

2026 TABOR NOTICE

Information about Local Issues on the 2026 November General Election Ballot

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES / INCREASE DEBT AND / OR REFERRED MEASURES

COORDINATED ELECTION OFFICIAL: Jacklyn K Harmon, Garfield County Clerk & Recorder

ELECTION DATE: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

ELECTION DAY HOURS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION BY MAIL BALLOT: Mail ballots for the General Election must be received by the Garfield County Clerk & Recorder's Office or be dropped in any Colorado county ballot box by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

ELECTION OFFICE: Garfield County Clerk & Recorder, 109 8th St, Suite 200, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

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The Coordinated Election Official is not responsible for failure to meet the Article X, Section 20 constraints if the political subdivision fails to submit the notice and summaries within the deadline and in the form required by the Coordinated Election Official.

Not all of the following ballot issues will be on your ballot. Ballot issue(s) will only be on your ballot if you reside within that jurisdiction. Visit www.govotecolorado.gov to check the jurisdictions in which you reside.

City of Rifle Ballot Issue 2A

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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

Designated Election Official:

Alexis Ramirez, City Clerk

202 Railroad Ave.

Rifle, CO 81650

Phone: (970) 665-6405

City of Rifle Ballot Issue 2A: Notice of Election to Increase Taxes

SHALL THE CITY OF RIFLE'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED \$350,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2027) AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE CITY'S LODGING TAX BY 3.0% ON THE LEASING OR RENTING OF ROOMS OR OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS IN LODGING WITHIN THE CITY FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS FOR A TOTAL RATE OF 5.5% OF THE PRICE PAID OR CHARGED FOR SUCH LODGING IN THE CITY COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2027, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX, TOGETHER WITH INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON USED PRIMARILY FOR VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ATTRACTIONS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SPECIAL EVENTS, BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS IN THE

CITY, AND THE PROMOTION OF THE CITY AND ITS ENVIRONS,

AND SHALL SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY APPLICABLE REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION IMPOSED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2026 (estimated)	\$32,883,808
2025 (actual)	\$31,915,425
2024 (actual)	\$28,372,547
2023 (actual)	\$27,359,771
2022 (actual)	\$26,076,346

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 to 2026: 26.11%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 through 2026: \$6,807,462

Summary of comments FOR Ballot Issue 2A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

City of Glenwood Springs Ballot Issue 2B

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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

Designated Election Official:

Ryan Muse, City Clerk
101 W. 8th St.
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Phone: (970) 384-6406

City of Glenwood Springs Ballot Issue 2B

SHALL THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS TAXES BE INCREASED ANNUALLY \$3,132,000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2027) BY INCREASING THE CURRENT AD VALOREM TAX RATE BY 7.9 MILLS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2046; THE REVENUES OF WHICH SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF MEETING THE OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND WITHOUT ANY OTHER LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION AND SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2026 (estimated)	\$69,079,688
2025 (actual)	\$66,449,803
2024 (actual)	\$60,066,793
2023 (actual)	\$59,055,369
2022 (actual)	\$52,145,390

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 to 2026: 32%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 through 2026: \$16,934,298.00

Proposed District Tax Increase

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$3,132,000

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$74,775,522

Proposed Bonded Debt

Proposed Principal Amount: \$N/A
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$
Total Repayment Cost: \$

Current District Bonded Debt
Principal Amount Outstanding: \$14,130,000

Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$2,291,914
Total Remaining Repayment Cost: \$16,116,367

Summary of comments FOR Ballot Issue 2B

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2B

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Garfield School District RE-2 Ballot Issue 4A

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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

Designated Election Official:

Sharon Donohoue, Administrative Assistant
839 Whiteriver Avenue
Rifle, CO 81650
Phone: (970)-665-7605

Garfield School District RE-2 Ballot Issue 4A: Funding Measure for School Teacher/Staff Salaries

SHALL GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-2 TAXES BE INCREASED \$4.7 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR BASIC EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, WHICH MONEYS SHALL BE USED TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS:

- ATTRACT, TRAIN, AND RETAIN HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS;
- MAINTAIN COMPETITIVE SALARIES AND WAGES FOR DISTRICT TEACHERS, TEACHER'S AIDES, BUS DRIVERS, CUSTODIANS, AND OTHER SUPPORT STAFF, AND
- MAINTAIN CLASS SIZES THAT ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING;

THROUGH A PROPERTY TAX OVERRIDE MILL LEVY TO BE IMPOSED ANNUALLY AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE FIXED AMOUNT SET FORTH ABOVE, TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT, AND TO BE IN ADDITION TO THE PROPERTY TAXES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE LEVIED FOR THE GENERAL FUND?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2026 (estimated)	\$ 83,803,498
2025 (actual)	\$ 83,498,296
2024 (actual)	\$ 78,659,928
2023 (actual)	\$ 75,617,836
2022 (actual)	\$ 87,719,993

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 to 2026: (4.46)%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 through 2026: \$(3,916,495)

Proposed District Tax Increase
Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$4,700,000
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$83,803,498

Summary of comments FOR Ballot Issue 4A

Strong Schools, Strong Students, Strong Communities
Every school day depends on people. Teachers help students learn. Paraprofessionals give students extra support. Bus drivers get children to school safely. Custodians keep schools clean. Nutrition staff make sure students are fed.

Garfield Re-2 has shown that it can achieve strong results while managing taxpayer dollars responsibly. The district has earned state accreditation for two consecutive years while keeping administrative costs to just 1.1% of its budget and directing as much funding as possible into classrooms. Re-2's success has been built on responsible financial management and the dedication of its teachers and staff. Now, the district must protect that progress by keeping those employees in our schools.

Garfield Re-2 competes with nearby school districts and local businesses for employees. Re-2 has one of the lowest starting teacher salaries in the Colorado River Valley. The district also loses support staff to local employers that can offer higher pay. High housing costs make it even harder for school employees to live in the communities where they work.

4A would provide about \$4.7 million each year to increase base pay for Garfield Re-2 teachers and staff. That includes classroom teachers and paraprofessionals, as well as bus drivers, custodians, nutrition staff and others who help schools run every day.

For every \$100,000 of residential property value, 4A is estimated to cost \$38.08 per year, or about \$3.17 per month. For a \$500,000 home the cost would be \$190.40 per year or \$15.87 per month.

The money raised by 4A would stay local and be controlled locally and not subject to the whims of the Colorado Legislature. District finances are also subject to independent annual audits and public financial reporting.

The goal is simple: keep good teachers and staff in Rifle, Silt and New Castle, so students have the people they need to learn, grow and succeed.

Summary of comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Garfield School District RE-2 Ballot Issue 4B

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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

Designated Election Official:

Sharon Donohoue, Administrative Assistant
839 Whiteriver Avenue
Rifle, CO 81650
Phone: (970) 655-7600

Garfield School District RE-2 Ballot Issue 4B: Bond for School Building and Safety Improvements

WITHOUT IMPOSING A NEW TAX, SHALL GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. RE-2 DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$118 MILLION WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$225 MILLION, AND SHALL ANNUAL BOND REDEMPTION TAXES APPROVED BY DISTRICT VOTERS IN 2006 AND CURRENTLY RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT BE EXTENDED TO PAY THE DEBT TO BE INCURRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING, EQUIPPING AND IMPROVING DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSETS, TO THE EXTENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS, INCLUDING:

- CONSTRUCTING A NEW ACCESS ROAD AT RIFLE HIGH SCHOOL TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CIRCULATION FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS;
- RENOVATING SCIENCE CLASSROOMS AND AGING LAB SYSTEMS, AND CONVERTING OUTDATED COMPUTER LABS INTO DEDICATED CAREER-READY AND ENGINEERING LABS AT RIFLE HIGH SCHOOL;
- CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION AND RELATED RENOVATIONS AT COAL RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL TO EXPAND TRADES, AGRICULTURAL, AND CAREER-READY TRAINING, ATHLETIC FACILITIES, AND PERFORMING ARTS SPACES;
- BUILDING A NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTER TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES;
- ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING IN RIFLE, SILT, AND NEW CASTLE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN DISTRICT TEACHERS AND STAFF (SUCH AS BUS DRIVERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS, AND KITCHEN STAFF); AND
- UPGRADING DISTRICT-WIDE TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACQUIRING RELATED CAPITAL ASSETS, CRITICAL FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING AT ALL SCHOOLS;

THROUGH ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE BUT BY NOT MORE THAN \$9.2 MILLION ANNUALLY, TO GENERATE AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Year	Fiscal Year Spending ¹
2026-2027 (estimated)	\$83,803,498
2025-2026 (actual)	\$83,498,296
2024-2025 (actual)	\$78,659,928
2023-2024 (actual)	\$75,617,836
2022-2023 (actual)	\$87,719,993

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

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 to 2026: (4.46)%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 through 2026: \$(3,916,495)

Proposed Bonded Debt	
Proposed Principal Amount:	\$118,000,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$9,200,000
Total Repayment Cost:	\$225,000,000
Current District Bonded Debt	
Principal Amount Outstanding:	\$25,520,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$9,105,200
Total Remaining Repayment Cost:	\$26,855,790

Summary of comments FOR Ballot Issue 4B
Improving Our Schools Without Increasing the Current Bond Tax Rate

Garfield Re-2 students deserve safe schools and learning spaces that prepare them for what comes next.

Without increasing the current bond tax rate, 4B would provide \$118 million for six projects in Rifle, Silt and New Castle. The measure would continue the district’s current bond collections and use those local dollars for school buildings, learning spaces and other long-term needs.

The six projects would make improvements students and families can see and use:

- Make Rifle High School safer. Build a new access road to improve traffic flow and safety during drop-off, pick-up, sporting events, and other busy times.

- Update Rifle High School classrooms. Renovate science classrooms and turn outdated computer labs into career-ready and engineering labs.
- Expand career opportunities at Coal Ridge High School. Add space for skilled trades, agriculture and career programs, along with athletics and performing arts.
- Give young children a stronger start. Build a new Early Learning Center in Silt and add room for toddler and preschool programs. Garfield Re-2 currently has a waiting list for these programs.
- Improve technology in our schools. Replace aging equipment and upgrade technology used for teaching and learning.
- Help recruit and keep teachers and staff. Build up to 47 rental housing units in Rifle, Silt and New Castle. These would be rental homes, not free housing. Rent from the units is intended to help cover their costs.

These projects are about more than buildings. They would give students safer schools, modern classrooms and more ways to learn science, skilled trades, agriculture and career skills. They would also create more early childhood opportunities for local families and address housing challenges that make it harder to recruit and keep school employees.

Summary of comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 4B
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Roaring Fork School District RE-1 Ballot Issue 5C

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Official:
Jonathan Landon
400 Sopris Ave
Carbondale, CO 81623
970-384-6009

Roaring Fork School District RE-1 Ballot Issue 5C: Mill Levy Override

SHALL ROARING FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$5.6 MILLION IN 2026 (FOR COLLECTION IN 2027) AND IN SUCH AMOUNTS GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER AS DESCRIBED BELOW FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- INCREASING TEACHER AND STAFF PAY;

- RETAINING AND RECRUITING HIGH-QUALITY TEACHERS AND STAFF;
- STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC OUTCOMES AND ELIMINATING ACHIEVEMENT GAPS;

WITH ALL SPENDING OF SUCH REVENUES REPORTED IN THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AND REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DIRECTORS;

BY THE IMPOSITION OF A MILL LEVY THAT, WHEN COMBINED WITH OTHER MILL LEVY OVERRIDES APPROVED BY VOTERS FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND, GENERATES THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PERMITTED BY SECTION 22-54-108(3)(B)(VI) AS OF JULY 1, 2026, BY THE LEVY OF PROPERTY TAXES AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE SUCH AMOUNTS;

WHICH TAXES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT AND SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE PROPERTY TAXES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE LEVIED FOR THE GENERAL FUND?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Year

	Fiscal Year Spending
2026-2027 (estimated)	\$108,677,851
2025-2026 (actual)	\$106,364,760
2024-2025 (actual)	\$110,077,922
2023-2024 (actual) NOTE A	\$101,307,620
2022-2023 (actual)	\$93,237,407

GENERAL NOTE: Bond proceeds, debt proceeds, and capital contributions are excluded from TABOR Revenue.

NOTE A: Two Rivers Community School (TRCS) was added as an internal charter school for 2023-24 through 2026-27. The increase included in TABOR Revenue totaled \$6.659 million for 2023-24 and \$7.709 million for 2026-27. The overall change in fiscal year spending over the five year period excluding TRCS totals 8.29%.

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022-2023 to 2026-2027: 16.56%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022-2023 through 2026-2027: \$15,440,444

Proposed District Tax Increase
Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$5,600,000

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$108,677,851

Summary of comments FOR Ballot Issue 5C

Measure 5C would generate approximately \$5 million annually to increase RFSD teacher and staff compensation, helping the Roaring Fork Schools recruit and retain high-quality employees to strengthen academic outcomes and eliminate achievement gaps.

The cost to homeowners is modest: about \$7 a month for a home valued at \$500,000, less than a cup of coffee a week, to keep experienced teachers in our classrooms instead of losing them to districts, or professions, that pay more.

The \$5 million raised would go directly toward recruiting and retaining excellent teachers and staff, the single most important in-school factor in student success. Eighty-four percent of our district's budget already goes to the people who teach, feed, transport, and care for our students every day, and this measure keeps that investment competitive.

RFSD has worked to address its financial challenges before asking taxpayers for additional support. Over the past three years, the district has cut nearly \$19 million through staffing reductions, hiring freezes, operational efficiencies, and other budget reductions. Further cuts increasingly threaten the people and services students rely on every day.

Recruiting and retaining great educators has become increasingly difficult. RFSD has the fourth-highest cost of living among Colorado's 178 school districts, yet ranks 16th in average teacher pay. That gap makes it increasingly difficult for teachers and staff to afford to build their lives in the communities where they work and for RFSD to compete with other districts for experienced, highly qualified educators. That is why we support Ballot Measure 5C.

This local investment is especially important because Colorado recently changed the formula it uses to fund public schools. The new formula disadvantages some high-cost districts, including RFSD. Recognizing this impact, state lawmakers created a limited opportunity for affected districts to ask local voters for additional funding authority. That opportunity expires in 2030. Roaring Fork Schools' students deserve excellent teachers because teacher quality and stability are the most important in-school factors shaping their success. Great teachers challenge students, build relationships, recognize when a child needs extra support, and create classrooms where students can thrive. Research also shows that high teacher turnover disrupts student learning and negatively affects academic achievement. Measure 5C provides a way to invest directly in great teachers and staff.

Strong schools also strengthen our entire community. They help make the Roaring Fork School District a place where families want to live, businesses can attract employees, and young people receive the education they need to succeed.

Summary of comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 5C

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**Glenwood Springs Rural Fire Protection District
Ballot Issue 6A**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A
REFERRED MEASURE**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Official:

Ryan Muse, City Clerk
101 W. 8th St.
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Phone: (970) 384-6406

**Glenwood Springs Rural Fire Protection District
Ballot Issue 6A**

SHALL THE GLENWOOD SPRINGS RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED ANNUALLY \$980,000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2027) BY INCREASING THE CURRENT AD VALOREM TAX RATE BY 5.9 MILLS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2046; THE REVENUES OF WHICH SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF MEETING THE OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND WITHOUT ANY OTHER LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION AND SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2026 (estimated)	\$1,678,024
2025 (actual)	\$1,545,558
2024 (actual)	\$1,633,165
2023 (actual)	\$1,235,633
2022 (actual)	\$1,275,631

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 to 2026: 32%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 through 2026: \$402,393

Proposed District Tax Increase
Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: \$980,000
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$1,700,000

Proposed Bonded Debt
Proposed Principal Amount: \$ N/A
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$
Total Repayment Cost: \$

Current District Bonded Debt
Principal Amount Outstanding: \$ N/A
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$
Total Remaining Repayment Cost: \$

Summary of comments FOR Ballot Issue 6A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6A

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Garfield County Public Library District Ballot Issue 6B

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Official:

Michele M. Barrasso, Paralegal
7400 East Orchard Road, Suite 3300
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
Phone: (303)770-2700

Garfield County Public Library District Ballot Issue 6B

WITHOUT INCREASING THE TAX RATE, SHALL GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT PROPERTY TAXES BE EXTENDED TO RETAIN THE EXPIRING (2027) VOTER APPROVAL AT THE CURRENTLY IMPOSED RATE OF 1.00 MILL ESTIMATED TO PRODUCE \$2,666,876 IN TAX REVENUES IN CALENDAR YEAR 2028 AND WHATEVER IS GENERATED EACH YEAR THEREAFTER FOR PURPOSES THAT MAY INCLUDE:

- KEEPING OUR LOCAL LIBRARIES IN GOOD REPAIR, SAFE, CLEAN AND ACCESSIBLE;
- PROVIDE FUNDING NECESSARY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN QUALIFIED STAFF;
- TO PROVIDE BOOKS, TECHNOLOGY AND MATERIALS;
- TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS SERVING KIDS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND OTHERS;
- TO PARTNER WITH EXISTING NON-PROFITS DEALING WITH FOOD INSECURITY, MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES;
- AND SUPPORT OTHER LIBRARY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS;

AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX RATE EXTENSION RECEIVED IN 2028 AND THEREAFTER, BE COLLECTED AND SPENT REGARDLESS OF THE LIMITATIONS OF SECTION 29-1-301 C.R.S.; AND SHALL ALL REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FROM SUCH EXTENSION BE COLLECTED AND SPENT WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT AFFECTING THE COLLECTION OR SPENDING OF ANY

OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2026 (estimated)	\$13,820,671
2025 (actual)	\$12,353,175
2024 (actual)	\$10,310,096
2023 (actual)	\$9,114,961
2022 (actual)	\$8,343,937

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 to 2026: 65.6%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2022 through 2026: \$5,476,734

Proposed District Tax Increase
Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year: N/A

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: \$11,844,828

Summary of comments FOR Ballot Issue 6B

- In 2006 Garfield County voters established a 1 mill property tax to construct and maintain six library buildings. That levy expires in 2027, which would reduce the library’s budget by \$1,000,000 a year.
- Polling conducted by Magellan Strategies in January 2026 found that over 60% of Garfield County voters visited the library at least once a month. 80% of respondents approved of the library; only 6% did not. In 2025, Garfield County Libraries saw 440,000 library visits; checked out over 500,000 physical and digital items, had 45,000 visitors to library programs, and hosted over 17,000 meeting and study room uses.
- Without raising taxes, the mill levy extension will allow the library to:
 - Keep our local libraries in good repair, safe, clean, and accessible.
 - Recruit and retain qualified staff.
 - Provide books, technology, and materials.
 - Support library services and programs.
 - Partner with existing non-profits dealing with food insecurity, mental health issues, domestic violence, and other essential community needs.
- If measure 6B passes, the mill levy rate will remain in place. Homeowners would continue to pay the current rate of about \$38 per year for a home based on the median assessed value in Garfield County.

- The Garfield County Libraries have a strong record of responsible financial management. By law, all funds from the measure will remain under local control and support only the Garfield County Libraries. No funds from the measure may be taken by the County or State. All library funds are audited on an annual basis.

Summary of comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 6B

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Jacklyn K Harmon

Certification:
Pursuant to C.R.S 1-7-905: 1, Jacklyn K Harmon, Garfield County Clerk & Recorder hereby certify that the above ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions. The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide ballot issue content, fiscal information, and a summary of pro and con statements submitted to the political subdivision.

Jacklyn K Harmon, Garfield County Clerk

General Information

This is not a ballot. This notice is required pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution. This notice is sent to households in Garfield County with registered voters who live within the boundaries of a Participating Entity with a tax question on the November 3, 2026, ballot. Receipt of this notice does not mean you will be eligible to vote on all the issues presented within the notice. Your voter registration address will determine which issues will be on your ballot.

For more information about the upcoming election, visit the Garfield County website at **www.GarfieldCountyCo.gov** or call the Elections Department at 970-384-3700 ext. 2.

Verify or update your current voter information at **www.GoVoteColorado.gov**.

Notice of 2026 General Election – November 3, 2026

All active voters will be mailed their ballots beginning October 6, 2026. All ballots must be returned to a drop box, voter service center, or the County Clerk's office in Glenwood by 7:00 PM on Election Day. If returning your ballot by mail, please allow adequate time for the USPS to deliver the ballot to the Clerk's Office. Postmarks do not count.

If you will be away from your home when ballots are mailed, please make sure that the Garfield County Clerk's office has your correct mailing address. **Ballots by law cannot be forwarded to another address.** Changes to a mailing address may be made online at www.GoVoteColorado.gov. For questions, call 970-384-3700 ext. 2 to reach the Garfield County Elections Department.

Important 2026 Election Dates:

Oct 6	Garfield County begins mailing ballots to all active voters.	
Oct 7 - Nov 3	Ballot drop boxes are available beginning Wednesday, October 7, to receive voted ballots. Ballots are accepted until 7 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. All 24/7 ballot drop boxes are clearly marked as official Garfield County ballot drop boxes. All drop boxes are under 24-hour camera surveillance.	
Oct 19 - Nov 2	Voter Service and Polling Centers open for early voting	
	Glenwood Springs Community Center 100 Wulfsohn Rd, Glenwood Springs Mon - Fri, 8 AM to 5 PM Sat (Oct 31), 8 AM to 5 PM	Garfield County Fairgrounds-South Hall 1001 Railroad Ave, Rifle Mon - Fri, 8 AM to 5 PM Sat (Oct 31), 8 AM to 5 PM
Oct 26	Last day to register to vote or update your voter information and still be mailed a ballot.	
Oct 31	Voter Service and Polling Centers at the Glenwood Springs Community Center and the Garfield County Fairgrounds - South Hall in Rifle open from 8 AM to 5 PM.	
Nov 3	ELECTION DAY - Voter Service and Polling Centers are open from 7 AM to 7 PM at the following locations: Carbondale Town Hall (511 Colorado Ave), Glenwood Springs Community Center (100 Wulfsohn Rd), Garfield County Fairgrounds – South Hall (1001 Railroad Ave) and Parachute Town Hall (222 Grand Valley Way).	