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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

SAPPHIRE COALITION,
Plaintiff/Appellant

vs.

RAVALLI COUNTY, through its
COUNTY COMMISSION,
PLANNING DEPARTMENT and
COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE,

Defendants/Appellees

Cause No.: DA 25-0164

**UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME AND DECLARATION IN
SUPPORT**

The Appellee, Ravalli County, respectfully requests a three-week extension of time until August 1, 2025, in which to prepare, file, and serve its response brief in the above-entitled matter. In support of this motion, the undersigned respectfully submits the following Declaration.

DATED: July 9, 2025.



Bill Fulbright, Ravalli County Attorney

DECLARATION

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 1-6-105, I, Bill Fulbright, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a licensed, practicing attorney in the State of Montana, and I am currently the Ravalli County Attorney. My office represents Ravalli County in the above-entitled matter.

2. Ravalli County's brief is presently due on July 11, 2025, and this is our second Motion for Extension of Time. Ravalli County is requesting a 3-week extension to file its Appellee's brief.

3. At the time of the filing of the Notice of Appeal in this matter, I had a civil deputy attorney employed in my office who was assigned to assist me in this case. Unfortunately, my civil deputy attorney resigned from my office on May 30, 2025, at which time I filed our first Motion for Extension of Time. A new deputy attorney, designated for civil work in my office, is hired but not scheduled to start until August 18, 2025.

4. I started the work of researching and preparing our Response Brief during the month of June, while filling in handling the other civil work for Ravalli County, and continuing my usual case load work, including sentencing a negligent homicide case and trying a collective bargaining agreement grievance arbitration. Further, I am out of the office on July 8th, 9th, and 10th attending the Montana County Attorney's Association annual summer conference for

continuing education credits, and have scheduled personal days out-of-the-office on July 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. I am requesting an extension of the deadline to respond until August 1, 2025 (a 3-week extension) as an appropriate time in which I believe I can conclude the legal research and drafting necessary to complete our Appellee's response brief.

5. Opposing counsel has been contacted concerning this motion and does *not* object.

6. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of July, 2025



Bill Fulbright

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, William E. Fulbright, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Extension of Time to the following on 07-09-2025:

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