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STATE OF MONTANA
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PERSONNEL APPEALS

IN THE MATTER OF UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE NO. 3-82:

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY)
AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO,)
Complainant,)
- vs -)
GALLATIN COUNTY and all REPRESENTATIVES)
THEREOF, BOZEMAN, MONTANA,)
Defendant.)

ORDER

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On January 21, 1982, AFSCME filed a complaint against Gallatin County and all representatives thereof alleging a refusal to bargain by the County. AFSCME represents certain employees in the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office. On February 3, 1982, Gallatin County filed a Motion to Dismiss the complaint alleging that the Board of Personnel Appeals had no jurisdiction over Gallatin County.

The County reasoned, in a Brief in Support of Motion to Dismiss, as follows:

In the related case of UD 18-81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO and John Onstad, Sheriff of Gallatin County, a petition for unit determination filed by AFSCME with the Board of Personnel Appeals was served on Sheriff Onstad. The County argues that the proper parties which should have been served in that case are the commissioners of Gallatin County. The County argues that since the commissioners were not properly served in that related proceeding, that therefore the Board of Personnel Appeals does not now have jurisdiction to entertain an unfair labor practice against the County.

The County is correct. In a North Dakota Supreme Court decision construing a section of North Dakota law very similar to Rule 4 D (2) (g), M.R. Civ. P., the North Dakota Supreme

1 Court held that service upon the county auditor who serves as
2 the clerk of the governing board was not sufficient service.
3 See Farrington v. Swenson (N.Dak.), 210 N. W. 2d 82 (1973).

4 It therefore appears that service upon the sheriff was not
5 sufficient to constitute service upon the county commissioners.

6 It is therefore ordered as follows:

7 1. The County's Motion to Dismiss the unfair labor
8 practice charges is hereby granted.

9 2. The election held in UD 18-81 is hereby vacated and
10 the certification of AFSCME as the exclusive representative of
11 certain members of the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office is
12 hereby revoked.

13 This order does not preclude the filing of another
14 petition for unit determination and another election.

15 DATED this 19 day of April, 1982.

16 BOARD OF PERSONNEL APPEALS

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18 By Robert R. Jensen
19 Robert R. Jensen
Administrator

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