

COMMISSIONER MEETINGS

All meetings take place in the Commissioners Conference Room (308)
located in the Ostlund Building @ 2825 3rd Ave N (3rd Floor)
and are open to the public unless otherwise noted

THURSDAY - MARCH 26, 2026

8:45 Calendar

9:00 COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

PLEDGE

DEPARTMENTS

1. **Elections** - 2026 Special District Election Cancelations
2. Human Resources - Prism Termination Letter
3. **IT** - Renewal of Lumen Network Services for MetraPark
4. **Public Works** -
 - a. Proposed Land Trade Letter
 - b. Request to Expend - Public Works - Walk'n'Rolls
 - c. Renaming of the County Weed Department
5. **County Attorney** -
 - a. County Zoning
 - b. MS4 Discussion

COMMISSIONERS

1. Ostlund Building 3rd Ave Step
2. Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month
3. Commissioner Board Reports

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS

**Public comment is an opportunity for individuals to address the Board, however, the Board cannot engage in discussion or take action on items not properly noticed on the agenda.*

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

1.

Meeting Date: 03/26/2026

Title: 2026 Special District Election Cancellations

Submitted By: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator

TOPIC:

Elections - 2026 Special District Election Cancellations

BACKGROUND:

Cancellation of all special district elections pursuant to MCA 13-1-502 and MCA 131-304 of less than or equal to number of filings for special purpose districts in Yellowstone County. All timely filed candidates may be elected by acclamation. All vacant seats are available for appointment by the Yellowstone County Commissioners.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of resolutions at BOCC Meeting Tuesday, March 30, 2026

Attachments

- Danford Drainage District Election Cancellation
 - Carroll Drainage District Election Cancellation
 - Crystal Springs WSD Election Cancellation
 - Hidden Lake WSD Election Cancellation
 - Huntley WSD Election Cancellation
 - Laurel Fire District #5 Election Cancellation
 - Laurel Fire District #7 Election Cancellation
 - Lockwood Fire District Election Cancellation
 - Nutting Drainage District Election Cancellation
 - Worden Ballentine WSD Election Cancellation
 - Worden Fire District #4 Election Cancellation
 - YBGRC WSD Election Cancellation
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March 23, 2026

To: Board of County Commissioners
Yellowstone County

From: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator
Yellowstone County

RE: Cancellation of Election – Danford Drainage District

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Danford Drainage District was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Danford Drainage District, there was one (1) position for election with a 3-year term. At the close of filing, no candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a drainage district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
Yellowstone County
Election Administrator

cc: Danford Drainage District



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RE: Cancellation of Election – Carroll Drainage District

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Carroll Drainage District was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Carroll Drainage District, there were three (3) positions for election with a 3-year term. At the close of filing, no candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a drainage district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
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cc: Carroll Drainage District



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RE: Cancellation of Election – Crystal Springs Water and Sewer District

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Crystal Springs Water and Sewer District was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Crystal Springs Water and Sewer District, there were two (2) positions for election with a 4-year term. At the close of filing, no candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a water and sewer district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dayna Causby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dayna Causby
Yellowstone County
Election Administrator

cc: Crystal Springs Water and Sewer District



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From: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator
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RE: Cancellation of Election – Hidden Lake Water and Sewer District

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Hidden Lake Water and Sewer District was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Hidden Lake Water and Sewer District, there were two (2) positions for election with a 4-year term. At the close of filing, no candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a water and sewer district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
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cc: Hidden Lake Water and Sewer District



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From: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator
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RE: Cancellation of Election – Huntley Water and Sewer District

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Huntley Water and Sewer District was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Huntley Water and Sewer District, there was one (1) position for election with a 4-year term. At the close of filing, no candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a water and sewer district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
Yellowstone County
Election Administrator

cc: Huntley Water and Sewer District



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From: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator
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RE: Cancellation of Election – Laurel Fire District #5

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Laurel Fire District #5 was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Laurel Fire District #5, there were (2) positions for election with a 3-year term. At the close of filing, no candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a rural fire district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
Yellowstone County
Election Administrator

cc: Laurel Fire District #5



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From: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator
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RE: Cancellation of Election – Laurel Fire District #7

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Laurel Fire District #7 was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Laurel Fire District #7, there were two (2) positions for election with a 3-year term. At the close of filing, no candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a rural fire district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
Yellowstone County
Election Administrator

cc: Laurel Fire District #7



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To: Board of County Commissioners
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From: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator
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RE: Cancellation of Election – Lockwood Fire District #8

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Lockwood Fire District #8 was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Lockwood Fire District #8, there were two (2) positions for election with a 3-year term. At the close of filing, no candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a rural fire district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
Yellowstone County
Election Administrator

cc: Lockwood Fire District #8



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To: Board of County Commissioners
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From: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator
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RE: Cancellation of Election – Nutting Drainage District

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Nutting Drainage District was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Nutting Drainage District, there was one (1) position for election with a 3-year term. At the close of filing, no candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a drainage district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
Yellowstone County
Election Administrator

cc: Nutting Drainage District



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To: Board of County Commissioners
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From: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator
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RE: Cancellation of Election – Worden/Ballantine Water and Sewer District

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Worden/Ballantine Water and Sewer District was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Worden/Ballantine Water and Sewer District, there were three (3) positions for election with a 4-year term. At the close of filing, two (2) candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a water and sewer district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
Yellowstone County
Election Administrator

cc: Worden/Ballantine Water and Sewer District



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To: Board of County Commissioners
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From: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator
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RE: Cancellation of Election – Worden Fire District #4

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Worden Fire District #4 was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Worden Fire District #4, there was (1) position for election with a 3-year term. At the close of filing, no candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a rural fire district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
Yellowstone County
Election Administrator

cc: Worden Fire District #4



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To: Board of County Commissioners
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From: Dayna Causby, Election Administrator
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RE: Cancellation of Election – Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch County Water and Sewer District

As of the write-in deadline for the May 5, 2026, special purpose district election, the number of candidates that filed for the position of trustee for the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch County Water and Sewer District was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled at the special purpose district election. Therefore, pursuant to sections 13-1-502 and 13-1-304, MCA, I am notifying the governing body of the local government that the election has been cancelled.

In the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch County Water and Sewer District, there were two (2) positions for election with a 4-year term. At the close of filing, two (2) candidates had filed.

The term of office for the vacancies created by the cancellation of the election would expire May 9, 2029. The Board of County Commissioners appoints any vacancies to a water and sewer district board.

I request that the Board of County Commissioners affirm the cancellation of the election for the aforementioned special purpose district.

Sincerely,

Dayna Causby
Yellowstone County
Election Administrator

cc: Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch County Water and Sewer District

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

2.

Meeting Date: 03/26/2026

Title: Prism Termination Letter

Submitted By: Teri Reitz, Board Clerk

TOPIC:

Human Resources - Prism Termination Letter

BACKGROUND:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss.

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

3.

Meeting Date: 03/26/2026

Title: Network Service Renewal - Metra Park

Submitted For: Larry Ziler, IT Director

Submitted By: Larry Ziler, IT Director

TOPIC:

IT - Renewal of Lumen Network Services for MetraPark

BACKGROUND:

The existing contract for Metra Park internet and Network interconnect to the County Network is expired. Contract renewal for a 1-year term is proposed. Contract rate is a decrease from \$2276.36 per month to \$2088.29 per month.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I recommend the approval of the 1-year contract extension under the new rates with plan to evaluate eliminating some services by end of the 1-year term.

Attachments

Lumen Contract



Renewal Order Form

Customer Name: Yellowstone Metra Park
BusOrg ID: 3-MJBV3X
Transaction ID: 361305-12-01
Requestor: Angeles, Jullius Rei (Jungle)
Customer Contact: Julius Rei Angeles

Billing Account Number: 89610621

Currency: USD

A Location Address (SCID)	Z Location Address (SCID)	Line Item Description	Product	PIID	SCID	New Service Term (Months)	Current Burstable	New Burstable	Current MRC	New MRC
308 6TH AVE N, BILLINGS, MT, UNITED STATES, 59101		Fiber+ Data Only	WAN	ETH100-23950399	PK20747963	12			169.00	169.00
308 6TH AVE N, BILLINGS, MT, UNITED STATES, 59101		Fiber+ Enterprise Data Only	WAN	ETH1000-23792655	PK20548507	12			940.36	752.29
308 6TH AVE N, BILLINGS, MT, UNITED STATES, 59101		Fiber+ Data Only	WAN	ETH1000-23950370	PK20747906	12			389.00	389.00
308 6TH AVE N, BILLINGS, MT, UNITED STATES, 59101		Fiber+ Data Only	WAN	ETH1000-23950373	PK20747825	12			389.00	389.00
308 6TH AVE N, BILLINGS, MT, UNITED STATES, 59101		Fiber+ Data Only	WAN	ETH1000-23950381	PK20747952	12			389.00	389.00
									2,276.36	2,088.29



Summary of Monthly Recurring Charges

Billing Account Number: 89610621

Currency:	USD
Total New MRC:	2,088.29
Total Savings:	188.07
Total Savings (%):	8.26 %



Terms and Conditions

1. "Lumen" is defined for purposes of this renewal Order as CenturyLink Communications, LLC d/b/a Lumen Technologies Group or its affiliated entities providing Services under this renewal Order. This confidential renewal Order may not be disclosed to third parties and is non-binding until accepted by Lumen, as set forth in Section 2. Customer places this renewal Order by signing (including electronically or digitally) or otherwise acknowledging (in a manner acceptable to Lumen) this renewal Order and returning it to Lumen. Pricing is valid for 90 calendar days from the date indicated unless otherwise specified. The Services in this renewal Order are renewed subject to the service agreement(s) and applicable Service Exhibit(s)/Service Schedule(s) between Lumen and Customer (or its affiliate if expressly provided for under such affiliate service agreement) governing the Service(s) during their current Service Term ("Existing Agreement"), to the extent not in conflict with these terms. At the expiration of the Service Term, Service will continue month-to-month at the existing rates, subject to adjustment by Lumen on 30 days' written notice. If Customer cancels or terminates Service for any reason other than Lumen's uncured default or if Lumen terminates due to Customer's uncured default, then Customer will pay Lumen early termination liability charges equal to the sum of: (1) all unpaid amounts for Service actually provided; (2) 100% of the remaining monthly recurring charges for months 1-12 of the Service Term; (3) 50% of the remaining monthly recurring charges for months 13 through the end of the Service Term; and (4) if not recovered by the foregoing, any termination liability payable to third parties resulting from the termination and any out-of-pocket costs of construction to the extent such construction was undertaken to provide Service under this Agreement.
2. Customer-signed renewal Order must be received and processed by Lumen at least 15 calendar days prior to the start of the next full invoice cycle for the rates and New Service Term to be effective on that following invoice. Otherwise, rates and New Service Term will be effective as of the second full monthly invoice for such Services following receipt by Lumen. Acceptance of this renewal Order will be evidenced by Lumen's implementation of rates or New Service Term set forth in this renewal Order. Until Lumen accepts this renewal Order, Customer's pricing for existing Services will continue to be governed by the Existing Agreement, and Customer will pay any charges that are accrued but unpaid under the Existing Agreement.
3. Your existing service configurations (e.g., bandwidth, port type, seat type, and maintenance option) will remain the same, and Lumen's internal records will control for purposes of determining your configurations. The Lumen entity providing Services is identified on the invoice. If your Existing Agreement has a minimum service period, then the minimum service periods for existing Services will not carry forward.
4. Neither party will be liable for any damages for lost profits, lost revenues, loss of goodwill, loss of anticipated savings, loss of data or cost of purchasing replacement service, or any indirect, incidental, special, consequential, exemplary, or punitive damages arising out of the performance or failure to perform under this renewal Order. Customer's sole remedies for any nonperformance, outages, failures to deliver or defects in Service are contained in the service levels applicable to the affected Service.
5. Charges for certain Services are subject to (a) a monthly property tax surcharge and (b) a monthly cost recovery fee per month to reimburse Lumen for various governmental taxes and surcharges. Such charges are subject to change by Lumen and will be applied regardless of whether Customer has delivered a valid tax exemption certificate. For additional details on taxes and surcharges that are assessed, visit www.lumen.com/taxes.
6. Unless otherwise set forth in a Service Attachment, Customer will pay the ancillary charges for additional activities, features or options as set forth in the Ancillary Fee Schedule, available at www.lumen.com/ancillary-fees.
7. If your network service utilizes TDM access, then the following apply: (a) During the Service Term and on 60 days' prior written notice, Lumen may re-provision Services ("Service Re-provision"). If Customer objects to the Service Re-provision, Customer may terminate the affected Service by notifying Lumen in writing within 30 days of the date of the Service Re-provision notification; and (b) During the Service Term, Lumen may increase rates for off-net TDM Services. Lumen will provide Customer 60 days' prior written notice before implementing the increase ("Rerate Notice"). If Customer objects to the increase, Customer must notify Lumen in writing within 30 days of the date of the Rerate Notice whether Customer will (i) receive the affected Service on a month-to-month basis or (ii) terminate the affected Service, subject to early termination liability charges. Under subsection (ii), Customer's requested disconnect date must be within 90 days of the Rerate Notice. Unless Customer so notifies Lumen, the affected Service will continue to be provided at the rates set forth in the Rerate Notice.



8. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Grant Programs. If Customer participates in an IIJA program, including but not limited to, the Middle Mile Grant, Tribal Connectivity Broadband, and the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Grant Programs, then Customer cannot pay for Services with funds obtained through the IIJA or other similar grants that would obligate Lumen to provide certain information or perform certain regulatory compliance functions, unless each of those functions and obligations is explicitly identified and agreed to by the parties in the Agreement or in an amendment to the Agreement.

Technology Migration:

If Customer orders a Lumen provided replacement service(s) ("Replacement Service") and terminates a VPN Service or IQ Networking Service and associated Local Access on a qualifying BAN ("Eligible Services"), Lumen will waive early termination for the Eligible Services on the Renewal Order ("ETL Waiver"). The ETL Waiver will be effective thirty (30) days after written notice from Customer of their intent to terminate the Eligible Service(s). If Customer cancels or terminates the Replacement Service prior to the end of its service term, Customer will pay the waived early termination charges for the Eligible Service(s), in addition to any other early termination charges for the Replacement Service. Customer will remain liable for all charges incurred up to the effective date of the ETL Waiver. Qualifying BAN (s): 89610621

Customer Name: _____

Customer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Renewal Pricing Expires On: 01-Jun-26

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

4. a.

Meeting Date: 03/26/2026

Title: Proposed Land Trade Letter

Submitted For: Monica Plecker, Public Works Director

Submitted By: Monica Plecker, Public Works Director

TOPIC:

Proposed Land Trade Letter

BACKGROUND:

The County understands that the City has identified a portion of Zimmerman Park as a suitable location for the construction of a water reservoir tank to support current and future system needs. The County recognizes the importance of this infrastructure and its long term benefit to the community. At the same time, the County is actively planning for the future needs of its Public Works Department. As such, the attached letter is prepared as a formal way to engage the City in this conversation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

If approved, the letter will be placed on the consent agenda for signature on Tuesday, March 31.

Attachments

Draft Letter

Yellowstone County



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March 31, 2026

Re: Proposed Land Trade

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

The Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners respectfully submits this letter to initiate discussions for a proposed land trade between the County and the City.

The County understands that the City has identified a portion of Zimmerman Park as a suitable location for the construction of a water reservoir tank to support current and future system needs. The County recognizes the importance of this infrastructure and its long-term benefit to the community. At the same time, the County is actively planning for the future needs of its Public Works Department. The demand on the Yellowstone County Correctional Facility, including the County's efforts to prepare for expansion, is likely to have significant impacts on the existing Public Works facilities located on King Avenue East. In anticipation of these needs, the County is evaluating land assets that would better support these long-term operational needs.

The County would like to propose a land exchange involving Zimmerman Park and Wilson Park. As part of this proposal, the County requests that any existing development encumbrances associated with Wilson Park be removed as a condition of the land trade. This would ensure that the property can be utilized in a manner that best meets future County needs.

The County believes this exchange presents a mutually beneficial opportunity that allows the City to advance critical water system improvements, while enabling the County to responsibly plan for essential public facilities. We welcome the opportunity to meet with City staff to further discuss this proposal, evaluate site considerations, and work collaboratively toward an agreement that serves both entities and the broader community.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

Mark Morse, Chair

Michael J. Waters, Member

Chris White, Member

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

4. b.

Meeting Date: 03/26/2026

Title: Request to Expend - Public Works - Walk'n'Rolls

Submitted For: Monica Plecker, Public Works Director

Submitted By: Monica Plecker, Public Works Director

TOPIC:

Request to Expend - Public Works - Walk'n'Rolls

BACKGROUND:

The Road and Bridge Department has realized some savings this year. As such, PW is submitting an RTE to purchase 4 Walk'n'Rolls (WNR) with articulator to outfit four of our existing CAT 160 motor graders. We currently have two WNR's but would like to get the rest of our area guys suited up with these as they allow us to more efficiently provide routine gravel maintenance. The reason being, this equipment enables operators to perform both grading and compaction in a single pass which eliminates the need for separate equipment and multiple trips over the same roadway. The purchase cost of 4 WNR's with articulators is \$181,380. We could further reduce this cost by \$1,500 by foregoing delivery and picking up the equipment ourselves from its location in Havre.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss and Approve

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

4. c.

Meeting Date: 03/26/2026

Title: Renaming of the County Weed Department

Submitted By: Erika Guy

TOPIC:

Renaming of the County Weed Department

BACKGROUND:

See Attached

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

Attachments

Letter

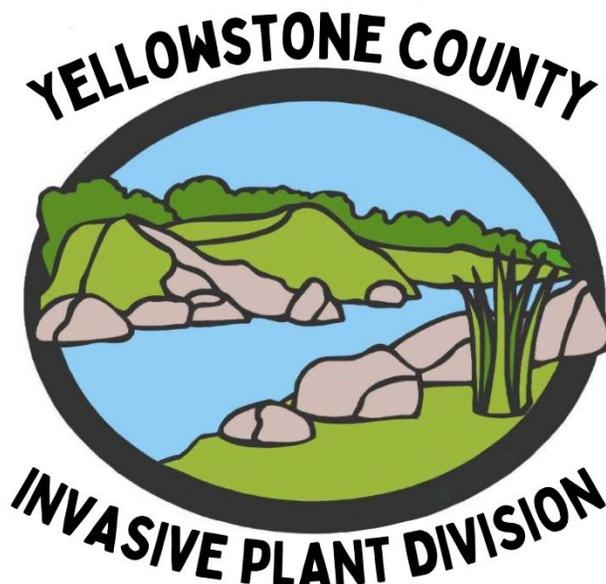
Greetings,

The Yellowstone County Weed District is looking to assume a new name. While maintaining all current employees, equipment, structure, and operations, we would like to rename as “The Yellowstone County Invasive Plant Division”. We believe that we could make a smooth transition to the new title without disrupting any current operations.

The reason why we request to make this change is that we have noticed an increasing amount of confusion surrounding the word “weed”. While we harbor no ill will towards the marijuana industry or it’s enthusiasts, the word “weed” has become synonymous with marijuana.

Our office has had several cases where people have called or arrived in person thinking that we were affiliated with the marijuana industry. We frequently are compelled to clarify the different meaning of the word “weed” and the actual scope of our duties. When we teach in schools, it is another obstacle that we must overcome. Some students are hesitant to ask questions, while many others snicker.

While this small difference of title is not a matter of urgency, it would certainly help us to be clear to the people of Yellowstone County which plants our office does and does not handle. We recommend this new title because it exhibits our purpose of helping public, private, and other government agencies to manage their invasive plants, while also reflecting our place in the county as a division of Public Works.



B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

5. a.

Meeting Date: 03/26/2026

Title: County Zoning

Submitted By: Steve Williams

TOPIC:

County Zoning

BACKGROUND:

Discussion regarding different options for regulation of zoning in the county, including zoning similar to Carbon County.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

5. b.

Meeting Date: 03/26/2026

Title: MS4 Discussion

Submitted By: Steve Williams

TOPIC:

MS4 Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Under the Clean Water Act, the County has responsibilities related to the regulation of stormwater runoff. In 2023, the relevant regulatory agency conducted an inspection of a runoff location and identified a potential deficiency. This item is intended to facilitate discussion regarding the issue and possible approaches to resolving the matter.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

1.

Meeting Date: 03/26/2026

Title: Ostlund Building 3rd Ave Step

Submitted By: Erika Guy

TOPIC:

Ostlund Building 3rd Ave Step

BACKGROUND:

NA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

B.O.C.C Thursday Discussion

2.

Meeting Date: 03/26/2026

Title: Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month

Submitted By: Erika Guy

TOPIC:

Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month

BACKGROUND:

See Attached

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss

Attachments

Child Abuse Prevention Month

PROCLAMATION

Resolution 26-15

WHEREAS, Yellowstone County is committed to both protecting our children and ensuring that each is provided a safe and healthy environment whereby they may develop healthfully and become adults able to obtain their full potential; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only contribute to adverse childhood experiences, but such may also have profound impacts on adulthood which may last a lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect may be 100% preventable, its cost is considerably less than that of treatment for those affected; and,

WHEREAS, research shows that provisions of early education and preventative services for parents of young children and families are effective, they also aid in stopping the generational cycles of abuse; and,

WHEREAS, educating adults how to use positive coping skills, seek options, and be flexible enables them to be stronger, more resilient individuals throughout their lives and create more stable environments and brighter futures for children; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect prevention is a community responsibility, and on behalf of Yellowstone County's children, we join with Family Tree Nurturing Center, leading the efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect through partner organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the blue and silver pinwheels displayed during April and throughout the year symbolize the health and happiness all children deserve; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as child abuse prevention month

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners, Yellowstone County, Montana this 31st day of March, 2026.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

Mark Morse, Chair

Michael J. Waters, Member

Chris White, Member

ATTEST:

Jeff Martin, Clerk and Recorder