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# Issued

IN THE TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
RAVALLI COUNTY

ANTHONY L. HUDSON, Precinct Captain,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
RAVALLI COUNTY REPUBLICAN  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE and its Chairman  
RONALD STOLTZ,  
Respondents.

Cause No.

## WRIT OF MANDATE

TO: RAVALLI COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

AND TO: RONALD STOLTZ

Petitioner Precinct Captain Tony Hudson alleges that Ravalli County Republican Central Committee and Ronald Stoltz have failed to hold an election of officers and have failed to hold a county convention in conformance to the mandates of MCA 13-38-205 set forth as follows:

### **13-38-205. Organization and operation of county and city**

**central committees.** (1) The county central committee shall meet prior to the state convention of its political party and organize by electing a presiding officer and one or more vice presiding officers. The gender of the presiding officer and the vice presiding officer may not be the same.

1 The county central committee shall elect a secretary and other officers as  
2 necessary. It is not necessary for the officers to be precinct committee  
3 representatives.

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5 (2) The committee may select managing or executive committees and  
6 authorize subcommittees to exercise all powers conferred upon the  
7 county, city, state, and congressional central committees by the election  
8 laws of this state.

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10 (3) The presiding officer of the county central committee shall call the  
11 county convention and not less than 4 days before the date of the county  
12 convention shall publish the call in a newspaper published at the county  
13 seat and mail a copy of the call to each precinct committee representative.

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15 If party rules permit the use of a proxy, a proxy may not be recognized  
16 unless it is held by an elector of the precinct of the committee  
17 representative executing it.

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19 (4) The county presiding officer of the party shall preside at the county  
20 convention. No person other than a duly elected or appointed committee  
21 representative or officer of the committee is entitled to participate in the  
22 proceedings of the committee.

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24 (5) If a committee representative is absent, the convention may fill the  
25 vacancy by appointing some qualified elector of the party, resident in the  
26 precinct, to represent the precinct in the convention.

1 (6) The county convention shall elect delegates and alternate delegates to  
2 the state convention under rules of the state party. The presiding officer  
3 and secretary of the county convention shall issue and sign certificates of  
4 election of the delegates.  
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6 A County Central Committee is comprised of committee representatives in each precinct, MCA  
7 13-38-202. Petitioner is one such committee representative, and he demands an election of officers  
8 to be followed by the required county convention to select state delegates as set forth in the Petition  
9 filed in support of this Writ. RCRCC bylaws mandate a County Convention prior to April 1, but  
10 Respondents have refused election of officers by the duly elected committeepersons and have  
11 indicated they do not intend to hold a County Convention to select state delegates by the duly  
12 elected committeepersons by April 1, 2025.  
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14 Upon receipt of this writ Respondents must hold an election and elect officers and hold a  
15 county convention and select state delegates or show cause before the Court at the date and time  
16 specified below as to why Respondents have failed to do so:  
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18 Date of Show Cause Hearing: 3/18/25

19 Place of Show Cause Hearing: Ravalli County District Court

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21 Date: 3/18/25

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