

INFORMATIONAL BOOKLET

1% SPECIFIC PURPOSE SALES AND USE TAX ELECTION

Please vote on November 2, 2021.

FACTS

The Specific Purpose Sales and Use Tax (often referred to as SPOT) provides a way for voters to approve local projects that will be paid for with a one cent sales tax. Unlike bonds, this tax does not put governing bodies in future debt by making improvements today. Most Specific Purpose Sales and Use Taxes have taken three to five years to collect, at which point the extra penny drops off until the voters see another need for improvement in their community.

Voters are currently paying the SPOT tax, which was passed in 2017, as the 6th penny on any purchase. The tax holiday begins October 1, 2021 for the 2017 tax. Along with many infrastructure projects such as sewer treatment, water improvements, and fire engines, this tax built the Laramie County Library, Laramie County Government Complex, Laramie County Jail, City/County Health building, and the Public Safety Building in Cheyenne. The tax has also helped support Greenway maintenance and expansion over the years.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

There are 14 propositions (74 items) on the ballot that will be presented to the voters on November 2, 2021. Looking forward to what the next five years will bring to Laramie County, the Laramie County Commissioners, City of Cheyenne, and towns of Albin, Burns and Pine Bluffs selected projects that will focus on issues of public safety, infrastructure, and community enhancement. If all propositions pass, it will take about five years to collect the funds for all projects.

Go to the Laramie County Clerk's website to find a link to the sample ballot:
elections.laramiecountyclerk.com

Detailed information about each proposition is being made available by the entities proposing the items. On the next page is contact information for each entity if you have questions about a specific item. If they are unable to answer

your questions, they will get you to someone on their team with deeper knowledge of a specific project:

- Laramie County Commissioners 307-633-4260
- City of Cheyenne 307-637-6300
- Town of Albin 307-246-3386
- Town of Burns 307-547-2206
- Town of Pine Bluffs 307-245-3746

INFORMATION ON VOTING

Wyoming laws have changed regarding what is required when registering to vote and when voting.

Effective July 1, 2021, Wyoming voters will be required to show an acceptable form of identification when voting in person. There are many ID options for you to use to prove your identity. Any of the following documents will be accepted:

- WY Driver's License or ID Card
- Tribal ID Card
- Valid US Passport
- US Military Card
- DL or ID Card from Another State
- University of Wyoming Student ID
- Wyoming Community College Student ID
- Wyoming Public School Student ID
- Valid Medicare Insurance Card*
- Valid Medicaid Insurance Card*

If you do not have one of the documents listed above, you may obtain a free Wyoming Identification Card from your local Driver Services office:

WYDOT - Driver's License Services
1520 Etchepare Cir, Cheyenne, WY 82007
(307) 777-4800

Voters who mail in their absentee ballot are not required to provide any additional form of identification.

**Medicare and Medicaid insurance cards will no longer be an acceptable form of identification for voting purposes after December 31, 2029.*

VOTING IN LARAMIE COUNTY

The Laramie County Clerk is responsible for elections in Laramie County:

Laramie County Clerk's Office

(307) 633-4242

election@laramiecountyclerk.com

309 West 20th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82001

How Do I Vote? - elections.laramiecountyclerk.com/how-do-i-vote

Where do I Vote? - maps.laramiecounty.com/myrep

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LARAMIE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM – PROJECTS ON THE BALLOT

There are three propositions with items that will directly impact Laramie County Library System.

PROPOSITION 2, ITEM 4

Laramie County Information Technology Department has worked for many years to create what is called “redundancy” in the fiber optic networks that keep Laramie County government running. This includes the jail, courts, health department, license plate databases, library services, and much more. A cut accidentally made to fiber without redundancy could cause an outage in any county service delivered via computer. There is an east loop already in place that provides some protection. Proposition 2, Item 4 completes the redundant network west to further ensure county government services are always up and running. The county building is already connected to the library via fiber. The library will be the first leg of the westward fiber expansion. The positive impact for the library with this enhancement is a lower cost annually for internet services.

PROPOSITION 7, ITEM 1

The Laramie County Library in Cheyenne, a three story building, has one boiler per floor. The boilers were installed when the building was built between late

2006 and June 2007. One boiler failed in late 2020. The boilers are all the same make, model and year and the remaining two are exhibiting similar issues that led to the failure of the first boiler. The funds requested with Proposition 7, Item 1 will be used to replace the two remaining boilers.

PROPOSITION 8, ITEM 6

The cost of a new bookmobile was included in the 2003 Specific Purpose Sales and Use Tax ballot that provided funding for the new Laramie County Library building. The anticipated life of a bookmobile is 17 to 20 years; the library's bookmobile will be 15 years old in October 2021. Considering it can take three to five years to collect 6th penny sales taxes for projects, waiting to request these funds at a later date could leave the library without bookmobile service until a few years after the next 6th penny ballot in 2025 or 2026, if the proposition were passed at that time. It takes anywhere from 1 year to 18 months to adequately finalize specifications for a bookmobile. In the past, it took nearly a year for the vehicle to be built after ordering. With recent supply shortages, that time frame could be longer. The funds requested with Proposition 8, Item 6 will be used to replace the current bookmobile by late 2023 or early 2024.

Contact Carey Hartmann, County Librarian, regarding questions on library-related propositions:

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