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**Campaign Finance and Practices**

**Complaint Form (08/17)**

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

**Person bringing complaint (Complainant):**

Complete Name Brenda Mattheis  
Complete Mailing Address 145 Grace Lane  
Eureka, MT 59917  
Phone Numbers: Work - Home 406-889-5795

**Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):**

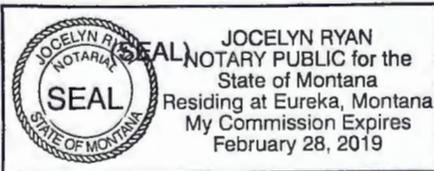
Complete Name Michael R. (mike) Cole  
Complete Mailing Address 7925 Tobacco Road  
Eureka, MT 59917  
Phone Numbers: Work 406-253-4858 Home 406-882-4444

**Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.**

**Verification by oath or affirmation**

State of Montana, County of Lincoln

I, Brenda Mattheis, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Brenda Mattheis  
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of

May, 2018  
Jocelyn Ryan  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2-28-2019

**Statement of facts:**

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

Please see attached

**Complaints must be:**

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.

Michael R. (Mike) Cole is a candidate running for re-election for District 3 Commissioner in Lincoln County. He was elected to his position in 2012.

I was able to find his financial reports filed for his previous campaign but am unable to locate any statements or financial reports filed for his 2018 campaign. I have searched using every possible variation of his name and have come up with nothing.

I believe that Mr. Cole is not in compliance with the rules and laws governing campaigning. I will list several statutes that I believe he is in violation of, and there are likely more.

13-37-206, MCA: Candidate required to register with COPP, must file Form C-1 or C-1-A

13-37-201, 13-37-203, MCA: Must appoint a treasurer

13-37-126 and 13-37-127, MCA: Treasurer is prohibited from performing any duty until certification statement is filed. The candidate's name cannot be printed on the ballot until all statements and reports are properly filed.

13-37-205, MCA: Must establish a separate campaign bank account

13-1-101(17)(a), MCA: All candidates spending more than \$500. must file periodic reports disclosing campaign contributions and expenditures as well as other information required by law. 13-37-229 and 13-37-230, MCA

13-37-126(1) 13-37-127, MCA: FAILURE TO FILE STATEMENTS/REPORTS

The candidate's name "may not be printed on the official ballot for an election".

Mr Cole is also in non-compliance with the requirement of attribution on election communications. Enclosed you will find several of Mr. Cole's ads currently running on Face Book as well as several ads for local newspapers. They state that Mr. Cole is his own campaign treasurer, although that certification was not filed with COPP, and all of the required information pertaining to the address of the campaign are missing.

Mr. Matthew Rumble of Beyond Graphics located in Eureka, MT is providing his professional services to Mr. Cole for his campaign ads. It is unclear as to whether Mr. Rumble is being paid for this service or if it is an "in-kind" contribution to Mr. Cole's campaign because no financial reports have been filed.

Beyond Graphics is operating with an expired certificate. Their business certificated of operation from the State of Montana expired in 2016.

I hope the information provided will insure that Mr. Cole will be held accountable and will be required to provide all statements and reports that are missing just as all other individuals running for office in the State of Montana are required to provide.

He has held the position on County Commissioner since being sworn in 2013. One would have hoped he would follow the rules and laws.

Thank you for your time to investigate my concerns.

# RE-ELECT

*Mike Cole*



LINCOLN COUNTY  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
District # 3

Dear Lincoln County Residents,

As your Chair of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, for the last 4 years, I am honored to serve this great County. I would like to take this opportunity to address some of the criticism that has been said about the work I have done in the last 6 years as your District #3 Commissioner and also share with you what I plan to do in my next term.

During my tenure, I have worked with a varied group of Commissioners ( 5 different Commissioners in 6 years). I ran in 2012 on the platform of bringing transparency, stability, and accountability which I have accomplished. Since I have been in office I have had to address a number of critical issues such as budget reductions (we have saved \$1.2 million), restructured departments for efficiencies, addressed outdated policies, and overall made County Business practices more practical, transparent, and efficient.

I am not an overly loud person, but I do have a strong voice and every vote I have made has been in an effort to improve Lincoln County! As a leader, it is unrealistic to believe that I can make everyone happy with the decisions and votes that I have cast. I will not pander, I am honest, and I make my decision based on what I believe will benefit the residents of Lincoln County. I do not report out to special interest groups and I sure do not belong to anyone. I am my own man working for all the people of Lincoln County.

I am a proud co-owner of our successful family business that has been in operation for over 45 years. We currently employ 25 plus individuals, utilizing local vendors and products. We support a multitude of community benefits across the valley and County. My family and I are proud of our engagement in the community. We are very passionate about the volunteerism we have done with the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and Rodeo Grounds. In its 23 year history, The Bull Thing has brought in, measuring conservatively, \$800,000 each year and is now a PBR event making this a major happening not only for our County but our State.

Having a positive and successful impact on the communities and the economy of Lincoln County is more than attending public meetings and writing letters. I do not spout rhetoric about job creation, as a County Commissioner does not create jobs; a County Commissioner works to support the businesses and entrepreneurs who create a strong economy and thus better paying jobs. I am on the ground working on building infrastructure, addressing housing and workforce needs, mentoring businesses and working with our business communities to make our economy stronger and more diverse. I have utilized local businesses to advance the work we are doing to make a true difference and lasting impact. We have leveraged Lincoln County funding to bring in millions of dollars that have hired local companies (ie Thompson Contracting, Inc., from Libby built the Ksanka View Bike Path) to build amenities, address failing infrastructure, to improve roads, address flooding and creek concerns, create emergency centers, and more.

I stand behind my record and look forward to the next 6 years.

Mike Cole  
Lincoln County  
County Commissioner

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Tobacco Valley News 5/30/2018



# RE-ELECT

## Mike Cole



LINCOLN COUNTY  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT N<sup>o</sup>3

### ELECTED IN 2012

- Chairman of the Board of Commissioners - 4yrs
- Brought Expectations & Stability to the Board
- Managed a Budget Savings of 1.2 Million

### PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Ksanka View Bike Path
- Abayance Bay Rebuilding
- Ksanka Creek Engineering
- Black Lake Rd Chip-Seal
- Pinkham Creek Green Box Site
- Chip-Sealing Eureka City Streets

### ORGANIZATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- County Attorneys Office Restructured
- Port Authority Reorganization
- Health Board Reorganization

### PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- Married 32 Years with 3 Children, 4 Grandkids & 1 Great Grandchild
- Raised in NW Montana to a Ranching & Logging Family
- Involved in Events that Bring Thousands of People and Millions of Dollars to the Community Through the Years
- Local Successful Business Owner Employing 30+ People

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5/23/2018

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**FOOD AND BAKE SALE**  
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 Charcoal Roasted Ribs or Chicken  
 Mashed Potatoes • Glass & Soda Nibs  
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 (816) 433-8888 • (816) 295-8797  
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*Mike Cole*  
 LINCOLN COUNTY  
 COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
 DISTRICT #3



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**FOOD AND BAKE SALE**  
 Amish Style Foods  
 Charcuterie, Kneaded Breads, Cakes, Pie, Mashed Potatoes, a Gravy & Calf Nibs  
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 Commissions and Proceeds Donated to the  
 Call for Details - Please help us spread the  
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 50 Meadowlark Ln Liberty Missouri 64022  
 (816) 433-8334 • (816) 433-8337  
 www.meadowlark.org



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*Mike Cole*

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 COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
 DISTRICT #93

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*Mike Cole*



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Like every part of the country we face our challenges, that being said, we liv... See more

*Face Book Ad*

# RE-ELECT

*Mike Cole*



LINCOLN COUNTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER - DISTRICT N<sup>o</sup>3

## MEET & GREET EVENT DATES

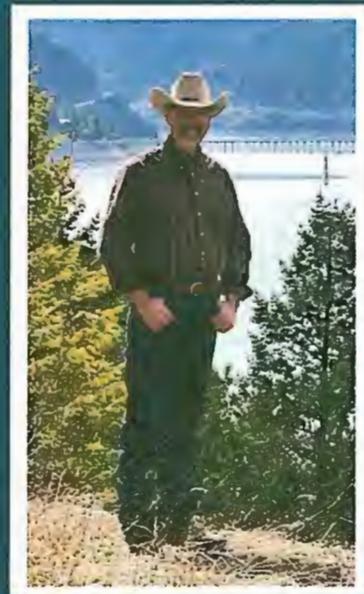
Would you like to learn more about what we have accomplished in the last 5+ years and plans for the future?

- **TUES, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> - LIBBY**  
Venture Inn: 6 to 8pm.
- **THURS, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> - TROY**  
Troy Silver Spur: 5:30 to 7pm
- **FRIDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> - EUREKA**  
Glacier Bank: 5:30 to 7pm

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> - 3<sup>PM</sup>**

Mike is attending the fundraiser for Ksanka View/Riverwalk at HA Brewery



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## MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE

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# Principal Report

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## General Business Details

**Assumed Business Name Number:** A135327  
**Assumed Business Name:** BEYOND GRAPHICS  
**Applicant Type:** ABN  
**Status:** Inactive Expired

## Applicant Name

**Name:** SCOTT RUMBLE  
**Business Mailing Address:** PO BOX 1902, EUREKA, Montana, 59917, United States