

# **YELLOWSTONE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Resolution No. 23- 87

## **Resolution of Intent to Designate Polling Places**

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners adopted new precinct boundaries pursuant to the requirements of 13-3-102(1), MCA, to conform the precincts to legislative district boundaries following the decennial adoption of a districting and apportionment plan under Article V, section 14, of the Montana Constitution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13-3-105, MCA, a board of county commissioners has the authority to designate polling places for each precinct, and with the adoption of new precinct boundaries, a board has the responsibility to designate polling places for each precinct at least 30 days before a primary election conducted on the basis of precincts;

WHEREAS, the designation of polling places should take into account election security, accessibility for voters with disabilities, ease of access and streamlined voting services for all voters, cost-effectiveness, allocation of operational resources, and administrative efficiency. These goals are best served by the optimization and consolidation of polling place locations, where feasible;

WHEREAS, the security of polling place elections is increased by streamlining locations and enhancing security for election materials that must be transported to and from the election administrator's office;

WHEREAS, polling places should ensure accessibility for disabled voters, including ample and conveniently-located parking. In addition, polling locations located on or near main thoroughfares within the county ensures voters are able to reach the polls, even in inclement weather;

WHEREAS, appropriately consolidating and optimizing voting locations ensures that taxpayer dollars spent on elections are used in the most practical, prudent, and cost-effective manner, including funds used to train polling place workers, purchase elections supplies such as polling place signage to appropriately inform and direct voters, and ensure the security of the election process;

WHEREAS, appropriately consolidating voting locations allows for election operations to be streamlined, including the effective allocation and deployment of operational resources such as polling place workers, accessibility machines, and election supplies. Streamlined operations reduce the administrative burdens of county elections and ensure the seamless execution of the voting process;

WHEREAS, placing resources at appropriately consolidated polling places ensures an equitable distribution of trained, knowledgeable polling place workers and election equipment, enabling the minimization of voter wait time; and

WHEREAS, optimized polling place locations that are convenient and well-managed assist in promoting voter turnout, encouraging participation in the democratic process, and ensuring voter confidence in elections;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners intends to designate precinct polling places as follows:

<b>POLLING PLACE LOCATION</b>	<b>ASSIGNED PRECINCTS</b>
<b>Blue Creek School</b> 3652 Blue Creek Road Billings, MT	Precinct 15 Precinct 56
<b>Broadview Community Center</b> 13725 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Broadview, MT	Precinct 4
<b>Canyon Creek School</b> 3139 Duck Creek Rd Billings, MT	Precinct 35 Precinct 54
<b>Custer School</b> 304 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Custer, MT	Precinct 1
<b>Elder Grove School</b> 1532 S. 64 <sup>th</sup> St. Billings, MT	Precinct 52 Precinct 53
<b>Laurel High School</b> 203 E. 8 <sup>th</sup> St Laurel, MT	Precinct 5 Precinct 55 Precinct 57 Precinct 58 Precinct 59
<b>Lockwood School</b> 1932 US Highway 87 Billings, MT	Precinct 11 Precinct 12 Precinct 13
<b>Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative</b> 150 Cooperative Way Huntley, MT	Precinct 2 Precinct 3 Precinct 19
<b>Metrapark</b> 308 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. North Billings, MT	Precinct 6 Precinct 7 Precinct 8 Precinct 9 Precinct 10 Precinct 14 Precinct 16 Precinct 17 Precinct 18 Precinct 20 Precinct 21 Precinct 22 Precinct 23 Precinct 24 Precinct 25 Precinct 26 Precinct 27 Precinct 28 Precinct 29 Precinct 30 Precinct 31 Precinct 32 Precinct 33 Precinct 34 Precinct 36 Precinct 37 Precinct 38

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On August 8, 2023, the Board will hold a public hearing before designating precinct polling places. At the hearing, the Board will receive comments on the designation of precinct polling places. The Board orders the Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder to provide notice of the hearing, accept comments on the assignment of precinct polling places, and provide the comments to the Board prior to the hearing. After the hearing, the Board shall pass a resolution to designate precinct polling places pursuant to the best interest of the public.

Passed and Adopted on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

  
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John Ostlund, Chair

  
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Mark Morse, Member *Chair Pro-Tem*

  
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Donald W. Jones, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Jeff Martin, Clerk and Recorder

**Attachment**

Polling Place Assignment Map

**Chronology**

Agenda – July 18, 2023

Resolution of Intent – July 25, 2023

Publication of Hearing – July 28, 2023 and August 4, 2023

Public Hearing / Resolution – August 8, 2023

**Documents**

Resolution of Intent

Minutes of Meeting Resolution of Intent

Recording of Meeting

Publication of Hearing

Affidavit of Publication

Resolution

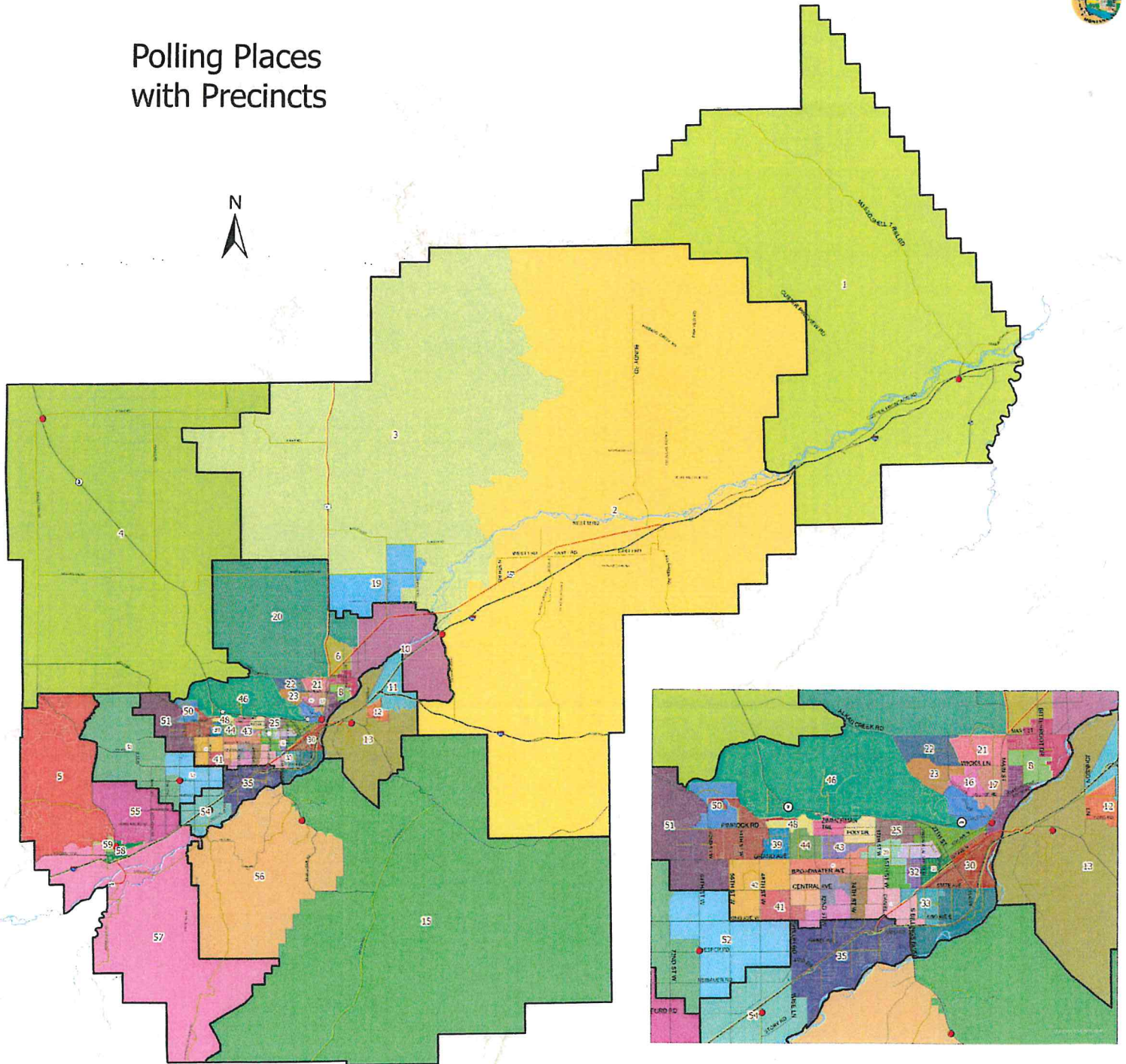
Minutes of Meeting Resolution

Recording of Meeting





## Polling Places with Precincts



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