dunn County resolves to keep the Dunn County Clerk of Courts Office as a county office.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Bob Kleeman. On roll call vote, the following commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Tracey Dolezal, Larry Lundberg, Bob Kleeman, and Craig Pelton.

The majority having voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried; the Resolution was duly adopted on January 18, 2023.

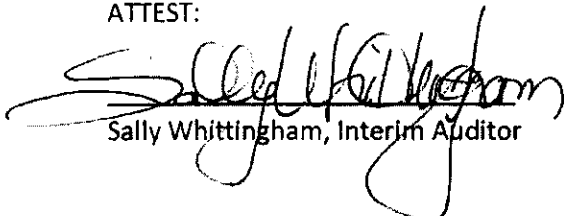
Dated at Manning, ND this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

DUNN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

APPROVED:

  
Larry Lundberg, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Sally Whittingham, Interim Auditor

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE  
TRAILL COUNTY CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE A STATE OFFICE**

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of County Clerks of Court to State employees and state funding and otherwise being under the control of the State of North Dakota;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Traill County Clerk of Court's Office a state office and the employees thereof state employees, which would remove local control, election, supervision and governance of such office and employees from Traill County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Traill County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the Traill County Clerk of Court's Office as a county office consistent with existing State law;

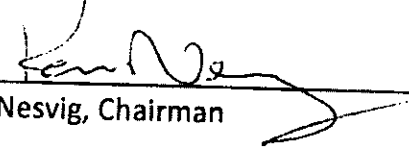
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for Traill County, North Dakota, that the following resolution is adopted:

- 1.) That the Board of County Commissioners of Traill County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of county clerk of court services/offices to state offices/employees and other legislative priorities; and
- 2) That the Board of County Commissioners of Traill County resolves to keep the Traill County Clerk of Court's office a county office.

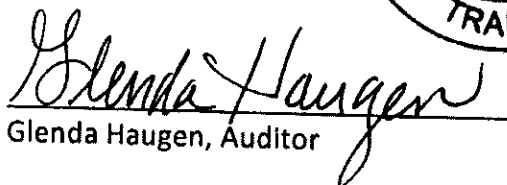
The majority having voted in favor of the motion and the motion having carried, the resolution was duly adopted on December 20, 2022.



APPROVED:

  
Ken Nesvig, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Glenda Haugen, Auditor

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE  
STEELE COUNTY CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE A STATE OFFICE**

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of County Clerks of Court to State employees and state funding and otherwise being under the control of the State of North Dakota;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Steele County Clerk of Court's Office a state office and the employees thereof state employees, which would remove local control, appointment, supervision and governance of such office and employees from Steele County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Steele County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the Steele County Clerk of Court's Office as a county office consistent with existing State law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for Steele County, North Dakota, that the following resolution is adopted:


- 1.) That the Board of County Commissioners of Steele County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of county clerk of court services/offices to state offices/employees and other legislative priorities; and
- 2) That the Board of County Commissioners of Steele County resolves to keep the Steele County Clerk of Court's office a county office.

The majority having voted in favor of the motion and the motion having carried, the resolution was duly adopted on December 20, 2022.

APPROVED:

  
Brandon Krueger, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Emily Wigen, Auditor

**RESOLUTION**

Commissioner Neil Olerud introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption;

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE  
RANSOM COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS' OFFICE A STATE OFFICE**

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Ransom County Clerk of Courts' Office a state agency and the employees thereof state employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Ransom County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the Ransom County Clerk of Courts' Office as a county office;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for Ransom County, North Dakota that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

- 1.) That the Board of County Commissioners of Ransom County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and
- 2.) That the Board of County Commissioners of Ransom County resolves to keep the Ransom County Clerk of Courts' office a county office.

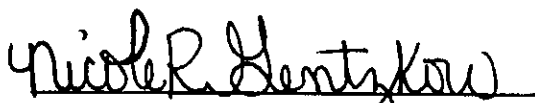
The motion for adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Connie Gilbert. On roll call vote the following Commissioners voted in favor the motion:  
Connie Gilbert, Neil Olerud, Andrew Beerman, Greg Schwab, and Joe Mathern.

The majority having voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried the resolution was duly adopted on November 15, 2022.

APPROVED:

  
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Joe Mathern, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Nicole Gentzkow, Auditor

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: November 15, 2022



**RESOLUTION**

Commissioner David Schultz made the motion that the following resolution be adopted;

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION MAKING THE  
KIDDER COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS' OFFICE A STATE OFFICE**

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities;

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Kidder County Clerk of Courts' Office a state agency and the employees thereof state employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Kidder County, North Dakota, is desirous of keeping the Kidder County Clerk of Courts' Office as a county office;

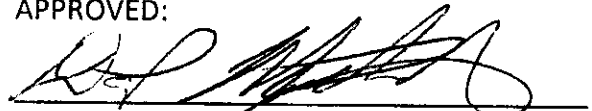
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for Kidder County, North Dakota that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

- 1.) That the Board of County Commissioners of Kidder County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and
- 2) That the Board of County Commissioners of Kidder County resolves to keep the Kidder County Clerk of Courts' office a county office.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Timothy C. Dronen. On roll call vote the following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Dan P. Mittleider, Aye, Timothy C. Dronen, Aye, David Schultz, Aye.

The majority having voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried the resolution was duly adopted on November 11, 2022.

APPROVED:



Kidder County Commission, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Jean Schoenhard, Auditor

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: November 11, 2022