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TO: Jerome Town Council

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SUBJECT: Monthly Staff Report

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It feels good to write this report on election day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the town council, both new and not-so-new, for their service to the Town of Jerome. Leadership can be a tricky responsibility to navigate. Service leadership is even trickier – the public nature of the job and the unavoidable scrutiny of the decision-making process by peers, neighbors, and friends is not for the faint of heart. Indeed, it is a courageous endeavor to voluntarily represent the interests of others by running for and accepting a position in public office. Your jobs are not easy, with so much to learn, understand, and decide in an ever-changing landscape of competing demands and limited resources. So, thank you for your service and cheers to you for the coming year. I regret that I am unable to be there for your swearing-in ceremony on November 10. My warmest regards and best wishes to each of you.

October flew by with a one-day judicial training for me in Phoenix early in the month, a well-deserved vacation for the court clerk mid-month, hearings all month long, and a quarterly Security and Emergency Preparedness Committee (SEPC) meeting at the end of the month.

Our financials remain in excellent shape and over the past few months Defendants have been making larger payments or paying in full upon the completion of the case. Court-appointed counsel cases are slightly more in number based on the past several months, but I believe that court filings are up as well.

Updating court fees across different payment platforms remains on-going, as does updating court forms and procedures required by new legislation that has already taken effect or will take effect shortly after the first of the year. I met with Chief San Felice to review court safety standards and will meet with a contractor later this week to review developing plans to remodel and improve the court space.

Town Council members, especially new members, are always welcome to come to the Court for a tour, a visit, or to observe court proceedings. As always, I am grateful to be of service to the Town of Jerome.