Greetings fellow Republican County Officials,

The winter snow has come and gone several times from Northern Montana and, while I am thankful for the reprieve from the oppressive weather we experienced last winter and the subsequent massive flooding, I am also wishing for all of the wonderful moisture we were blest with. Can’t have it all! Works the same way in politics….

The bi-annual springtime festival of primary elections is just around the corner and while some may be lucky enough to sail through to the general election, most will see opposition in their races for local elected official positions. The stars are aligning for a new push for change and our ability to remain respectful and courteous in our campaigns will be tested. Nothing is more diminishing to the integrity of a primary election than derogatory comments, disparaging news articles, or offensive actions directed toward any candidates. As local elected officials, we have the opportunity to set a high standard in primary elections. We have the greatest
level of contact with our constituents and, while the temptation to capitalize on an opponent’s weakness or failure is not as strong as a state or national level primary election, it is there. Resist, don’t take the easy road, take the right road, the high road. Be the better man or woman and run your race with pride. If you have truly been or intend to be a gladiator rather than a spectator, if you have proven you don’t mind hard work and long hours away from your families, if you treat everyone (including your competition) with civility even in the face of controversy, you will be successful regardless of the outcome of your election.

Every Republican I know works hard for their County, their State, their Country. Resist the temptation to rest on your laurels; elections will always be hard work.

Good luck and God Bless America!

Cynthia Johnson
Pondera County Commissioner
Conrad, Montana

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**Membership Meeting**

Membership Meeting and reception will be Monday, March 5th from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Jefferson West room on the Concourse Level. There will be a brief membership meeting to hear reports from regional representatives (all county elected officials) from around the nation, followed by address by Conner Martin, Washington, D.C. representative from the Association of Mature American Citizens.
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