

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF  
POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Jeffrey A. Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices  To: Merry Mueller  No. COPP-2022-ONC-001	ORDER OF NONCOMPLIANCE
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WHEREAS, the above named candidate, On February 14, 2022, candidate Mueller filed a Declaration of Nomination and Oath of Candidacy with the Mineral County elections department; and

WHEREAS, Merry Mueller filed a C-1A Statement of Candidate as a candidate for election to the position of County Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools in in Mineral County with the COPP on February 20, 2022 using the CERS electronic reporting system. On this Statement of Candidate, candidate Mueller certified that campaign expenditures would exceed \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, As a 2022 county candidate who certified campaign expenditures would exceed \$500.00, candidate Mueller was required to file a C-5 campaign finance report on or before April 20, 2022, covering all contribution

and expenditure activity for the period of March 16, 2022 through April 15<sup>1</sup>, 2022; and

WHEREAS, On May 17, 2022, COPP Compliance Specialists emailed candidate Mueller to notify the campaign that it had yet to file the required April 20, 2022 C-5 campaign finance report. This email message goes on to state that:

By filing a Statement of Candidate with this Office certifying that campaign expenditures would exceed \$500.00, your campaign was required to file a C-5 campaign finance report on or before that April 20 date. COPP records indicate you have not yet filed this required financial report.

You will need to log into the CERS system and file the required April 20, 2022 C-5 campaign finance report. This required report must be filed by the end of the day Thursday, May 19, 2022. Failure to file by that date may result in an Order of Noncompliance being issued by Commissioner Mangan; and

WHEREAS, despite public reporting calendars, COPP website and social media updates, instruction and guidance provided to Candidates by COPP staff, candidate Mueller has failed to:

- Candidate Mueller did not file a C-5 campaign financial report on or before April 20, 2021;
- Candidate Mueller did not respond to COPP staff requests to file required reports on or before May 20, 2021.
- Candidate Mueller did not file a C-5 campaign financial report on or before May 20, 2021 for the period April 16 to May 14, 2022.

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

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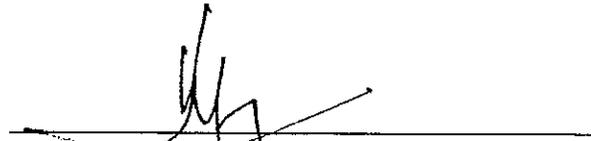
<sup>1</sup> See all candidate reporting calendars at <https://politicalpractices.mt.gov/Home/Reporting-Calendars>

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to §13-37-121, MCA, that is declared to be in NONCOMPLIANCE with the provisions of sections § 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 to submit appropriate campaign finance reports within 5 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 is aggrieved by the issuance of this Order of Noncompliance, she may seek judicial review in District Court pursuant to section §13-37-122, MCA.

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.



Jeffrey A Mangan  
Commissioner of Political Practices  
Of the State of Montana  
P. O. Box 202401  
1209 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620  
Phone: (406)-444-3919

# Statement of Candidate (C1 or C1-A)

## Candidate Information

**Candidate Full Name:** Mueller, Merry C  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 644 Superior, MT 59872  
**Physical Address:** 1467 Spring Gulch Rd Superior, MT 59872  
**Home Phone:** (406) 822-4929  
**Alternate Phone:** (406) 544-1241  
**Campaign Email Address:** 1Treasurer.millermueller@gmail.com  
**Election Year:** 2022  
**Candidate Type:** County  
**Office Sought:** County Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools  
**Resident County:** Mineral  
**Political Party:** Republican  
**Current Status:** Active  
**Date Filed:** 02/20/2022  
**Amended Date:**  
**D1 Received Date:**  
**C118 Received Date:**  
**Reporting Status:** Will spend more than \$500  
**Bank Full Name:** TrailWest Bank  
**Bank Address:** 200 River St / PO Box 100 Superior, MT 59872

## Campaign Treasurer Information

**Treasurer Full Name:** Miller, Jenny  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 231 Saint Regis, MT 59866  
**Physical Address:** 1073 Mullan Rd E Superior, MT 59872  
**Home Phone:** (702) 358-8629  
**Alternate Phone:**  
**Home or Personal Email Address:** 1Treasurer.millermueller@gmail.com

## Deputy Treasurer Information



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# Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy

**FOR FILING OFFICE ONLY** Filed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
 Document # FEB 14 2022 PM 3:29  
 Fee paid:  cash  check  credit  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy or Filing Officer

DECLARATION AND OATH OF CANDIDACY TO BE FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OR COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR AS APPLICABLE

Filing for office of: County Treasurer - County Supt  Republican OR  Nonpartisan  
Full name of office including district and/or department number/s if applicable Name of Political Party

Candidate Name (printed exactly as it should appear on the ballot): Merry C Mueller

Mailing Address: PO Box 644 City and State: Superior MT Zip Code: 59872

Residence Address: 1467 Spring Gulch Rd City and State: Superior MT Zip Code: 59872

County of Residence: Mineral Contact Phone: 406-544-1241 Email Address: mmueller@co.mineral.mt.us Website Address: none

IF THIS DECLARATION IS FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Lieutenant Governor Name (printed exactly as it should appear on the ballot): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 STATE OF MONTANA MINERAL COUNTY  
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 TO: FILED IN OFFICE MINERAL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SUPERIOR, MT

IF THIS DECLARATION IS FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE, YOU MUST SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) I hereby affirm that I am either a resident of the county in which I am a candidate, if it contains one or more legislative districts, or of the legislative district if it contains all or parts of more than one county, OR
- (b) I hereby affirm that I will meet the residency qualification(s) in (a) above for 6 months preceding the general election and will notify the office of the Secretary of State in writing when I qualify or if I do not qualify.

FILING FEE - FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE FILING IS VALID:

Candidate Filing Fee, if applicable, in the amount of \$ 244.97 is hereby submitted with this Declaration and Oath of Candidacy.

OATH OF CANDIDACY - CANDIDATE MUST SIGN IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR AN OFFICER OF THE OFFICE WHERE THIS FORM IS FILED:

I hereby affirm that I possess, or will possess within constitutional and statutory deadlines, the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Montana.

Merry Mueller  
Signature of Candidate

2/14/2022  
Date

NOTARY PUBLIC OR AUTHORIZED OFFICER

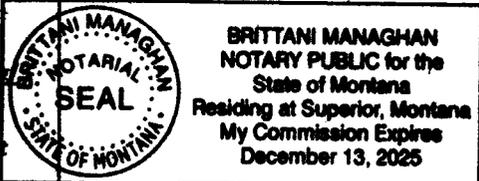
State of Montana

County of Mineral

Signed and sworn to before me this 14 day of February, 2022 by

**Where to file Federal, Statewide, State District and Legislative offices:**  
 Montana Secretary of State  
 P.O. Box 202801  
 State Capitol Building, 1301 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 260  
 Helena, MT 59620  
 Online: [sosmt.gov/elections/filing](http://sosmt.gov/elections/filing)  
 Fax: 406-444-2023

**Where to file County, City and most Local District offices:**  
 County Election Office  
 A list of county election offices may be found at: [sosmt.gov/elections](http://sosmt.gov/elections)



Merry Mueller  
Printed Name of Candidate

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Signature of Notary or Public Official

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MINERAL COUNTY  
MINERAL COUNTY TREASURER  
PO BOX 100 / 300 RIVER ST  
SUPERIOR MT 59872  
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Receipt Desc.: Treasurer's Office Filing Fee

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