

Resolution 2017- 090

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING THE GALLATIN COUNTY FIREWARDEN AND GALLATIN COUNTY RURAL FIRE CHIEF TO ACT PURSUANT TO LAW

This Resolution was introduced by CAO JIM DOAR; moved by Commissioner WHITE and seconded by Commissioner SKINNER. The Resolution was adopted UNANIMOUSLY.

WHEREAS, § 7-33-2201, MCA authorizes a county governing body to protect range, farm and forest resources from fire;

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 7-33-2202(3), MCA a local governing body shall appoint a county rural fire chief;

WHEREAS, § 7-33-2203, MCA provides that the county rural fire chief may be a regular county officer or other person who, in the opinion of the board of county commissioners, is "the best qualified to perform the duties of this office and who is not entitled to additional compensation for the duties imposed for acting as county rural fire chief";

WHEREAS, a county governing body may appoint a county firewarden pursuant to § 7-33-2215, MCA to act as a liaison between local, state, and federal agencies to coordinate training and wildland fire prevention, detection, suppression, investigation, and mitigation;

WHEREAS, § 7-33-2215, MCA requires that the county firewarden demonstrate knowledge in local, state, and federal wildland fire policy and wildland suppression;

WHEREAS, the Gallatin County Board of County Commissioners ("County Commission") desires to appoint a county rural fire chief and firewarden as authorized and in accordance with § 7-33-2201, MCA, et seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

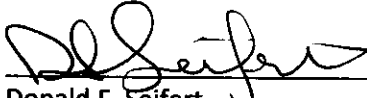
1. The County Commission appoints Patrick Lonergan as both the Gallatin County Firewarden and Gallatin County Rural Fire Chief.
2. The County Commission finds that Patrick Lonergan satisfies the qualifications for appointment as the Gallatin County Firewarden and Gallatin County Rural Fire Chief, as set forth at §§ 7-33-2203 and 7-33-2215, MCA.
3. The Gallatin County Firewarden and Gallatin County Rural Fire Chief shall possess the authorities and perform the duties set forth at § 7-33-2201, MCA et seq. and as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

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4. The interim Gallatin County Firewarden and interim Gallatin County Rural Fire Chief shall not be entitled to additional compensation for acting in these positions.

DATED this 12TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2017

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION



Donald F. Seifert

ATTEST:



Charlotte Mills, Clerk & Recorder