



## PERMANENT ORGANIZATION (“PERM ORG”) REPORT FOR THE 2026 MONTEZUMA COUNTY DEMOCRATS ASSEMBLY

**ASSEMBLY DATE, TIME, LOCATION:** On Saturday, March 7, 2026 at approximately 9:45 am, immediately following the 9:00 am precinct caucus meeting, the Montezuma County Democratic Party Assembly will commence on the same Zoom link as used for caucus. The Montezuma County Democratic Party Assembly will hereinafter be referred to as MCDA-

1. **PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE MCDA SHALL BE:** Russell Taylor (Chair), Ilana Newman (Vice Chair), Miriam Dunbar (Secretary), and Susan Rain (Treasurer).
2. **AGENDA:** The agenda for the assembly is attached to this Permanent Organization (PermOrg) Report. At the discretion of the chair, the order of business may be interrupted for introductions, announcements, addresses, presentations and reports appropriate to the business of the assembly.

The order of the agenda may not be changed until permanent officers are elected, after which the order of the agenda may be changed upon motion of a permanent officer, seconded by another permanent officer, and approved by a voice vote of the majority of the delegates present and voting.

3. **REPORT SUBMISSION AND MOTION TO ADOPT:** *The report of the PermOrg Committee shall be considered as a motion to adopt.* Delegates concerned about resolutions, motions, and/or procedure/s may call for a **point of information** via the Zoom chat function, but questions must not be debative and must be relevant to the issue.
4. **CREDENTIALS:** *The report of the Credentials Committee shall be considered as a motion to adopt.* The Committee shall recommend the certification of delegates. If any challenges have been heard, the Committee Chair shall report on the findings and recommendations of the majority of the committee. A minority report may be submitted upon a vote of 10% or more of the total committee and signed by those members.
5. **QUORUM:** Forty percent (40%) of the full membership of the assembly and convention present in the virtual meeting shall be a quorum for the purpose of commencing and continuing business.
6. **PREFERENCE POLLS:** In contested races, a preference poll will be taken during the assembly using an Airtable form ballot, a link to which will be put in the chat. Each delegate shall vote for one of the designated Democratic party candidates for each position. Each delegate must have a computing device and email.

Uncommitted will always be an option. A candidate must receive at least 15% of the vote in the preference poll to be allocated delegates to future assemblies.

National party rules prohibit secret ballots past the caucus level.

7. **CONTINGENCY VOTING:** If, for any reason, this virtual meeting ends unexpectedly, the meeting will be considered to be in recess, and any required voting will be conducted via an electronic ballot emailed to all credentialed county delegates with votes due by March 7th at 8 pm.
  
8. **DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT TO THE STATE, CONGRESSIONAL, AND MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES:**
  - a) Delegates shall indicate whether they do or do not want to be elected as a delegate to any state, congressional, or multi-county district assembly by completing an electronic Delegate Interest Form in advance of caucus or on a similar poll during assembly.
  - b) To be eligible to be elected as a delegate to the state assembly, congressional assembly, and/or multi-county district assemblies, a person must have been a delegate to the county assembly and registered their attendance at the county assembly.
  - c) Delegates to state and/or multi-county district assemblies must reside in the district involved.
  - d) Should a delegate's first preference for the above race fail to reach the 15% threshold, a delegate will be considered for their second choice's delegation.
  - e) If a delegate's second choice is also non-viable, **that delegate will not be considered for further assemblies.**
  - f) Montezuma County is entitled to send the following number of delegates to further assemblies:
    - i. 5 delegates to Colorado state Democratic assembly
    - ii. 5 delegates to CD3 Democratic assembly
    - iii. 1 delegate to the 58<sup>th</sup> state house district Democratic assembly
    - iv. 4 delegates to the 59<sup>th</sup> state house district Democratic assembly
  
9. **DESIGNATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MONTEZUMA COUNTY OFFICE:** Candidates may still be considered by the assembly upon a majority vote of the assembly to suspend the rules and accept nominations from the floor. Should there be nominations from the floor, each candidate will need one nominator and one seconder, one of whom must be a delegate to the county assembly. Candidates must receive at least 30% (no rounding) of the votes cast to be designated to the ballot. If no candidate receives 30% of the vote, a second ballot will be taken. If no candidate receives 30% of the vote on the second ballot, the candidates with the two highest vote totals will be designated to the primary ballot.

10. **SPEAKING TIME LIMIT:** The county chair has assigned a limit of 3 minutes each for candidate speeches. If there are nominations from the floor for county races, the nominator and seconder will be allowed 1 minute total. The nominee will be allowed to speak for 3 minutes. These may be changed at the assembly if necessary to conform to the time schedule.
11. **TIES:** If two or more candidates for delegate receive an equal number of votes the winner will be determined by coin toss.
12. **VOTING:** Votes during the assembly may be recorded by any of the following means: Google form; phone (used only for assembly members who can't access the normal voting technology).
14. **VACANCY COMMITTEES:** The Montezuma County Democratic Party designates the current officers of the Montezuma County Democratic Party as its vacancy of office and vacancy in nomination committees. The latter has the limited mandate of replacing any Montezuma County Democratic Party nominees in advance of the primary scheduled for June 30, 2026. These members are:
  - i. Russell Taylor: 572 Glen Ct., Mancos, CO 81328 860-208-5890
  - ii. Ilana Newman: 449 Railroad Avenue, Mancos, CO 81328 503-312-0337
  - iii. Miriam Dunbar: 413 Linden St., Cortez, CO 81321, 970-560-8458
  - iv. Susan Rain: 16999 Rd. 23, Dolores, CO 81323, 928-699-9627
  - v. Jeanne Becker: 1200 Merritt Way, Dolores, CO 81323
15. **RATIFICATION OF PRECINCT ORGANIZERS:** The precinct officers elected during the 2026 caucus meetings are ratified by acceptance of this report.
16. **APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT AND STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** The Montezuma County Democratic Party is entitled to send one PermOrg and one Credentials Committee member each to the state, CD3, JD22, SD6, HD58 and HD59 assemblies. Committee members must reside in the respective districts. Committee appointments will be approved by the members of this PermOrg Committee and no vote at county assembly shall be taken on these appointments.
17. **NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** Nominations from the floor may be taken only for positions for which there is no declared candidate for county level races.
18. **GOVERNING RULES:** Except as set forth in this report, the rules for the MCDA shall be as provided in the Colorado Revised Statutes and in the Colorado Democratic Party Plan of Organization and Rules. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern any procedure that is not prescribed by the aforementioned authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

***Permanent Organization Committee Members***

Russell Taylor, Chair

Ilana Newman, Vice Chair

Susan Rain, Treasurer

Mary Dodd



## **2024 Montezuma County Democratic Party Caucus, Assembly**

**Saturday, March 9, 2024, 9 a.m.**

**Via Zoom**

**Check In: 8:30 am so we can begin credentialing eligible caucus voters**

(Once credentialed you may join a meet and greet breakout room or go enjoy an extra cuppa joe - just keep your link open and be ready for the Call to Order promptly at 9)

### **CAUCUS AGENDA**

1. Call to Order: Russ Taylor
2. Oath to the Constitution - led by Kent Aikin
3. Presentation of Caucus Rules
4. Election of Precinct Organizers
5. Recruitment of Election Judges
6. Recruitment of Volunteers
7. Election of Delegates to County Assembly
8. Adjourn County Caucus

### **COUNTY ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

9. Call to Order: Russell Taylor
10. Election of Temporary Officers
11. Presentation and Adoption of Credentials Report \*\*
12. Presentation and Adoption of Perm Org Report \*\*
13. Certification of POs
14. Nomination of the Democratic Candidate for County Commissioner, Rebecca Busic.
15. Call for Nominations for County Commissioner from the Floor.
16. Preference Poll for US Senate and Election of Delegates to State Assembly
17. Straw polls for Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer
18. Election of Delegates to CD 3 Assembly
19. Election of Delegate to HD 58 Assembly
20. Election of Delegates to HD 59 Assembly
21. Adjourn County Assembly

\*\* A report from a committee is considered a motion to adopt