

Robert M. Miller  
405 South Dakota Street  
Dillon, MT 59725  
June 17, 2022

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COMMISSIONER OF  
POLITICAL PRACTICES

Jeffrey A. Mangan  
Commissioner of Political Practices  
State of Montana  
1209 Eighth Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620-2401

Dear Mr. Mangan:

As requested, I have made copies of all receipts for the advertisements I purchased during the campaign season leading up to the June primary. In this letter, I will try to answer the items listed in the complaint as best I can. As a new, first-time candidate, I have clearly made some mistakes.

As to the first complaint, I filed for the office on January 13, 2022, but did not the form CA-1 until 3/15/22. That was caused by my misreading the requirements; I had not spent any money at that time, nor had I received any donations. I had not appointed a treasurer at that time either.

My first filing stated that I would not spend more that \$500 (as I expected no opponent), but I had to amended it later as I began to spend money on advertisement. I have included an email discussion with [ccppphelp@mt.gov](mailto:ccppphelp@mt.gov) in May. But I have not filed any other reports since then.

The final complaint (about the ads not having identification) is true only in single incident. The first ad to appear in the Dillonite Daily did not have the names and address of the candidate; the folks at the Daily caught that for the next ad. The ad in Tribune had my name, but not a physical or a mailing address. It included only the city.

My campaign drew only a few contributions, nothing more than a \$100 for any one individual. In fact my "war chest" totaled \$340.

Although ignorance of the regulations is not an acceptable excuse, I'm afraid that is all I have in my defense.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Miller  
Beaverhead County Superintendent of Schools

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## Amended Campaign Registration Notice

2 messages

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cpphelp@mt.gov <cpphelp@mt.gov>  
To: rmmiller70@gmail.com, cpphelp@mt.gov

Fri, May 20, 2022 at 11:18 AM

NOTICE: The following campaign filing has been amended. Please carefully review the below information for accuracy:

**Candidate Name:** Miller, Robert M  
**Address:** 405 South Dakota, Dillon, MT 59725  
**Campaign Year:** 2022  
**Office Sought:** County Superintendent of Schools  
**Phone:** (406) 865-0640

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### Statement of Candidate (C1 or C1-A)

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#### Candidate Information:

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**Candidate Name:** Miller, Robert M  
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**Physical Address:** 405 South Dakota Dillon, MT 59725  
**Home Phone:** (406) 865-0640  
**Alternate Phone:**  
**Campaign Email Address:** rmmiller70@gmail.com

**Election Year:** 2022  
**Candidate Type:** County  
**Office Sought:** County Superintendent of Schools  
**Residence County:** Beaverhead  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Reporting Status:** Will spend more than \$500

**Bank Name:** Stockman Bank  
**Bank Address:** 590 North Montana Dillon, MT 59725

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#### Campaign Treasurer Information:

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**Treasurer Name:** Miller, Robert  
**Mailing Address:** 405 South Dakota Dillon, MT 59725  
**Physical Address:** 405 South Dakota Dillon, MT 59725  
**Home Phone:** (406) 865-0640  
**Alternate Phone:**  
**Home or Person Email Address:** rmmiller70@gmail.com

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#### Deputy Treasurer Information:

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cpphelp@mt.gov <cpphelp@mt.gov>  
To: rmmiller70@gmail.com, cpphelp@mt.gov

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On Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 3:51 PM <cpphelp@mt.gov> wrote:

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**Robert Miller** <rmmiller70@gmail.com>  
To: CPP Help <cpphelp@mt.gov>

Wed, May 18, 2022 at 9:47 AM

Thank you. I received just one cash donation (just yesterday), so I've just spent my money so far.

Mike  
[Quoted text hidden]

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**CPP Help** <cpphelp@mt.gov>  
To: rmmiller70 <rmmiller70@gmail.com>

Wed, May 18, 2022 at 9:53 AM

When a candidate spends their own money, it is still counted towards the \$500 total. So whenever you first expended your money on the campaign, that will determine the "start date" for the C5 that is due now and the end date will be 05/14/22

The contribution you received yesterday, if \$125 or more, must be reported on a C7 by today – that will roll over onto your June C5 report.

[Quoted text hidden]

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**Robert Miller** <rmmiller70@gmail.com>  
To: CPP Help <cpphelp@mt.gov>

Wed, May 18, 2022 at 10:36 AM

The donation was for just \$40.00 from a guy I used to work with.

Mike

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**CPP Help** <cpphelp@mt.gov>  
To: rmmiller70 <rmmiller70@gmail.com>

Wed, May 18, 2022 at 10:37 AM

No worries then regarding the C7 🙏

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Deputy Treasurer Information:

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**Robert Miller** <rmmiller70@gmail.com>  
To: cpphelp@mt.gov

Tue, May 17, 2022 at 1:37 PM

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Mike Miller

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**CPP Help** <cpphelp@mt.gov>  
To: rmmiller70 <rmmiller70@gmail.com>

Tue, May 17, 2022 at 1:56 PM

1. Amend your registration to a "C Box" candidate (spending over \$500
2. Immediately file a C5 report that starts when you expended or received your first campaign funds and runs through May 14<sup>th</sup>
3. From this point forward, follow the reporting calendar – link below

[Even-year-election-calendar--candidates.pdf \(mt.gov\)](#)

Thank you for your time,

*Cheryl Wilson*

*Operations Specialist*

*PO Box 202401*

*1209 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Helena MT 59620-2401*

**From:** Robert Miller <rmmiller70@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:37 PM  
**To:** CPP Help <cpphelp@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Campaign Filing Notice

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POLITICAL PRACTICES

STATE OF MONTANA

JEFF MANGAN  
COMMISSIONER  
TELEPHONE (406) 444-2942  
FAX (406) 444-1643  
www.politicalpractices.mt.gov

1209 EIGHTH AVENUE  
P.O. BOX 202401  
HELENA, MT 59620-2401

TO: Tammy Williams  
Beaverhead County Election Administrator

FROM: Deborah Belford  
Compliance Specialist

DATE: March 22, 2022

In accordance with the provisions of section 13-37-126, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), please be advised that the persons listed below, whom you have certified as **County** candidates, have satisfied the reporting requirements of Title 13, chapter 37, MCA.

*Michael J. McGinley, Stacey Reynolds, David W. Wendt, Jack T. Nicholas,  
Chris Brozell, Charles Coble, Jed Fitch, Robert "Mike" Miller, Michelle Nelon,  
Paul Pilgrim, Cathy Hucke, Randi R. Braddock*

You therefore may place their names on the County Primary election ballot.





BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

2 SOUTH PACIFIC #3

DILLON, MT 59725

406-683-3722

sreynolds@beaverheadcounty.org

DATE: 03/14/2022 (5:04pm)

TO: Commissioner of Political Practices  
1205 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
PO Box 202401  
Helena MT 59620-2401

FROM: Beaverhead County Election Office  
2 S. Pacific St, Ste #3  
Dillon, MT 59725

RE: Verification of required statements of County candidates to be placed on the Primary Election ballot following Commissioner's certification.

Please be advised that the following individuals have filed for County offices. All required statements are on file with this office.

County Commissioner District #2

Michael J. McGinley – Republican – filed on 01/13/2022

Clerk and Recorder

Stacey Reynolds – Republican – filed on 01/13/2022

Sheriff

David W. Wendt – Republican – filed 01/13/2022

Jack T. Nicholas – Libertarian – filed 01/13/2022

Chris Brozell – Independent – filed 2/14/2022 (*still processing petitions*)

County Coroner

Charles Coble – Republican – filed 03/14/2022

County Attorney

Jed Fitch – Independent – filed on 01/13/2022 (all petitions processed and accepted)

County Superintendent of Schools

Robert "Mike" Miller – Republican – filed 01/13/2022 ✖

Michelle Nelson – Republican – filed 01/27/2022

Public Administrator

Paul Pilgrim – Republican – filed 02/14/2022

Treasurer/Assessor

Cathy Hucke – Republican – filed 1/13/2022

Justice of the Peace

Randi R. Braddock – Nonpartisan – filed 01/13/2022

\*Please certify that the above names may be placed on the Primary Election ballot.\*





Robert Miller <rmmiller70@gmail.com>

## Receipt from Big Tyme Sportswear and Design

2 messages

Big Tyme Sportswear and Design via Square <receipts@messaging.squareup.com>

Reply-To: Big Tyme Sportswear and Design via Square

<CAESKBlAGhpyX29qZnZhdjlxax25iZGNva3RpbmN0aXdzeilIZGhhbG9ndWllIDvaU5uZNTB0AM1UeIGSP6ImksQ5BfQT2lQxmX9wWEMU@reply2.squareup.com>

Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 10:47 AM

Now when you shop at sellers who use Square, your receipts will be delivered automatically.

[Not your receipt?](#)



Big Tyme Sportswear and Design



Let Big Tyme Sportswear and Design  
know how your experience was

\$288.00

# \$144.00

Invoices x 1

\$144.00

Mike Miller banners (3)

Total

\$144.00



Big Tyme Sportswear and Design

20 East Glendale

DILLON, MT 59725-2946

406-683-2889

Visa 0182 (Chip)

Jun 3 2022 at 3:57 PM

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#vxjd

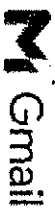
ROBERT M MILLER

Auth code: 193606

Run your own business?

Start using Square and process \$1,000 in sales for free.

Get Started with Square



Robert Miller <rmiller70@gmail.com>

**You paid an invoice! (#000075-R-0001)**

1 message

Crawford Digital Solutions <messenger@messaging.squareup.com>

Wed, May 18, 2022 at 4:55 PM

Reply-To: "messenger@messaging.squareup.com"

<CAESChIomZASX2NKZJA2OGI3LWNIY2UNIDK3NC05nmM2LTEnmMkZJU3NmOzOBolYzovNJA5NDYwOTECW71c3NlbmdicjIqRbqIG46ZOnoaGMzje9B4u2w/u56H-HIZCb+vabpadX8Y=@reply2.squareup.com>  
To: mmiller70@gmail.com



Crawford Digital Solutions

Invoice Paid

**\$35.00**

Paid on May 18, 2022

Invoice #000075-R-0001

May 18, 2022

Repeats monthly on the 17th

Repeats indefinitely

Customer

Mike Miller

mmiller70@gmail.com

406-865-0640

**Message**

We appreciate your business. If paying by check please make checks to Crawford Digital Solutions. Any invoices outstanding more than 30 days will have a \$10 late fee applied.