



# News Release

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### **Applicants for Kiowa County Court judgeship announced** *Commission to select nominees by July 15*

The Fifteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission, on July 8, 2024, announced three people have applied for nomination to the office of Kiowa County judge.

The application deadline was July 5, 2024. The rules of procedure for the Fifteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission requires that the names of all applicants be made public when the application period is closed. Applicants are Adrian Washington of Westcliffe, Pamela “Pam” Erramuzpe Johnston of Arlington, and Brenda M. R. Fickenscher of Chivington.

The Fifteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet on July 15, 2024, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the county judge's office for Kiowa County. The judgeship was created with the retirement of the Honorable Gary Davis. The vacancy will occur on September 1, 2024.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Kiowa County and have graduated high school and attained the equivalent of a high school education as indicated by the Department of Education, based upon the record made on the General Education Development test. The annual salary for this position is

\$36,940.80, a part-time, 20% percent position. The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of four years.

Public comment on the qualifications of the applicants is invited.

The 15th Judicial District nominating commission consists of Douglas Tallman of Kiowa, Timothy Hume of Baca, Margaret Jolly of Cheyenne, Annessa Stulp, Darla Specht, Kim Verhoeff and Lanie Meyers-Mireles, all of Prowers. Justice Melissa Hart of the Colorado Supreme Court is the ex officio chair of the commission.

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