

RESOLUTION NO. 25-025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CANYON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING PUBLIC INTEGRITY IN ELECTIONS USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY OR RESOURCES POLICY

The following resolution and order was considered and adopted by the Canyon County, Idaho Board of Commissioners ("Board") on this 18 day of February, 2025.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Van Beech and the second by Commissioner Brooks, the Board resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 31-801 grants general powers and duties, subject to the restrictions of law, to the boards of county commissioners in their respective counties; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 31-828 grants the Board authority "to do and perform all other acts . . . which may be necessary to the full discharge of the duties of the chief executive authority of the county government"; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code 74-604 prohibits the expenditure of public funds, property, or resources to advocate for or against a candidate or ballot measure, including use of the County Print Shop; and




WHEREAS, the County considers the use of the County Print Shop to fall under the definition of "property or resources" pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-603(5); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to establish a policy regarding use of the County Print Shop by other government agencies, taxing districts, or non-profit organizations.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES, to adopt the Public Integrity in Elections Use of County Property or Resources Policy attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD, that this resolution shall be effective this 18 day of February, 2025.

- Motion Carried Unanimously
- Motion Carried/Split Vote Below
- Motion Defeated/Split Vote Below

	Yes	No	Did Not Vote
 _____ Commissioner Leslie Van Beek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 _____ Commissioner Brad Holton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 _____ Commissioner Zach Brooks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ATTEST: RICK HOGABOAM, CLERK

By: 

Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC INTEGRITY IN ELECTIONS
USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY OR RESOURCES POLICY

Based upon Idaho Code Sections 74-601-through 74-606, CANYON COUNTY HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING POLICY:

Neither a public entity, elected official, nor Canyon County employee may authorize or use public property or resources to advocate for or against a candidate or a ballot measure, this prohibition includes use of the County print shop.

The following is excluded: (1) a public official or employee may speak, campaign, contribute personal money or otherwise exercise the public official or employees' First Amendment rights for political purposes, provided no public funds, property or resources are used for expenditures supporting the public official or employee; (2) Canyon County, its elected officials, and/or employees may provide neutral encouragement of voters to vote; (3) Canyon County, its elected officials, and/or employees may, at public expense, prepare and distribute to electors an objective statement explaining the purpose and effect of a ballot measure, including in the case of bond or levy elections the cost per taxpayer or taxable value, or similar information based on reasonable estimates prepared in good faith.

Furthermore, the print shop shall not be used for any private printing orders by any elected offices or departments for any purpose other than county business.

Other government agencies, taxing districts, or non-profit organizations may use the print shop services so long as the request follows this procedure:

1. The request must be submitted in writing to the Board of County Commissioners;
2. The submitting party must certify that the request is not for political purposes and that they are not using the print shop to advocate for or against a candidate or ballot measure;
3. The Board shall review and either approve or deny the request;
4. If approved the print shop will provide the estimated cost of time and supplies which must be prepaid to the print shop;
5. If approved and paid, the print shop's primary duty will remain to prioritize county print jobs and will print the requesting party's print job when time permits.