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KRISTEN JURAS
LT. GOVERNOR

January 2, 2023

The Honorable Jason Ellsworth
Senate President
Montana State Senate
Helena, MT 59620

By Hand and Electronic Delivery

Dear President Ellsworth:

In accordance with Montana Code Annotated §§ 5-5-301 and 5-5-302, I submit to you and the Montana Senate the following board appointments for confirmation.

Board of Private Security
MCA § 2-15-1781

As required by MCA § 5-5-302, I am submitting to the Senate for confirmation the following persons who were appointed during the recess of the legislature:

- **Heidi Visocan**, 100 W Laurel Ave, Plentywood MT 59254, is appointed to serve a term starting May 3, 2022, and through August 1, 2024. Heidi Visocan fulfills the qualifications of being representative from a County Sheriff's office. I support the confirmation of Ms. Visocan.
- **Gabe Zeiler**, 1770 Pishkin Drive, Sidney MT 59270, is appointed to serve a term starting May 3, 2022, and through August 1, 2024. Gabe Zeiler fulfills the qualifications of being representative from a City Police Department. I support the confirmation of Mr. Zeiler.

I have included the appointees' resumes, biographies, or other qualification documentation for your consideration.

I have asked Hannah Slusser, my Boards and Appointments Director, to coordinate with your office and Legislative Services as these appointments move through the confirmation process. Ms. Slusser can be reached at 444-5665 or by email at Hannah.Slusser@mt.gov.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte".

Greg Gianforte
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Board and Commission Appointments

2023 Legislative Session

Board of Private Security

MCA 2-15-1781

Heidi Visocan, Plentywood

Gabe Zeiler, Sidney

Montana Code Annotated 2021

TITLE 2. GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION CHAPTER 15. EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICERS AND AGENCIES

Part 17. Department of Labor and Industry

Board Of Private Security

2-15-1781. Board of private security. (1) There is a board of private security.

(2) The board consists of seven voting members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. The members shall represent:

- (a) one contract security company or proprietary security organization, as defined by **37-60-101**;
- (b) one electronic security company, as defined by **37-60-101**;
- (c) one city police department;
- (d) one county sheriff's office;
- (e) one member of the public;
- (f) one member of the Montana public safety officer standards and training council; and
- (g) a licensed private investigator or a registered process server.

(3) Members of the board must be at least 25 years of age and have been residents of this state for more than 5 years.

(4) The appointed members of the board shall serve for terms of 3 years. The terms of board members must be staggered.

(5) The governor may remove a member for misconduct, incompetency, neglect of duty, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

(6) A vacancy on the board must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and may be only for the unexpired portion of the term.

(7) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in **2-15-121**.

History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 550, L. 1983; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 217, L. 1989; Sec. 2-15-1891, MCA 1999; redes. 2-15-1781 by Sec. 221(2), Ch. 483, L. 2001; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 36, L. 2005; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 405, L. 2007; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 502, L. 2007; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 2, L. 2009.

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APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT

This is only an application. Appointments only become effective upon approval notification from the Governor's Office and upon receipt of appointment materials. The application must be complete along with required materials in order to be considered.

Title Preference: Name: Heidi Visocan

Full Legal Name*: Heidi Marie Visocan

**Only necessary if different from name above; to be used on the official oath of office if selected.*

Mailing Address: 100 W Laurel Ave

City: Plentywood County: Sheridan State: MONTANA Zip: 59254

Residence or Business Physical Address*:

**Only needed if different than mailing address above.*

City: Plentywood County: Sheridan State: MONTANA Zip: 59254

Preferred Contact Number: 406-765-1200

Type: Business

Other Contact Number(s):

Type: Business

Email Address: hvisocan@co.sheridan.mt.us

Preferred Public Contact Information*: Business Phone

**Pick one; if you are appointed, we must post contact information for you online.*

Boards, Councils and Commissions applying for:

Board of Private Security

Is this an application for reappointment? No

Are you applying openly for ANY appointment by the Governor?

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED: (can be submitted in any format)

Resume, CV, or Biography

- Include work, education, community service and other relative experience. (Please keep to 1-2 pages)

Cover Letter

- Can be short, but must include why you would like to serve, addressed to Governor Greg Gianforte.

(Optional) References and Recommendations

- Both are welcomed, but not required for appointment. They can be submitted with your application or separately and then added to your file.

QUESTIONS REQUIRED:

answering yes to either of these questions will not automatically disqualify you from appointment, but may require additional information)

No Have you ever been charged or convicted of a crime, more than minor traffic offenses?

No To the best of your knowledge, will anyone or any organization oppose your appointment in this capacity?

WAIVERS REQUIRED: (please check each box to signal your approval)

I understand that my application and all affiliated documents will become public records, available to the public, interested parties and the media, including that I am an applicant and for which boards.

I understand that background checks may be required prior to appointment.

I agree that if appointed, I will abide by all state laws and rules.

I verify that all information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE:

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, DEMOGRAPHICS INFORMATION*

*Information in this section is optional, unless required by a boards' authority for appointment. If needed, the Governor's Office may request this or additional information in order for the Governor to review the application.

Gender: **Female**Age: **39**

(At time of application)

Race (primary affiliation): **Caucasian**

(If applicable) Tribal Affiliation:

Enrolled:

Are you an active member of the Armed Forces or a Veteran? **No**Personal Political Affiliation: **Republican**

Length of Residence in Montana (if less than 10 years):

Professional License(s) Currently Held:

POST - Basic, Intermetiate, Advanced, Supervisory, Command, EMT

SUBMIT APPLICATION FORM WITH ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO:

C/O Hannah Slusser, Boards and Appointments Advisor, Governor Greg Gianforte's Office; as saved attachments by email to boards@mt.gov; by mail to PO Box 200801, Helena, MT 59620; by fax to (406) 444-5529; Hand delivery to the Governor's Office, 2nd Floor, State Capitol.
Questions, Comments or Concerns? Call Hannah at (406) 444-5665.

NOTE: Only one copy of your materials is necessary; additional copies just slow response times. Originals are not required; emails, scans and photocopies suffice. All applicants will receive an email confirmation once application is received and processed. All applicants will be contacted by phone if application is approved, and notified by email if the position has been filled.



SHERIFF HEIDI VISOCAN

100 WEST LAUREL
PLENTYWOOD, MONTANA 59254
(406) 765-1200
(406) 765-3552 fax

April 5, 2022

Governor Greg Gianforte
PO Box 200201
Helena, MT 59620

Governor Gianforte:

I am submitting this letter of request to be appointed to the Board of Private Security. I was contacted by your staff member Melissa Zeiler about this appointment.

I have been in law enforcement for nearly 10 years and have served as Sheridan County Sheriff for almost 7 years. I am very involved in my community and on the state and national level through different committees and boards.

I would like to offer my services and also learn from this board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heidi Visocan".

Heidi Visocan
Sheridan County Sheriff

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Title Preference: Mr. Name: Gabe Zeiler

Full Legal Name*: Gabriel Fredrick Zeiler

**Only necessary if different from name above; to be used on the official oath of office if selected.*

Mailing Address: 1770 Pishkin Drive

City: Sidney County: Richland

State: MONTANA Zip: 59270

Residence or Business Physical Address*:

**Only needed if different than mailing address above.*

▼ State: MONTANA Zip: 59270

Preferred Contact Number: (406) 480-0594

Type: Mobile

Other Contact Number(s): (406) 480-5007

Type: Mobile

Email Address: gabe.zeiler@richland.org

Preferred Public Contact Information*: Email

* Pick one: if you are appointed, we must post contact information for you online

Boards, Councils and Commissions applying for:

Private Security, Board of

Is this an application for reappointment? No

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Are you applying openly for ANY appointment by the Governor? No

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED: (can be submitted in any format.)

- Resume, CV, or Biography
 - Include work, education, community service and other relative experience. (Please keep to 1-2 pages)
- Cover Letter
 - Can be short, but must include why you would like to serve, addressed to Governor Greg Gianforte.
- (Optional) References and Recommendations
 - Both are welcomed, but not required for appointment. They can be submitted with your application or separately and then added to your file.

QUESTIONS REQUIRED:

(answering yes to either of these questions will not automatically disqualify you from appointment, but may require additional information.)

Yes Have you ever been charged or convicted of a crime, more than minor traffic offenses?

No To the best of your knowledge, will anyone or any organization oppose your appointment in this capacity?

WAIVERS REQUIRED: (please check each box to signal your approval)

- I understand that my application and all affiliated documents will become public records, available to the public, interested parties and the media, including that I am an applicant and for which boards.
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Gender: Male Age: 46 (At time of application)

Race (primary affiliation): Caucasian

(If applicable) Tribal Affiliation: Enrolled:

Are you an active member of the Armed Forces or a Veteran? No

Personal Political Affiliation: Republican

Length of Residence in Montana (if less than 10 years): 46 years

Professional License(s) Currently Held:
MT POST certificates Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory

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GABRIEL F. ZEILER

1770 Pishkin Drive Sidney, MT 59270
(406)480-0594 gabe.zeiler@richland.org

I have served in law enforcement in the community of Sidney, MT/Richland County for the past 15 years and of those years I have served 5 years with the Sidney Police Department and 10 years with the Richland County Sheriff's Office. I am a lifelong resident of Montana, and I am committed to developing as a leader both in the community and in law enforcement.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SIDNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT – Sidney, MT

Lieutenant, January 2021 – Present

- Investigation of major crimes including but not limited to homicide, sexual assault, officer involved shooting, and major theft/burglary.
- Enforce county ordinances and state laws.
- Lead, supervise, and manage patrol officers.
- Commended for disciplinary approach and leadership.
- Interview witnesses and victims/Interrogate suspects.
- Prepare and/or execute search warrants, arrest warrants and subpoenas.
- Evidence collection and management.
- Case file management.
- Review and approve incident reports.
- Conduct internal investigations.
- Field training coordinator.

RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Richland County, MT

Chief Deputy, July 2018 to January 2021

- Investigation of major crimes including but not limited to homicide, sexual assault, officer involved shooting, and major theft/burglary.
- Enforce county ordinances and state laws.
- Lead and supervise squad of up to 9 patrol deputies.
- Commended for disciplinary approach and leadership.
- Interview witnesses and victims/Interrogate suspects.
- Prepare and/or execute search warrants, arrest warrants and subpoenas.
- Evidence collection and management.
- Case file management.
- Personnel management and scheduling.
- Review and approve incident reports and crash reports.
- Conduct internal investigations.
- Field training coordinator.

Sergeant assigned to Investigations, August 2016 – July 2018

- Investigation of major crimes including but not limited to homicide, sexual assaults, officer involved shooting, and major thefts/burglaries.
- Enforced county ordinances and state laws.
- Led and supervised squad of up to 9 patrol deputies.
- Commended for disciplinary approach and leadership.
- Interviewed witnesses and victims/Interrogated suspects.
- Prepared and/or executed search warrants, arrest warrants and subpoenas.
- Evidence collection and management.
- Case file management.
- Personnel management and scheduling.
- Reviewed and approved incident reports and crash reports.
- Conducted internal investigations.
- Field training coordinator.

Patrol Sergeant, March 2014 – September 2016

- Patrolled & protected the residents of Richland County, MT.
- Investigated criminal activity.
- Enforced county ordinances and state laws.
- Responded to calls for service.
- Conducted traffic stops.
- Led and supervised squad of up to 9 patrol deputies.
- Commended for disciplinary approach and leadership.
- Interviewed witnesses and victims/Interrogated suspects.
- Prepared and/or executed search warrants, arrest warrants, subpoenas and civil papers.
- Evidence collection.
- Personnel management and scheduling.
- Investigated vehicle crashes and completed web based crash reports.
- Reviewed and approved incident reports and crash reports.
- Field training coordinator/field training officer.

Patrol Deputy, December 2011 – February 2014

- Patrolled & protected the residents of Richland County, MT
- Investigated criminal activity
- Enforced county ordinances and state laws
- Responded to calls for service
- Conducted traffic stops
- Interviewed witnesses and victims/Interrogated suspects
- Prepared and/or executed search warrants, arrest warrants, subpoenas and civil papers
- Investigated vehicle crashes and completed web based crash reports
- Field training coordinator/field training officer

SIDNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT – Sidney, MT

Patrol Officer, September 2008 – December 2011

- Patrolled & protected the residents of Sidney, MT
- Investigated criminal activity
- Enforced local ordinances and state laws

- Responded to calls for service
- Conducted traffic stops
- Interviewed witnesses and victims/Interrogated suspects
- Served search warrants, arrest warrants, and subpoenas
- Field training coordinator/field training officer

BILLINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT, Billings, MT

Animal Control Officer, December 2006 – July 2008

- Patrolled & protected the city limits of Billings, MT
- Investigated animal related Incidents
- Enforced local ordinances
- Responded to calls for service
- Interviewed witnesses and victims/Interrogated suspects

EDUCATION & TRAINING

MT POST SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATE, June, 2021

MT POST ADVANCED CERTIFICATE, September 2017

MT POST INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE, March 2015

Montana Law Enforcement Academy - Helena, MT
Basic Certificate, December 2009

Reserve Officer with Laurel Police Department – Laurel, MT
Reserve Patrol officer- February 2008 – July 2008

Laurel High School – Laurel, MT
Diploma, May 1993

Attended Montana POST Approved Training

Report Writing for Increased Conviction, MT Medical Marijuana Program and Prescription, Basic Sign Cutting, Introduction to Drug Investigations, Special Olympics-Law Enforcement Torch Run, Mental Illness Intervention, Legal Update, Emerging Drug Trends, Drug Endangered Children LE & DFS Specific Response, SOMT LETR Kickoff Conf., DCI-Sexual/Violent Offender Registration Unit, Search Warrants & Search & Seizure, Digital Police Photography, Detecting Danger, Indoor Marijuana Investigations and Officer Safety, Desert Snow Drug Interdiction Training, Below 100, Crime Scene Preservation and Investigation, Roadside Interviews & Narcotics on Patrol, Drug ID & Symptomology, Liquor Law Class, Introduction to MATIC, MLFPA 2015 Emergency Responder Pipeline Safety, ALERT Active Shooter Level 1, Traffic Incident Management, Sex Trafficking Investigations, Eyewitness Identification Training, Financial Investigations Practical Skills, Advanced Coroner-Death Investigations Training, Serial Killer Case, Cramer Child Homicide Case Studies, Sexual Assault Investigations, Advanced Crime Scene