

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF  
POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Jeffrey A. Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices  To: Christopher Stough  No. COPP-2020-ONC-013	ORDER OF NONCOMPLIANCE
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WHEREAS, the above named candidate, Christopher Stough, was a candidate for election to County Commissioner in Sanders County, as evidenced by the March 6, 2020 filing with the Sanders County Clerk and Recorder; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Stough electronically filed a Statement of Candidate C-1A form on March 13, 2020 using the Candidate Electronic Reporting System (CERS) with the Commissioner of Political Practices; and

WHEREAS, despite public reporting calendars, COPP website and social media updates, instruction<sup>1</sup> and guidance provided to Candidate Stough by COPP staff, candidate Stough has failed to:

- Candidate Stough did not file a C-5 campaign financial report on or before August 20, 2020;

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<sup>1</sup> COPP Compliance Specialists contacted candidate Stough on July 1, 2020 and September 23, 2020, via email with instructions to correct the deficiency.

- Candidate Stough did not file a C-5 campaign financial report on or before September 20, 2020;
- Candidate Stough did not file a C-5 campaign finance report on or before October 20, 2020;
- Candidate Stough did not file a C-5 campaign finance report on or before November 20, 2020;
- As of July 13, 2021, candidate Stough has not filed a C-5 campaign finance report disclosing campaign contributions received or expenditures made after June 15, 2020. On pre-primary C-5 campaign finance reports filed with the COPP (one dated January 1, 2020 through March 15, 2020, and another dated March 16, 2020 through June 15, 2020), candidate Stough disclosed receiving more than \$500.00 for both the primary and general elections.

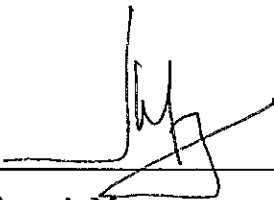
A Copy of the candidate's Statement of Candidate is attached.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to §13-37-121, MCA, that Christopher Stough is declared to be in NONCOMPLIANCE with the provisions of section § 13-37-225, MCA and ARM 44.11.302; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a County Attorney or the Commissioner may, on failure by Christopher Stough to submit appropriate campaign finance reports within 10 days after receiving this Order of Noncompliance, may initiate a civil action pursuant to sections §13-37-124 and §13-37-128, MCA; and

FURTHER, if Christopher Stough is aggrieved by the issuance of this Order of Noncompliance, he may seek judicial review in District Court pursuant to section §13-37-122, MCA.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.



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# Statement of Candidate (C1 or C1-A)

## Candidate Information

**Candidate Full Name:** Stough, Christopher  
**Mailing Address:** 4 Lake Drive Heron, MT 59844  
**Physical Address:** 4 Lake Drive Heron, MT 59844  
**Home Phone:** (979) 308-7334  
**Alternate Phone:**  
**Campaign Email Address:** stough4commissioner@chrisstough.com  
**Election Year:** 2020  
**Candidate Type:** County  
**Office Sought:** County Commissioner  
**Resident County:** Sanders  
**Political Party:** Non-Partisan  
**Current Status:** Reopened  
**Date Filed:** 03/13/2020  
**Amended Date:**  
**D1 Received Date:**  
**C118 Received Date:**  
**Reporting Status:** Will spend more than \$500  
**Bank Full Name:** First Security Bank  
**Bank Address:** 107 S. Fulton - PO Box 3500 Thompson Falls, MT 59873

## Campaign Treasurer Information

**Treasurer Full Name:** Denham, Charles  
**Mailing Address:** 4 Lake Drive Heron, MT 59944  
**Physical Address:** 11125 County Road 6850 West Plains, MO 65775  
**Home Phone:** (979) 308-7334  
**Alternate Phone:**  
**Home or Personal Email Address:** charles.denham@chrisstough.com

## Deputy Treasurer Information