

**Citizens of Yellowstone County
Board of County Commissioners**

INTRODUCTION

This budget document is a condensed version of the County's fiscal year 2004-2005 (FY 04-05) budget. It is presented as a financial planning tool for Yellowstone County's annual operations. A more detailed version of this document is available for review at the County's Clerk & Recorder, Finance, or Commissioner's offices.

The budget is prepared under statutory guidelines in Title 7, Chapter 6, Part 23 Montana Codes Annotated in conjunction with other State laws.

The FY 04-05 budget was determined by compiling department appropriation requests, holding departmental budget hearings, estimating revenues from non-tax and tax revenues, determining year-end net cash positions, and making budget amendments based on overall County priorities and funding availability as determined by the Board of County Commissioners.

This document hopefully provides a good summarization of the County fiscal operations both currently and historically. All financial information regarding County functions are open to the public including: detailed budget information, audit reports, detailed revenue and expenditure transactions, board minutes, and supporting documentation. The public is certainly encouraged to review and participate in County government and its processes.

Please contact myself or the finance office if you have any questions @ 406-256-2793.

Respectfully submitted,

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