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Gunnison County Court judge finalists selected ***Governor to appoint new county court judge***

The 7th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a Gunnison County court judgeship, created by the resignation of the Honorable Ashley Burgemeister, effective Oct. 15, 2026.

Nominees Kyle Ipson of Cañon City, James McDonald of Lake City, and Jon Schumacher of Gunnison were selected by the commission on Oct. 7, 2026. Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from today, within which to appoint one of the nominees as county court judge for the 7th Judicial District (Gunnison County). Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent via e-mail to the governor at gov_judicialappointments@state.co.us.

Contact information for the nominees:

- Kyle Ipson; 136 Justice Center Road, Room 208, Cañon City, CO; 719-269-0170
- James McDonald; 317 Henson St. PO Box 151, Lake City, CO; 970-944-2227
- Jon Schumacher; 232 W. Tomichi Avenue, Ste. 204, Gunnison, CO; 970-641-4900

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