

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 7, 2017
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 7, 2017 Coordinated Election, is a Mail Ballot Election. All eligible, registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail. We will begin mailing ballots the week of October 16, 2017.

**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 16, 2017 – November 7, 2017, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 4, 2017 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Drive-up/Walk-up 24 Hour Ballot Drop Box is located in the Alleyway West of the
Administration Building/Election Office**

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

Election Day Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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 7, 2017 7:00 p.m.**

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

This voter information pamphlet contains local referenda appearing on your 2017 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.

**Morgan County Elections Office
(970) 542-3521 Option 5**

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 7, 2017.

All Registered Voters

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**TOWN OF WIGGINS
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election date: November 7, 2017

Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 7, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Addresses and Telephone Numbers:

Designated Election Official:

Town of Wiggins
Office of the Town Clerk

304 Central Avenue
Wiggins, CO 80654

970-483-6161

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 ext. 5

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT QUESTION/ MEASURE

BALLOT ISSUE 2A

SHALL TOWN OF WIGGINS TAXES BE INCREASED \$250,000 IN 2018 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND THEN ANNUALLY BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED THEREAFTER FROM THE IMPOSITION OF A USE TAX OF TWO (2.0) PERCENT UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF USING OR CONSUMING WITHIN

THE TOWN CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS PURCHASED AT RETAIL FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OR BUILDING PROJECTS, SUCH USE TAX TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2018 WITH THE RATE OF THE TAX BEING ALLOWED TO BE INCREASED OR DECREASED WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE OF TAXATION DOES NOT EXCEED THREE (3.0) PERCENT AND WITH ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT FOR ANY LAWFUL MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND SHALL THE TOWN BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH USE TAX AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

BALLOT ISSUE 2B

SHALL TOWN OF WIGGINS TAXES BE INCREASED \$90,000 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR INCREASE) AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER IN SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RECEIVED EACH YEAR FROM THE IMPOSITION OF A LODGING OCCUPATION TAX AT A RATE OF \$5.00 PER DAY PER OCCUPIED LODGING ROOM, TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2018, AND WITH ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SAID TAX TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT FOR ANY LAWFUL MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND SHALL THE TOWN BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:*

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Spending*</u>
2017 (estimated)	\$ 581,332
2016 (actual):	\$ 571,520
2015 (actual):	\$ 428,523
2014 (actual):	\$ 351,379
2013 (actual):	\$ 379,513

Overall Percentage Change from 2013 to 2017: 53%

Overall Dollar Change from 2013 to 2017: \$201,819

*** Fiscal Year Spending does not include the Town's Water Enterprise Fund or Wastewater Activity Enterprise Fund.**

Town Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for the First Full Fiscal Year:

Ballot Issue 2A Increase: \$250,000

Ballot Issue 2B Increase: \$90,000

Town Estimate of First Full Fiscal Year Spending Without Increase:

Without Ballot Issue 2A Increase: \$600,644

Without Ballot Issue 2B Increase: \$600,644

Summaries of written comments "FOR" Ballot Issue 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summaries of written comments "AGAINST" Ballot Issue 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summaries of written comments "FOR" Ballot Issue 2B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summaries of written comments "AGAINST" Ballot Issue 2B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

All Registered Voters

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**CITY OF FORT MORGAN
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election date: November 7, 2017

Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 7, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Addresses and Telephone Numbers:

Designated Election Official:

John Brennan, City Clerk

110 Main St.

Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Telephone Number: (970) 542-3963

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 ext. 5

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT QUESTION/ MEASURE

BALLOT ISSUE 2C

SHALL THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ADDITIONAL CITY SALES AND USE TAX AT A RATE OF ONE (1%) PERCENT TO BE ADDED TO OTHER APPROPRIATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL TO PAY THE COSTS OF STREET, ALLEY, AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE, COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2018, IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO

TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,400,000) ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR; AND SHALL THE FULL PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND ANY EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT, AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION, RETENTION, OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Fiscal Year Spending Information

2017 (Estimated) \$52,763,152

2016 (Actual) \$47,835,996

2015 (Actual) \$47,071,766

2014 (Actual) \$47,480,089

2013 (Actual) \$44,969,483

2012 (Actual) \$43,166,944

Overall Percentage Change from 2012 to 2017 22.23%

Overall dollar change from 2012 to 2017 \$9,596,208

Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for first full year under this ballot issue \$2,400,000

Estimated maximum fiscal year spending for first full year (2018) without tax increase \$59,129,019

Summaries of written comments “FOR” Ballot Issue 2C:

An increase in the sales tax rate is the only way to accomplish the necessary street repairs.

All who use the city's streets and spend in Fort Morgan, residents and visitors alike, will contribute to their upkeep. Most people can endure a 1 percent sales tax increase, especially when it is used to their own benefit. Everyone likes nice, well-maintained streets and most people have complained about potholes, bumps and rough patches

A sales tax is generally the most fair as it is paid by everyone who buys items to which the tax is applied. Anyone passing through or shopping in Fort Morgan would pay it.

The tax is absolutely needed. The city will just fall farther and farther behind without additional revenue.

The money will not magically appear, and as users of the city roads this probably makes the most sense. If we don't keep the infrastructure of the city intact, eventually it will fall into severe disrepair and more problems will arise from the streets not being maintained.

A 1 percent increase is a small price to pay to help better our streets. Something needs to get done and we should not reduce services in other departments.

Summaries of written comments "AGAINST" Ballot Issue 2C:

There should be better design and engineering of future streets to accommodate vehicles towing trailers, oversize vehicles, etc. If issues would have been addressed when they were small issues rather than waiting until entire streets need to be replaced, we wouldn't be in this situation. That in combination with poor planning and engineering have greatly increased the severity of the situation.

We need the streets fixed but there has to be a better way.

Once a sales tax increase goes into effect it is seldom, if ever, repealed. People on fixed incomes set a budget and must follow that budget to make ends meet. There should be adequate funds available to repair and maintain the city's streets and alleys with the revenues allocated and available for those purposes.

The problem could be solved by cutting waste and unnecessary spending and not by taxing more.

All Registered Voters

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**TOWN OF LOG LANE VILLAGE
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election date: November 7, 2017

Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 7, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Addresses and Telephone Numbers:

Designated Election Official:

Marty Dasovich

109 Maine St.

Log Lane Village, CO 80705

970-867-8027

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 ext. 5

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT QUESTION/ MEASURE

BALLOT ISSUE 2D

BALLOT ISSUE – INCREASE OF EXCISE TAX RATE ON SALE OR
TRANSFER OF UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA

SHALL TAXES OF THE TOWN OF LOG LANE VILLAGE BE INCREASED BY
AN ESTIMATED \$20,000.00 IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING

JANUARY 1, 2018, AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE TAX OF 3.5% OF THE AVERAGE MARKET RATE ON THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA BY A DULY LICENSED RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY WITHIN THE TOWN OF LOG LANE VILLAGE, FOR A TOTAL EXCISE TAX OF 5.0% ON SUCH SALES OR TRANSFERS OF THE AVERAGE MARKET RATE, WITH THE RATE OF SUCH EXCISE TAX BEING ALLOWED TO BE DECREASED OR INCREASED WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE OF THE TAX DOES NOT EXCEED 5%, AND WITH THE RESULTING EXCISE TAX REVENUE BEING ALLOWED TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE CITY WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY EXPENDITURE, REVENUE RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, § 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

For the first full fiscal year of this proposed excise tax increase, the Town of Log Lane Village estimates that the maximum dollar amount of the excise tax increase will be \$20,000.00. The Town of Log Lane Village estimates that the Town of Log Lane Village 2018 fiscal year spending without the increase will be \$778,000.00.

Summaries of written comments “FOR” Ballot Issue 2D:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summaries of written comments “AGAINST” Ballot Issue 2D:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

All Registered Voters

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-10J
MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election date: November 7, 2017

Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for receipt of ballots: November 7, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Addresses and Telephone Numbers:

Designated Election Official:

Rick Mondt

Weld County School District No. RE-10J

515 Leslie Street, Briggsdale Colorado 80611

Telephone number (970) 656-3417

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 ext. 5

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT QUESTION/ MEASURE

BALLOT ISSUE 3B

SHALL WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-10J TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$645,550 IN 2018 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN AMOUNT THAT REPLACES THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING MILL LEVY OVERRIDE THAT EXPIRES IN 2017 AND IS UP TO THIRTY PERCENT OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM AS PROVIDED BY STATE LAW (AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN STATE LAW OR ANY SIMILAR TERMS PROVIDED IN ANY SUCCESSOR PROVISION OF STATE LAW),

BY THE LEVY OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND AT A RATE THAT WILL PRODUCE AN AMOUNT UP TO THIRTY PERCENT OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROGRAM, TO FUND DISTRICT OPERATIONS INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS,

- RECRUITING AND RETAINING HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND STAFF FOR ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS,
- REPLACING OUTDATED TEXTBOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS,
- REDUCING THE TEACHER-TO-STUDENT RATIO SO TEACHERS CAN FOCUS ON STUDENTS AND THEIR NEEDS, AND
- PROVIDING PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP TO EXISTING FACILITIES AND BUS FLEET,

WHICH TAXES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending¹
2013-2014 (actual)	\$2,825,111
2014-2015 (actual)	3,148,598
2015-2016 (actual)	3,383,058
2016-2017 (actual)	3,276,736
2017-2018 (current year estimated)	3,208,864

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2013-2014 through 2017-2018: 13.58%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2013-2014 through 2017-2018: \$383,753

Estimated 2017-2018 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3B: \$3,208,864

¹ Fiscal year spending includes amounts expended by the District for bonded debt service.

Estimated 2017-2018 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3B: \$645,550

Summaries of written comments “FOR” Ballot Issue 3B:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summaries of written comments “AGAINST” Ballot Issue 3B:

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.”

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MORGAN COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
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OFFICIAL ELECTION MATERIAL

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

All Registered Voters

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO INCREASE TAXES
ON A REFERRED MEASURE

TO BE COUNTED
MAIL-IN BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY
7:00 p.m. ON TUESDAY, November 7, 2017 BY MAIL OR AT A
BALLOT DROP-OFF SITE