



MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE

LINDA McCULLOCH

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

August 12th, 2014

Steven Sandven
3600 S. Westport Ave Suite 200
Sioux Falls, SD 571906-6344

Dear Mr. Sandven:

Thank you for your letter dated July 31, 2014. It is our understanding that the Pondera County Commissioners and the Clerk and Recorder have begun the process to establish a satellite clerk and recorder's office in Heart Butte. The Pondera County Attorney has also reached out to the Blackfeet Tribe in their attempt to establish these offices.

The Secretary of State has also advised all counties with reservations to undertake an assessment as to whether they require a satellite office in light of certain factors. I have attached that advisory to this in case you are interested. In the advisory, she notifies counties that she will provide reimbursement for the costs of purchasing a ballot-on-demand system if it is used toward the creation of a satellite office. These machines work with the tabulating systems used by the counties and enable compliance with the law that requires ballots to be issued sequentially.

The Secretary of State has supported, and will continue to support, the establishment of satellite election offices and is ready to assist the election administrators as necessary.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge Quintana".

Jorge Quintana
Chief Legal Counsel

cc: Mary Ann Ries, Pondera County Attorney
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council