

BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEVENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

RESOLUTION No. 115-2024

AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING
A CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW
COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Union, while in its infancy under the Articles of Association, Continental Congress form the confederation as a Republican form of government; AND,

WHEREAS, our United States Government was established as a Constitutional Republic; AND,

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence instilled a maxim that our governments were formed by We the People; AND,

WHEREAS, in the early stages of the 1787 Constitution Convention, the initial concept of admitting new States into the Union would be admitting new states with a diminished level of sovereignty; however, this concept was challenged on the defense that the Union would be duplicating the same tyranny of Britain; AND,

WHEREAS, the delegates recognized the only acceptable process in admitting new states into the Union would be with equal footing; thus, the doctrine of equal footing was born during the Constitutional Convention, and this doctrine was not challenged or abandoned during the individual State's debates on the Ratification of the federal Constitution; AND,

WHEREAS, embedded within the newly formed Constitution was a new form of Republican government, one that was no longer built up representation of the people alone – but representation of the sovereigns; where along with the people's suffrage by representation in a house of Representatives and the governments that the people instituted would also have representation in the Senate (States represented in the U.S Senate, and Counties Represented in the State Senate; AND,

WHEREAS the U.S. Constitution only delegated certain authorities and powers to the federal government with all other powers being retained by the States and peoples respectfully (as further expressed in the 10th amendment to the U.S. Constitution); AND,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 3 and 8 of the Congressional Enabling Act of 22 February 1889, that the people qualified to vote in each of the counties of the territory of Washington were to elect delegates to form a State government and the State Constitution in the same manner as the State's forming the federal government and Constitution; AND,

WHEREAS, we are all guaranteed a Republican form of government; AND,

WHEREAS, when the government exceeds its delegated authority, it is the duty of the citizens to point out these grievances under petitions to said government affording and commanding them to fully redress the grievances within the petition and take the necessary corrective actions; AND,

WHEREAS, Stevens County believes that both the Federal and State Governments have exceeded this authority under their respective Constitutions and the laws that they have created; AND,

WHEREAS, Steven County cannot correct wrongs happening under its jurisdiction without researching, filing grievances, and correcting the actions of the Federal and State overreach beyond their jurisdictions; AND,

WHEREAS, the best way to achieve to goal of correcting these injustices is to empower our citizen to form a “Constitutional Review” Committee or Assembly under the auspices of Common Law, the declared law of Washington State; AND,

WHEREAS, this committee should be comprised of approximately an equal number of people in each County Commissioner district that will represent the people of the County in this endeavor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Stevens County Board of County Commissioners declares a need to review the Constitutionality and roles of respective government duties and jurisdiction, and establishes the following:

- A) A County wide a Constitutional Review Assembly or Committee (CRA) is hereby established at a number not to exceed 30 (thirty) delegates.
- B) No more than 10 (ten) delegates shall be from any one of the three Commissioner districts. The initial forming of the Committee will be by People self-nominating themselves to serve on said committee by submitting their names to the BOCC. The BOCC shall appoint original members and any vacancies.
- C) A member shall serve two-year terms and may be appointed for any number of consecutive terms. Original appointments shall be staggered.
- D) The BOCC will have at least 2 and no more than 3 administrators to provide guidance to the committee.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this committee or assembly shall have the authority to form bylaws under which to operate, and a chairperson shall preside over each meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the committee shall, after identifying abuses or exceedances of Constitutional authority or jurisdiction a Redress for Grievance for each and every said identified item spelling out explicitly that facts justifying said grievance to the County BOCC to be forwarded to the appropriate body of Government.

Passed by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Colville, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 26th day of November 2024.

3 YEA; 6 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Chairman Mark Burrows

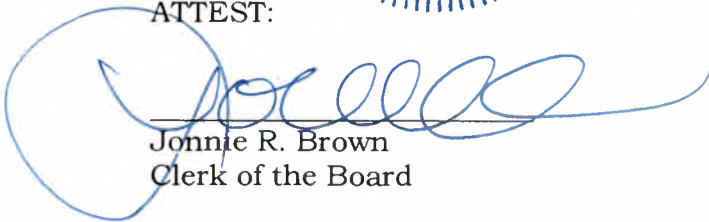


Commissioner Wes McCart



Commissioner Greg Young

ATTEST:



Jonnie R. Brown
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form: _____
Prosecutor's Office