

Resolution No. 2012-007

RESOLUTION
OURAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Re: 2012 Primary Election by Mail Ballot

WHEREAS, the general assembly declared in section C.R.S. § 1-7.5-105 et seq, that self-government by election is more legitimate and better accepted as voter participation increases, that mail-in ballot elections are cost-effective and have not resulted in increased fraud, and that it is appropriate to provide for mail ballot elections under specified circumstances; and

WHEREAS, as further set forth in C.R.S. § 1-7.5-105(b), elections may be conducted for which eligible voters may cast ballots by mail-in election in a primary election upon seeking public comment on such determination; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk & Recorder ("Clerk") published a notice in the Ouray County Plaindealer on January 18, 2012 and will hold an open forum on February 23, 2012 seeking comments; additionally, written comments by mail or email can also be submitted until February 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Comments received by interested voters within the appropriate timeframe will be reviewed regarding the determination by the Clerk to conduct the primary election as a mail ballot election; and

WHEREAS, Mail-in ballot elections eliminate the need to solicit and establish physical polling sites manned by paid election judges while increasing voter turnout in mail ballot elections; and

WHEREAS, Eligible electors will be mailed ballots between Monday, June 4, 2012 and Friday, June 22, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Unaffiliated voters can declare a party, by application or in person at the Courthouse, to request or obtain a ballot and vote up to the day of election, June 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Eligible voters may also come to the Courthouse to drop off their ballot or obtain replacement ballots or vote on a disabled access voting machine in person, at any time during the election period beginning Monday, June 4, 2012 through election day at 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk and Board of County Commissioners ("Board") find it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Ouray County that the Clerk be permitted to conduct the primary election set for June 26, 2012 by mail ballot.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the June 26, 2012 Primary Election in Ouray County be conducted using mail-in ballots with the designated election official for said election being Michelle Nauer, Ouray County Clerk & Recorder.

Adopted this 21st day of FEBRUARY, 2012.

Voting for: Commissioners Albritton, Fedel and Padgett
Voting against: None



Signature of Michelle Nauer
Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder
By: Linda Munson-Haley, Deputy Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO
Signatures of Heidi M. Albritton, Chair; F. Mike Fedel, Vice-Chair; Lynn M. Padgett, Commissioner