

**QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTY (Commission/Sheriff)
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**

Patrick Bryant Bennett

(print name exactly as it is to be printed on the official ballot – no amendments or modifications after January 8, 2026)

for the office of Sheriff

State of Utah *Millard* } ss.
County of

I, Patrick Bryant Bennett, declare my intention of becoming a candidate for the office of Sheriff as a candidate for the Republican party. I do solemnly swear that: I will meet the qualifications to hold the office, both legally and constitutionally, if selected:

I reside at _____, in the City or Town of Fillmore, Utah, Zip Code 84631, Phone No. (435) 633-6419; I will not knowingly violate any law governing campaigns and elections; I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and I understand that failure to do so may result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office and removal of my name from the ballot. The mailing address that I designate for receiving official election notices is:

I am a member of the Republican political party; OR
 I am not a member of a political party.

I am seeking the nomination using:

- The convention process described in Utah Code 20A-9-407;
- The signature-gathering process described in Utah Code 20A-9-408;
- Both the convention process and the signature-gathering process.

pbennett.m500@gmail.com
Email Address

Twitter Handle (optional)

Website (optional)

Signature of Candidate (must be signed in the presence of the filing officer)

Notary Public (or other officer qualified to administer oath)

Subscribed and sworn before me this 1/2/2026
(month/day/year)



Millard County Clerk

(Date Received)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATE FILING DECLARATION

Please initial:

JB The filing officer read the constitutional and statutory qualifications as listed below to me, and I meet those qualifications.

JB I agree to file all campaign financial disclosure reports and I understand that failure to do so may result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office, possible fines and/or criminal penalties, including removal of my name from the ballot.

JB I received a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices, and I understand that signing this pledge is voluntary.

JB I provided a valid email, or physical address if no email is available, and I understand this will be used for official communications and updates from election officials.

JB I understand I will receive all financial disclosure notices by email.

 I prefer to also receive financial disclosure notices by mail at the following address:

JB I understand my name will appear on the ballot as it is printed on this declaration of candidacy, and that I may not make any amendments or modifications after 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2026.

JB I have received a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program and its applicable deadline.



Signature of Candidate

1/2/26

Date



Signature of Filing Officer

1/2/26

Date

QUALIFICATIONS

Before the filing officer accepts any declaration of candidacy, the filing officer shall read to the candidate the constitutional and statutory requirements for candidacy, and the candidate shall state whether he/she fulfills the requirements. If the candidate indicates that he/she does not qualify, the filing officer may not accept his/her declaration of candidacy (Utah Code Section 20A-9-201, 202).

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Utah Code 17-66-201; 17-64-201

- Registered voter for at least one year before the date of the election
- Be a US Citizen and a registered voter of the county which the member represents
- At least one year resident of the county immediately before the date of the election
- Not convicted of a felony*
- Pay filing fee of **\$271.65**

COUNTY SHERIFF

Utah Code 17-66-201; 17-72-201

- A US Citizen and a registered voter in the county.
- At least one year resident of the county immediately before the date of the election; and
- At the time of filing has successfully met the requirements of the Peace office Training and Certification Act; or
- Has passed a certification examination and be qualified to be certified as defined in Section 53-13-103.
- Present a POST certification with the declaration of candidacy.
- Not convicted of a felony*
- Pay filing fee of **\$558.90**

See additional requirements defined in Section 17-72-201

*A person convicted of a felony loses the right to hold office until (1) all felony convictions have been expunged, OR (2) ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction AND the person has paid all court-ordered restitution and fines AND the person has completed probation, been granted parole, or completed the term of incarceration associated with the felony.



PLEDGE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(Utah Code §20A-9-206)

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of Utah has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their right to a free election, and that the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

I SHALL conduct my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing, without fear or favor, the record and policies of my opponents that I believe merit criticism.

I SHALL NOT use, nor shall I permit the use of, scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, defamation, libel, or slander against any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, any other criticism of any candidate or the candidate's immediate family that I do not believe to be truthful, provable, and relevant to my campaign.

I SHALL NOT use, nor shall I permit the use of, any practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hinders or prevents the free expression of the will of the voters, including practices intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote or voting.

I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees or volunteers.

I SHALL immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of an opponent, to methods in violation of the letter or spirit of this pledge. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this pledge or the laws governing elections.

I SHALL defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Utah, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Name: Patrick Bryant Bennett Office: Sheriff

Signature: P. Bennett Date: 1/21/26

*This is a voluntary pledge. Candidates are not required to sign this pledge of fair campaign practices.

*This document is considered a public record and will be retained for public inspection until 30 days following the election.