

Steps to settle your County de jure

Step 1: Gather 4-5 patriots who live in the county, who are eligible to be members of the County Assembly (American Citizens, not Bar attorneys, not employees of the Corporation at any level). Everyone signs the membership documents including an oath to the Assembly. Member forms are kept by the Scribe only. NEVER file member forms anywhere else.

Temporarily (90 days) elect a Moderator, Scribe, and Bailiff. The Scribe should keep all meeting minutes and type up formal minutes for official records.

Go through the County Settlement Covenant (NOT the Social Compact and NOT the By-Laws) and ensure that it is worded exactly as you wish. Change the names of the County and State to the correct ones for your situation.

Collect donations to purchase the County Seal embosser and gold stickers, and leftover donations can be used for document filing fees.

Step 2: Give notice to the public that you are settling the County de jure. There are 2 main (best) ways that this can be accomplished. Your County Assembly (or Committee of Safety, or Jural Assembly, you can choose the name, but it is best if all the counties in the state use the same name, but not required) can choose the option that works best for your situation. [PERSONAL NOTE FROM SANDY: "County Assembly" sounds more official and all-encompassing than Committee of Safety or Jural Assembly, which both sound limited in scope]

Option 1: Read the Covenants on the courthouse steps

- a) You will need at least 3 people for this step each time you do this, 4 people desired.
- b) Read ONLY the Preamble and Article I of the Covenants outside the County courthouse. Read the Covenants out-loud 3x in a row by 3 different people. You need to be near the main entrance to the County courthouse during business hours (ex: 8 am – 4:30 pm, check the actual hours, watch out for holidays). Record (video/audio) the reading of the Covenants as proof.
- c) After reading the Covenants 3x on each day, each of the speakers will autograph and date the document with their first and middle name. Use the spaces provided at the end of the Covenants. If able, use purple ink.
- d) Repeat the reading of the Covenants on the same day at the same time for 3 weeks (or 4 weeks total if you are settling a State at the County Courthouse in the State capital city). Send text reminders to your volunteers the day before and the day of the reading, to ensure you do not miss any of your readings.

Option 2: Announcement in the local newspaper

- a) Run the announcement for 3 weeks in a row, 1x per week, on the same day, in the Legal section.
- b) Make sure that no borders or boxes are placed around the announcement by you or the newspaper.
- c) The announcement must have no changes, edits or corrections of any type. It must read exactly as the Preamble is written. You do not publish Article I in this case.
- d) Once this announcement has posted for 3 weeks in a row, ask the newspaper for an "Affidavit of Publishing." That is your proof of accomplishment. Also, keep a copy of the announcement (the actual newspaper) from each week.

Step 3: The County Moderator, Scribe, and Bailiff autograph (first and middle name only) on the appropriate spaces at the end of the Covenants. Put the County Seal (gold foil sticker and embosser) on the Covenants in the proper space.

Step 4: The State Moderator and State Justice autograph (first and middle name only) the Covenants and puts the State Assembly Seal (gold foil and embosser) in the proper spaces. If you do not have a State Assembly and/or Moderator yet, the Republic interim Governor can autograph (first and middle name only) the Covenants and put on the State Seal. You might have to send this through the mail if distances are large.

Step 5: Record your “Covenant of Settlement” at your corporate County Clerk & Recorder.

- a) Take your completed Covenants to the corporate County Clerk's office. The purpose is to get your county settlement into the public record. You are ensuring that your county is putting the document on the record for all to see in the county, that your County Assembly is established as required by Amendment I. Try to have at least 1 witness with you, and use your phone (doesn't have to be obvious) to record the visit, for your records.
- b) Tell the County Clerk that you need to record the document in the Miscellaneous section. If they do not have a Miscellaneous section, then record it in the Real Estate section. If they ask if “notice” needs to be given to anyone, the answer is no, you just want it recorded. Also ask for two certified copies of the recorded document. Pay for the Recording and copies of the Recorded Covenant. Ask where you go to pick up the documents when the recording is complete.
- c) If the County Clerk refuses to record the document (hopefully you have the recording, so you can hold them accountable later), try recording at the County Courthouse. Go to the counter and tell the Clerk of Courts that you would like to file this document. No need to say anything else. If they ask where to file it, simply state that you want it recorded in the Miscellaneous file. If they ask if “notice” needs to be given to anyone, the answer is no, you just want it recorded. Depending on the county, this may be something the Clerk of Courts has never seen before and will show it to another person. That's fine, we don't care. All we need them to do is get it recorded. Also ask for two certified copies of the recorded document. Pay for the Recording and copies of the Recorded Covenant. Ask where you go to pick up the documents when the recording is complete.
- d) Likely you will need to leave the original document with them for 1-2 days. When they are finished, go back and pick up the document and copies. Ensure you have the original document and 2 certified copies. There should be a stamp on the top of every page of all the documents. The Scribe holds all official documents.

Step 6: (Optional) Attend the next County Commissioners' public meeting

To be completely thorough in your settlement, you should attend the next County Commissioners' public meeting.

- a) Bring one of the certified COPIES of the recorded Covenants with you.
- b) During the “public comment” portion of the meeting, you will read the Preamble and Article 1 from the Covenants (the same thing you read on the courthouse steps). Typically they only allow 3 minutes per speaker, and it takes about 8-9 minutes to read the document. Have 2 other volunteers with you to pick up where you left off, when your time is up. Tell the Commissioners that you wish to read something into the record, and the additional people will keep reading due to the time constraints.
- c) After you finish reading the document, announce clearly that “**X County is now settled de jure on the land.**” Obviously use your County's name where the X is. Then hand the COPY of the Covenants to the County Commissioners Recorder/Bailiff. Consider having someone in the audience recording (video/audio) the event.
- d) Consider posting this recording on social media. If you have a patriot friendly newspaper in your town/county, invite them to this meeting to do a story on the event. Once this document

has been read completely, it is now official that it is on the public record and you have lawfully given your county lawful notice that your County Assembly is in session per Amendment I.

Step 7: Send a copy of your Covenants to your Republic interim Secretary of State. Follow the instructions of your state's Secretary of State for sending a copy of your Covenants for Republic records. If there is no Secretary of State yet, talk to your Governor.

CONGRATULATIONS ! Your county is now settled de jure on the land! You just freed all its Citizens!

Step 8: Schedule monthly (minimum) meetings

- a) Your County Assembly needs to meet regularly (once monthly as a minimum) to be considered active. The Scribe keeps all meeting minutes, and the Scribe publishes the next meeting. You need to decide the date of the next meeting, before you close the current meeting. Consider having guest speakers talking on various subjects relevant to the People.
- b) Challenge all members to bring at least 1 new member to the next meeting. In just a few months, you should have 40-50 people in your Assembly. Every new member fills out the member forms, which are kept by the Scribe.

Step 9: Write and approve your County Assembly's By-laws

Step 10: Write and approve your County Assembly's Bilateral Social Compact

Step 11: When 90 days expires, hold actual elections for Moderator, Scribe, Bailiff, and other positions as outlined in your Social Compact and By-laws. Generally this is for a 1 year term, but you determine the length of time.

Step 12: Consider making a County Assembly website, and a separate County Assembly email address. Protonmail might be a good option since it seems to be more secure than other providers. Consider a Post Office Box or UPS Box for your official (snail mail) documents.