



July 14, 2021

RE: San Juan County Clerk/Auditor Vacancy

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Pursuant to Utah Code, Section 20A-1-508, Midterm Vacancies in County Elected Offices – Temporary Manager – Interim Replacement; the Board of San Juan County Commissioners is providing you and the Republican Party of the official notification of the vacancy of the County Clerk/Auditor Office. Our former Clerk/Auditor, John David Nielson, vacated his office on July 14th, 2021.

The Clerk and Auditor are both a County Office, but here in San Juan County, because we have a budget of less than 100,000,000 the Clerk is also the ex officio auditor and is combined as one elected officer (see 17-53-101).

In summary of the code referenced, the process is as follows:

The Party Liaison shall, before 5 p.m. within 30 days after the day on which the Liaison receives the notice described submits to the County Legislative Body the name of an individual the party selects in accordance with the Party's constitution or bylaws to serve as the interim replacement.

The County Legislative Body shall, no later than five days after the day on which a party liaison submits the name of the individual to serve as the interim replacement, appoint the individual to serve out the unexpired term.

If the County Legislative Body fails to appoint an interim replacement to fill the vacancy in accordance with that process, the request of appointment then goes to the Governor who shall make the appointment within 10 days after he receives the appointment request.

Overall, the timeline will be as follows:

Notification by email and post July 14, 2021 at 5:01 p.m.
30 days after notification is August 13, 2021
August 17, 2021 Commission Meeting

Signed,

Willie Grayeyes
Commission Chair