

MORGAN COUNTY

SUSAN L. BAILEY

COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

231 Ensign Street, First Floor – PO Box 1399

Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701

COORDINATED ELECTION

**The Morgan County Coordinated Election will be conducted as a
Mail Ballot Election on November 5, 2019
from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION
TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT

THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS
SUMMARY STATEMENTS FOR
BALLOT PROPOSITIONS AS
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF
COLORADO CONSTITUTION,
ARTICLE X, SECTION 20.

A 'YES' VOTE ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE
IS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF CHANGING
CURRENT LAW OR EXISTING
CIRCUMSTANCES, AND A 'NO' VOTE
ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE IS A VOTE
AGAINST CHANGING CURRENT LAW
OR EXSISTING CIRCUMSTANCE.

The November 5, 2019 Coordinated Election is a Mail Ballot Election. All eligible, registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail. We will begin mailing ballots on October 11, 2019.

Morgan County Mail Ballot Drop-off Site and Voter Service Polling Center Location:

Morgan County Elections Office
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
231 Ensign Street – First Floor
Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701
Telephone: (970) 542-3521 Option 5

October 11, 2019 – November 4,
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 2, 2019 8:00 a.m. - 12:00
noon

**Drive-up/Walk-up 24 Hour Ballot Drop Box
is located to the West of the Election Office.**

Election Day - 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Election Day Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Persons wishing to relinquish their mail ballot to vote on the ADA accessible voting equipment may do so at the Voter Service Polling Center listed above during the hours listed.

Deadline for Return of Ballot:
November 5, 2019 7:00 p.m.

**** *Postmarks do NOT count as received* ****

GENERAL INFORMATION

This voter information pamphlet contains local referenda appearing on your November 5, 2019 Coordinated Election ballot. The title and text of the referenda are printed in full, and may be accompanied by two summaries of up to 500 words each, for and against the measures. For some measures, current and recent fiscal year spending figures are included. For others, tax increase estimates or bonded debt repayment costs within a particular district have been submitted.

The mailing and content of this notice are mandated by an amendment to Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) of the Colorado Constitution.

THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PROVIDING THIS VOTERS' INFORMATION NOTICE DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR TRUTH OF ANY STATEMENT MADE IN THE SUMMARIES, NOR IS IT RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS IN THE SPELLING, GRAMMAR, OR PUNCTUATION OF SUBMITTED STATEMENTS. RECEIPT OF THIS VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON EVERY MEASURE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING VOTING PROCEDURES, OR YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE, REFER INITIALLY TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS NOTICE. FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE LISTED BELOW OR GO TO WWW.GOVOTECOLORADO.COM.

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IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

You may cast your ballot by any one of the following methods:

- In person at a Voter Service Polling Center
- By mail via Mail-In ballot

You will be required to show a valid ID such as a driver license at the Voter Service Polling Center.

Ballots may be returned by mail or deposited at the Ballot Drop-off / Voter Service Polling Center Location.

Ballots must be RECEIVED by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

All Registered Voters

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MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

ELECTION DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

ELECTION HOURS: 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

**Local Election Office Addresses and Telephone
Numbers:**

Designated Election Official:

JAMES ZWETZIG
231 ENSIGN STREET, P.O. BOX 1399
FORT MORGAN, CO 80701
(970) 542-3521

Coordinated Election Official:
Susan L. Bailey, Morgan County Clerk and Recorder
231 Ensign Street, P.O. Box 1399
Fort Morgan, CO 80701
Telephone number (970) 542-3521 option 5

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT QUESTION/ MEASURE

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 1A

SHALL MORGAN COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$3,000,000 IN 2020, AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY IMPOSING A SALES TAX BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED THREE QUARTERS OF ONE PERCENT (0.75%), THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX WILL BE PLEDGED TO THE MORGAN COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT TO PROVIDE RECREATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AND SHALL MORGAN COUNTY AND THE RECREATION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT CREATING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS EXTENDING BEYOND THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TO PAY OVER THE PLEDGED REVENUES TO THE RECREATION DISTRICT, AND SHALL THE COUNTY SALES TAX REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDED SUCH TAX SHALL

ONLY BECOME EFFECTIVE IF THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MORGAN COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT?

TOTAL COUNTY FISCAL YEAR SPENDING:

FISCAL YEAR

2019 (ESTIMATED)	\$ <u>34,198,652</u>
2018 (ACTUAL)	\$ <u>32,379,988</u>
2017 (ACTUAL)	\$ <u>30,557,209</u>
2016 (ACTUAL)	\$ <u>28,361,906</u>
2015 (ACTUAL)	\$ <u>29,490,852</u>

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM 2015 TO 2019: 16%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE FROM 2015 TO 2019: \$ 4,707,800

FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATES:

ESTIMATED 2019 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE NO. 1A: \$3,000,000

ESTIMATED 2020 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY BALLOT ISSUE NO.1A: \$42,041,291

**Summaries of written comments "FOR" Ballot
Issue Number: 1A**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Summaries of written comments "AGAINST"
Ballot Issue Number: 1A**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT QUESTION/ MEASURE

MORGAN COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE

6B:

SHALL MORGAN COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED \$31.5 MILLION WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$61 MILLION TO ACQUIRE, BUILD, RENOVATE AND EQUIP RECREATION AMENITIES WITHIN MORGAN COUNTY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. BUILDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A RECREATION AND AQUATIC CENTER WHICH MAY INCLUDE A

LEISURE POOL, LAP POOL, CHANGING ROOMS, AND COMMUNITY ROOMS,

2. BUILDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF BRUSH (WHICH MAY INCLUDE CONSTRUCTING A FIELDHOUSE AND/OR REPAIRING AND IMPROVING, OR REPLACING THE EXISTING AQUATICS FACILITIES) AND
3. BUILDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN OF WIGGINS (WHICH MAY INCLUDE A FIELDHOUSE AND/OR AQUATICS FACILITIES);

SUCH DEBT TO BE PAID FROM ANY LEGALLY AVAILABLE DISTRICT REVENUES, AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS PERMITTED BY LAW, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF A MAXIMUM PREMIUM OF 3%; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH DEBT AND ANY RELATED INVESTMENT INCOME BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITS PROVIDED BY LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2019 (estimated)	\$0
2018 (actual)	\$0
2017 (actual)	\$0
2016 (actual)	\$0
2015 (actual)	\$0

Overall percentage change from 2015 to 2019:
N/A

Overall dollar change from 2015 to 2019:
N/A

Proposed District Bonded Debt:

Principal Amount:	\$31,500,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$ 2,100,000
Total Repayment Cost:	\$61,000,000

Current District Bonded Debt:

Principal Amount Outstanding:	\$0
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$0
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$0

Summary of Written Comments For Ballot Issue 6B:

The Morgan County Parks & Recreation District ("District") is being formed to expand funding for recreation services and infrastructure in Morgan County. If successful, the District will utilize a modest sales tax to support a \$31.5 million bond to rebuild aging recreation infrastructure (e.g., the outdoor pool in Brush) and construct new facilities in Fort Morgan (e.g., an indoor pool) and Wiggins (e.g., a rec center with basketball courts) in partnership with local municipalities. The District will also provide a platform to expand youth and adult sports league programming across the County by unifying leagues and funding necessary referees, equipment, and facilities. The passage of three Ballot Questions, 1A (sales tax), 6A (creation of District), and 6B (authorizing bond issuance), is necessary to create and fully fund an operational District.

In order to attract a stable, skilled workforce Morgan County must provide recreational

services on par with those existing in the growing Front Range counties and municipalities. Like a special fire, library, or hospital district, the District will provide a much-needed source of revenue to finance indispensable public services. The use of a 00.75% sales tax will ensure that a significant portion of these recreational services will be paid for by non-local individuals engaging in commerce within the County. The sales tax will exclude agricultural machinery and groceries in addition to other typically-exempted items. For every \$100.00 spent on goods subject to the sales tax, \$00.75 will go to the District. No property tax is associated with the District. The passage of Ballot Question 6B will allow the District to issue a bond financed by said sales tax.

The District will not have powers of eminent domain nor will it take away current funding for recreation at the municipal level. Instead, the District will partner with local municipalities to build and operate recreation infrastructure projects at the municipalities' discretion. In short, the District can only add to the funding available for recreation in Morgan County and must work with municipalities to handle services and build projects that each one desires.

Summary of Written Comments Against Ballot Issue 6B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

I, Susan L. Bailey hereby certify that the ballot issue notice is complete as submitted by the political subdivision.

“The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information.”

To obtain a copy in **LARGE PRINT** please contact the
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FOR ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS HOUSEHOLD:

THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE
ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE
TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED

POSTMASTER, DELIVER TO

HOUSEHOLD MAILING LABEL

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BALLOT DROP-OFF SITE