

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

INTRODUCTION

This budget document is a condensed version of the County's Fiscal Year 2002-2003 (FY 02-03) budget. It 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 02-03 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 the needed budget amendments based on overall County priorities.

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: more detailed budgets, audit reports, and detailed transactions. The public is certainly encouraged to review and participate in County government and its processes.

Respectfully submitted,

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