

**2024 KIT CARSON COUNTY
INFORMATION PAMPHLET
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A
REFERRED MEASURE**

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS:

“The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information.”

This voter information pamphlet contains referenda and/or initiatives appearing on your November 5, 2024, General Mail ballot.

The title and text of each referenda/initiative is printed in full and may be accompanied by two summaries of up to 500 words each, for and against the measure. 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 is mandated by an amendment to Article X, Section 20 (Amendment 1) of the Colorado Constitution.** RECEIPT OF THIS VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

FLAGLER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: BALLOT ISSUE 6C

SHALL THE FLAGLER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$50,000 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE), ANNUALLY, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY INCREASING ITS EXISTING PROPERTY TAX BY 3.184 MILLS, COMMENCING WITH LEVY YEAR 2025 FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2026, FOR A TOTAL MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED 5.5 MILLS, EXCLUSIVE OF REFUNDS AND ABATEMENTS, TO BE USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, MAINTENANCE, EQUIPMENT, UPDATING BUILDING AND OTHER BUDGET EXPENSES, INCLUDING MAINTAINING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES, PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AND REPLACING AGING EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES?

YES /FOR NO/AGAINST

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2024 (estimated)	\$160,000
2023 (actual)	\$37,060
2022 (actual)	\$27,604
2021 (actual)	\$34,043
2020 (actual)	\$74,937

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 to 2024 213%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2020 through 2024: \$85,063

Proposed District Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year:	\$100,000
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$50,000

Summaries of written comments on ballot issue 6C filed with the election officer:

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons for the issue:

The Flagler Rural Fire Protection District Board has strived to have a high quality and professional district. This is becoming more and more difficult for several reasons. The prices of updating equipment are not getting cheaper. Then when you update trucks it often requires updating the equipment on the truck such as: hoses, air packs, nozzles, and radios to name a few. The bunker gear worn by the firemen expire every ten years. All of the district's current bunker gear is expired and is in need of replacement. The air packs are all in need of being replaced and updated. The department takes pride in trying to be good stewards of the money it receives; however, it doesn't have enough to continue.

The state feels that the district should be at 9 mills. To apply for grants they would like the district to be at that level. The district feels that it can maintain the high standard of care and protection at 5.5 mills. The district will continue to apply for grants and have additional fundraisers as it can. Unfortunately, this is not enough. The current funding is not enough for the district to safely equip the 21 members of the department.

The district covers over 400 square miles and responds to: accidents, fires, mutual aid, medical, search and rescue. To be able to continue this, the district needs to update the equipment the firemen wear, as well as the vehicles they drive and tools they use. Currently the district does not charge anything for its services. If this does not go through the district may be forced to charge for all calls it goes on. The better the district is, the better the ISO insurance rating will be, which also helps with your insurance rates. When you are having a bad day, you want the people you are going to call to come help you. To be able to come and safely help you in your time of need. Your support will do just that.

The following summary was prepared from comments filed by persons against the issue:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

VOTE SERVICE & POLLING CENTER

There is only one vote center for Kit Carson County. You will be able to come to this location to drop off ballots, replace a ballot that was destroyed, lost or if you would like to vote in person. This location will be open beginning October 21st through Nov. 5, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Monday through Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, beginning 8:00 AM until NOON. Election Day from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Kit Carson County Courthouse

1650 Donelan Ave., Suite 201
Burlington, CO 80807

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

There will be a 24 hour drop off box located at the south entrance of the Kit Carson County Courthouse, 1650 Donelan Ave., Burlington, CO this box will be opened beginning Oct. 11, 2024, and close at 7:00 PM Nov.5, 2024, Election night.

There will be **DROP OFF LOCATIONS** for ballots only on **Election Day** from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM:

Stratton Activity Center
918 Colorado Ave.
Stratton, CO 80836

Flagler Senior Center
306 Main Ave.
Flagler, CO 80815

Only Nov. 5, 2024, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Should you have questions please call either of the Designated Election Officials (DEO) listed below.

DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL (DEO)

Flagler Rural Fire District
Mike Santala, Board President
719-349-2099
P.O. Box 66 / 426 Ruffner
Flagler, CO 80815
doubles@esrta.com

**KIT CARSON COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
2024 GENERAL ELECTION DEO**

Susan Corliss
719-346-8638
1650 Donelan Ave, Ste. 201
Burlington, CO 80807
clerkandrecorder@kitcarsoncounty.org

Kit Carson County Clerk
1650 Donelan Ave., Suite 203
PO Box 249
Burlington, CO 80807
Return Address Requested



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