

**Richland County Board  
Special Meeting  
April 9, 2026**

**Convene**

Chairman Travis Paddock called the special meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 5:00pm on April 9, 2026, in the Jail Meeting Room. The meeting was proclaimed open, the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Attendance: Cindy Given, Present; Travis Paddock, Present; Steve Schonert, Present; Dennis Graves, Present; Brian VanBlaricum, Present; Alexis McFarland, Present; Morgan Henton, Absent.

**Discussion/Business of Vacancy**

State's Attorney Chelsey Clark announced her resignation as State's Attorney. The board will need to appoint a new State's Attorney to fill the position until the November General Election in which the term will be for 2 years.

**Executive Session**

Cindy Given made a motion to enter executive session to interview possible replacement. Dennis Graves seconded the motion. The board entered executive session at 5:24pm.

**Motion/Vote**

The vote was taken by paper roll. Six votes for Mary Beth Welch.

Cindy Given made a motion to appoint Mary Beth Welch as interim State's Attorney to fill the vacancy of Chelsey Clark effective April 10, 2026, at 4pm. Steve Schonert seconded the motion.

**Adjournment**

Cindy Given made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Alexis McFarland seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:58pm.

Amanda Troyer  
Richland County Clerk

Travis Paddock  
County Board Chairman