

OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO – 2017 COUNTYWIDE COORDINATED ELECTION
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT, ON A CITIZEN
PETITION AND/OR ON REFERRED MEASURE

ANALYSIS OF THE 2017 BALLOT PROPOSALS

THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS INFORMATION ON BALLOT ISSUES AS REQUIRED BY THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 FOR LOCAL ISSUES.

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 information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information. The political subdivision providing this information does not warrant the accuracy or truth of any statement made in the summaries, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation of submitted statements.)

Coordinated Election Official: Michelle Nauer, Ouray County Clerk & Recorder 541 4th St. PO Box C Ouray, Colorado 81427 Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

VOTING INFORMATION

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 to verify your voter registration information go to:

www.govotecolorado.com

Elections within Ouray County will be conducted by MAIL BALLOT:

The following two locations will be able to assist you with your election needs:

Voter Service Polling Center - Open Hours:

Ouray County Courthouse, 541 4th Street, Ouray

Monday through Friday, October 30 – November 3, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday, November 4, 9:00am to 1:00pm

Monday, November 6, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesday, November 7, 7:00am to 7:00pm (Election Day)

Drop-off Box (only) Locations: (Available 24/7):

Ouray County 4H Event Center, 22739 Hwy 550, Ridgway, CO 81432
(Northeast side of Event Center Building)

Ouray County Courthouse, 541 4th Street, Ouray, CO 81427
(In front of Courthouse)

**YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE BY 7 PM ON
ELECTION DAY (NOV 7, 2017) IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED.**

ATTEST: THE AFOREMENTIONED BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE IS COMPLETE AS SUBMITTED
BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.



Michelle Nauer, Ouray County Clerk & Recorder

NOTICE OF ELECTION - BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT

To “All REGISTERED VOTERS” OF THE COUNTY OF OURAY

Designated Election Official: Connie Hunt, Administrator, 541 4th St., PO Box C, Ouray, Co. 81427 Phone: (970) 325-7263
Coordinated Election Official: Michelle Nauer, Ouray County Clerk, 541 4th St., PO Box C, Ouray, Co. 81427 Phone: (970)325-4961

OURAY COUNTY (Ballot Issue 1A)

SHALL OURAY COUNTY SALES TAX BE INCREASED BY \$412,500.00 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED THEREAFTER BY LEVYING A TEMPORARY INCREASE IN SALES TAX FROM 2% TO 2.55%, OF WHICH, THE .55% INCREASE (.11 CENTS ON EACH \$20 TAXABLE PURCHASE) SHALL BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2018 AND CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2037, OR WHEN THE PROJECT IS PAID IN FULL, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER, ON EVERY TRANSACTION IN THE COUNTY UPON WHICH A SALES TAX IS IMPOSED, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF FINANCING, CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING, REHABILITATING AND RENOVATING THE OURAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ITS ANNEX, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AND ARCHIVAL STORAGE; AND TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY COUNTY OFFICE SPACE DURING CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING RELOCATION / MOVING COSTS; AND MAY ALL REVENUES GENERATED FROM SUCH SALES TAX BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, OFFSET AND EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR COLORADO REVISED STATUTES SECTION 29-1-301, AS AMENDED, OR ANY OTHER LAW, ALL IN CONFORMANCE WITH OURAY COUNTY RESOLUTION 2017-044? YES _____ NO _____

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR ballot issue 1A:

The Ouray County Courthouse has been the cornerstone of the County economy for 129 years. The structure provides a stable home for essential County services, and the County and District Courts.

Services emanating from the Courthouse have ensured continuous provision of law and justice, land use policies, road development, County-Municipal relations, emergency management, elections, deed recordings, motor vehicle and marriage licenses, public health, social services, efficient administration, and relations with state and federal resources since the building of the Courthouse in 1888.

The basic structure of our County Courthouse is solid, but has some serious issues which need to be addressed now. Current electrical and plumbing systems are at their end stage, and have recently required urgent surgery to keep them operational. Modern electrical loads far exceed the capacity of the building's demands. The drainage design established in the 1960s is seriously threatening the southern and western foundation.

A professional study of the needs to repair, modernize and prepare this structure for the next 100 years of county operations was conducted between 2015 and 2016. This plan anticipates the future needs for this structure.

While the County has a budget to maintain the facility, the magnitude of these critical repairs exceeds its ability to pay for them from the annual budget.

Ballot Issue 1A is a sales tax proposal that will temporarily increase county-wide sales tax by 0.55%. This proposed sales tax increase shall sunset after twenty years or when the Courthouse Project is paid in full, whichever is earlier. This would increase the cost of a \$20.00 purchase by 11 cents, County-wide.

Initial estimates for the project cost were high. After some effort at reducing the cost, final estimates establish the all-in cost at \$8.2 million. A new facility with all-in costs was estimated at \$10.6 million.

The County is applying for grants to offset the project cost. Most of these grants are available only to County facilities; therefore, this project does not compete with other local renovation projects. One of these grants is not available to new facility construction. If these grants are awarded, approximately \$3,000,000 of the total cost would be offset, and this temporary sales tax would terminate earlier.

The project will address drainage issues around the foundation, repair the leaky roof, modernize electrical and plumbing systems, restore exterior brick, and address other important elements including some reconfiguration of department locations, including bringing the Sheriff's offices to a street-front location.

If approved, the funds raised will be dedicated to the sole purpose of financing, constructing, repairing, rehabilitating, and renovating the Ouray County Courthouse, its annex, administrative offices, and archival space, and to provide and move to temporary county office space during construction.

If nothing is done, the Courthouse may further deteriorate, and become unsuitable for use and occupation within 10 years.

Please vote YES on Ballot Issue 1A.

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST ballot issue 1A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline (Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7-903(4))

Ouray County Fiscal Year Spending:

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information:

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2013 (Actual)	\$7,895,435
2014 (Actual)	\$9,263,961
2015 (Actual)	\$8,877,185
2016 (Actual)	\$9,305,154
2017 (Estimated)	\$9,454,611
Percentage change over the 5-year period from 2013 through 2017 = 16%	
Estimated 2017 fiscal year spending without the .55 percent temporary sales tax = \$ 9,454,611	
Overall dollar change to fiscal year spending over the 5-year period from 2013 through 2017 = \$ 1,559,176	
Estimated 2018 sales tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 1A = \$ 412,500	

NOTICE OF ELECTION - BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT

To "All REGISTERED VOTERS" OF THE OURAY SCHOOL DISTRICT R1

Designated Election Official: Scott Pankow, Superintendent, 400 7th Ave, PO Box N, Ouray, Co. 81427 Phone: (970) 325-4505
Coordinated Election Official: Michelle Nauer, Ouray County Clerk, 541 4th St., PO Box C, Ouray, Co. 81427 Phone: (970)325-4961

OURAY SCHOOL DISTRICT R1 (Referendum 3A)

SHALL OURAY SCHOOL DISTRICT (OURAY R-1) TAXES BE INCREASED ANNUALLY BY \$300,000 IN EACH OF TAX COLLECTION YEARS 2018 THROUGH 2027 INCLUSIVE, AND SHALL SUCH AMOUNT BE INCREASED EACH YEAR BEGINNING WITH TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2019 BY AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO OFFSET INFLATION AS MEASURED BY THE DENVER-BOULDER-GREELEY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U), WITH SUCH TAX USED TO REPLACE REDUCED FUNDING FROM THE STATE TO THE DISTRICT AND THEREBY PROVIDE FUNDS TO:

- RESTORE AND ENHANCE NEEDED COURSE OFFERINGS AND RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION;
- CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING BY ADDRESSING DEVELOPING NEEDS; AND
- REINSTATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO TRAIN THE STAFF FOR IMPROVED TEACHING METHODOLOGY AND NEWLY DEVELOPED CURRICULA;

BY AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED ABOVE, WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE PROPERTY TAXES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE LEVIED BY THE DISTRICT AND SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE DISTRICT GENERAL FUND; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES _____ NO _____

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR ballot issue 3A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline (Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7-903(4))

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons AGAINST ballot issue 3A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline (Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7-903(4))

Ouray School District R1 Fiscal Year Spending:

Actual Historical and Current Estimate Fiscal Year General Fund Spending Information:

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2013/2014(Actual)	\$2,832,351
2014/2015(Actual)	\$2,786,909
2015/2016(Actual)	\$2,877,531
2016/2017(Estimated, audit not complete)	\$2,884,533
2017/2018(Estimated, current year estimated)	\$2,712,437
Percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2013/2014 through 2017/2018	-4%
Estimated 2017/2018 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3A.:	\$2,712,437
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2013/2014 through 2017/2018	\$-119,914
Estimated 2017/2018 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3A:	\$300,000

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