

GENERAL INFORMATION

This voter information pamphlet contains Ballot Issue appearing on the 2018 General Election ballot.

The title and text of each Ballot Issue is printed in full, and may be accompanied by two summaries of up to 500 words each, for and against the measure. For some Issues, 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 (THE TABOR AMENDMENT) OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION.

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COMPLETE VOTING INFORMATION LISTED BELOW

RECEIPT OF THIS VOTER'S INFORMATION PAMPHLET DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON BOTH ISSUES LISTED IN THIS BOOKLET.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING VOTING PROCEDURES, POLLING LOCATIONS, 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.

Elections within Prowers County will be conducted by all Mail-in Ballot Election on **NOVEMBER 6, 2018.**

Your Local Election Office is:

PROWERS COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S OFFICE

HOURS: 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., M-F

301 South Main St., Ste. 210

Lamar, CO 81052

Phone (719) 336-8011

Fax (719) 336-5306

election@prowerscounty.net

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER LOCATION

Prowers County Courthouse	October 22 nd - November 6:8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
301 S. Main St., Ste. 210	October 27th: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Saturday)
Lamar, CO 81052	November 3rd: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Saturday)
	November 6th: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Election Day)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION DAY: 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

DESIGNATED DROP-OFF LOCATION FOR ALL MAIL-IN BALLOTS:

Prowers County Courthouse

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MAIL BALLOT RETURN PROCEDURE: Return your ballot by mail in the envelope provided. Your signature must appear on the back side of the return envelope in order for your ballot to be counted. You must affix **adequate** postage or hand deliver your ballot in the envelope provided to the election office listed on page one (1). Any eligible elector may deliver in person to the local Election Office, no more than ten (10) voted mail ballots. Be sure that the affirmation area on the back side of the return envelope is complete.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT, OR NEED A REPLACEMENT BALLOT, you may obtain one by appearing at the Election Office/VSPC previously mentioned between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., M-F.

YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE BY 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION NIGHT (NOVEMBER 6, 2018) IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED. POST MARK DATES DO NOT COUNT.

CONCERNING THE SUBSTANCE OF BALLOT ISSUE(S) AND/OR BALLOT QUESTION OR THE OPERATIONS OF SAID DISTRICTS, CONTACT THE DISTRICT'S DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL (DEO) DIRECTLY.

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES PROWERS COUNTY, COLORADO

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

PROWERS COUNTY, COLORADO

Election date: November 6, 2018 Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Designated Election Official: Darla Scranton Specht, 301 S. Main Street,
Lamar, Co 81052; telephone number (719) 336-6887

General Election Official: Jana Coen, County Clerk and Recorder, 301 South Main
Street, Suite 210, Lamar, Colorado 81052; telephone number: (719) 336-8011

Ballot title and text:

PROWERS COUNTY, COLORADO BALLOT ISSUE 1A

SHALL PROWERS COUNTY TAXES BE INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY \$400,000 ANNUALLY BEGINNING IN 2019 AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RECEIVED ANY YEAR THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN INCREASE IN THE COUNTY'S SALES AND USE TAX BY TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (0.0025) OF ONE CENT PER DOLLAR PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 29, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES TO BE EXCLUSIVELY USED FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES; SHALL SUCH SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2019 AND BE IMPOSED AS FOLLOWS: A SALES TAX INCREASE OF TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (0.0025) OF ONE CENT PER DOLLAR ON THE SALE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT RETAIL AND THE FURNISHING OF SERVICES IN THE COUNTY; A USE TAX INCREASE OF TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (0.0025) OF ONE CENT PER DOLLAR ON THE STORAGE, USE OR CONSUMPTION IN THE COUNTY OF ANY CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS PURCHASED AT RETAIL AND MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES PURCHASED AT RETAIL ON WHICH REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED; PROVIDED THAT THIS QUESTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO INCREASE ANY OTHER FEE OR TAX, INCLUDING PROPERTY TAXES; AND SHALL THIS TAX INCREASE CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD APPLY TO THE COUNTY UNDER, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS OR "TABOR"; ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PROWERS COUNTY AND SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION NO. 2018-7, AS AMENDED AND REENACTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11?

_____ YES/In Favor Of

_____ NO/Against

If Ballot Issue 1A is passed, the tax will be collected until rescinded by a vote of the qualified electors of Prowers County, Colorado at a legally-held election.

Estimated budget for fiscal year 2019:

Tax revenue	\$400,000
Interest	\$0
Penalties	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0
<u>Total Revenue</u>	\$400,000

<u>Estimated Expenditures for fiscal year 2019:</u>	
Disbursement to Lamar Ambulance Service (to assist with operating expenses)	\$240,000
Disbursement to Holly Fire & Ambulance District (to assist with ambulance operating expenses)	\$80,000
<u>Total expenditures:</u>	\$320,000

<u>Estimated Reserves for fiscal year 2019:</u>	
Reserves retained (for ambulances, equipment, and grant matching)	\$80,000
<u>Total reserves:</u>	\$80,000

<u>Total County Fiscal Year Spending (2014-2018):</u>	
2018 (estimated)	\$21,048,687
2017 (actual)	\$19,220,693
2016 (actual)	\$16,583,500
2015 (actual)	\$15,747,337
2014 (actual)	\$14,474,953

Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018	32.23%
Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018	\$6,573,734

Proposed Tax Increase District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2019 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 1A: \$400,000	
District Estimate of 2019 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:	\$24,154,986*

*This number is a good faith estimate only and assumes the passage of Ballot Issue 1A, which will be considered by the voters of Prowers County on November 6, 2018, and is based on information and projections received by the County from other sources.

Summary of comments in favor of the tax:

Ambulance services in Prowers County are provided by the City of Lamar and Holly Fire and Ambulance District. Neither ambulance service generates enough money to cover the cost of the ambulance services needed for all Prowers County citizens. Both ambulance services struggle with, and at times are unable to, train personnel, replace vital equipment and maintain ambulance service to the citizens in the towns and rural areas of Prowers County. The proposed tax increase is estimated to generate approximately \$400,000 per year which can only be used for ambulance service in Prowers County. The tax increase cannot pay general county expenses. Disbursements of tax revenues will be monitored by a 3-person board, and financial reports will be provided by the board to assure spending accountability. The funds will be used to train and maintain emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and to acquire, maintain and replace ambulances and vital emergency equipment. The proposed tax revenues will provide sustained funds dedicated to assist with the costs of providing ambulance services to Prowers County. If the voters approve increasing the current 1% County tax to 1.25%, an example of the effect of this increase is that the \$1 county tax paid on \$100 spent on a taxable item would increase by 25¢. Using a small sales tax increase to collect funds for ambulance services is better than other types of taxes because (1) it is a tax that will apply to all individuals who purchase taxable items; (2) it is collected in small increments over a large number of transactions unlike property taxes which are

billed and collected in larger amounts one-time per year; (3) it distributes the tax among the citizens using the ambulance service and not just among citizens paying property taxes on houses, commercial buildings, and vacant lots; and (4) it enables the County to tax a broad range of activities and a large number of individuals, many of which are not residents of Prowers County. Public safety through providing sufficient, up-to-date ambulance services is vital to families, students, and businesses in Prowers County and vital to the health and safety of all Prowers County citizens in the towns and rural areas of Prowers County. It is difficult for citizens to support any tax increase, even one as small as this; however, this increase represents an addition that fosters a safe, healthy community. Since minutes count, having high quality EMTs at the ready is comforting to Prowers County citizens. The average U.S. resident requires ambulance service twice in his/her lifetime. Well-organized emergency medical services are essential to medical care. Delays in receiving emergency care increases risks of permanent injury or death. Maintaining an effective ambulance service is crucial to the health care of our community. Ballot Issue 1A supporters: Granada Board of Trustees, Lamar City Council, Holly Board of Trustees, Holly Fire and Ambulance District board, Holly Fire and Ambulance District EMTs, and Prowers Medical Center Board.

Be sure to vote 'yes' in support of our ambulance services in Prowers County.

Comments against the tax:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT ON A
REFERRED MEASURE
LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2**

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2, PROWERS COUNTY, COLORADO

Election date: November 6, 2018 Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Designated Election Official: Terri Farmer, 210 W. Pearl Street, Lamar, Co 81052; telephone number (719) 336-3251

General Election Official: Jana Coen, County Clerk and Recorder, 301 South Main Street, Suite 210, Lamar, Colorado 81052; telephone number: (719) 336-8011

Ballot title and text:

**LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2
BALLOT ISSUE 4A**

SHALL LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED BY \$3,950,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$6,500,000, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$325,000 ANNUALLY BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE LOCAL MATCHING MONEY REQUIRED FOR THE DISTRICT TO RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY \$4,429,262 IN STATE GRANT FUNDS (WHICH ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE REPAID) UNDER THE BUILDING EXCELLENT SCHOOLS TODAY ("BEST") PROGRAM TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF PROVIDING:

- DISTRICT-WIDE SECURITY MONITORING SYSTEM FOR ENHANCED SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY;
- FACILITY RENOVATIONS FOR LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL AND PARTNERS FOR HOPE CENTER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
 - o NEW HVAC & CONTROL SYSTEMS;
 - o WINDOW REPLACEMENTS;
 - o DOOR REPLACEMENTS;
 - o ELECTRICAL UPGRADES;
 - o HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ABATEMENT;
 - o FIRE RESPONSE SYSTEM REPAIRS;

AND TO THE EXTENT REMAINING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, REPAIRING AND IMPROVING DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSETS, WITH SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM OF NOT MORE THAN 3.00%, 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 TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT ANY REVENUE PRODUCED BY SUCH MILL LEVY SHALL NOT EXCEED \$325,000 ANNUALLY?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year

2018-2019 (estimated)	\$14,588,253
2017-2018 (actual)	\$13,893,574
2016-2017 (actual)	\$13,237,963

2015-2016 (actual)	\$13,017,152
2014-2015 (actual)	\$12,855,855
Overall percentage change from 2014-15 to 2018-19	13.48%
Overall dollar change from 2014-15 to 2018-19	\$1,732,398

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2019-20 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A: \$325,000

District Estimate of 2019-20 Fiscal Year Spending

Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$20,000,000*

*This number is a good faith estimate only and assumes the passage of Amendment 73, which will be considered by the voters of the State on November 6, 2018, and is based on information and projections received by the District from other sources.

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds: Not to exceed \$3,950,000

Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost: Not to exceed \$ 325,000

Total District Repayment Cost: Not to exceed \$6,500,000

Information on District's Current Debt

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt: \$0

Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$0

Remaining Total Repayment Cost: \$0

Summary of comments in favor of the tax:

VOTE YES ON 4A!!!

Ballot measure 4A will provide the matching funds necessary to complete the BEST Grant that was awarded to Lamar School District. The State only gives a limited number of grants each year and Lamar was selected based on our needs and our project. But in order to receive the grant, the District needs to provide a matching money portion. That is what 4A is requesting – voter approval to pay our matching money portion to receive the grant. The project will replace the exterior doors, windows, heating and cooling systems at Lamar High School and The Hope Center at Lincoln. The heating and cooling systems at both buildings are over 20 years old and are failing. This project will also provide security cameras at all schools in the district that will be tied into the dispatch center, which will provide the opportunity for 24 hour a day monitoring. The students and residents of the District deserve to have a facility that is safe and creates a better learning environment.

Lamar School District was awarded \$4,429,262 in funding from the state WHICH WILL NOT NEED TO BE REPAYED BY THE DISTRICT and this bond will raise the additional \$3,927,837 needed to complete the project. The slight property tax increase will cost the average tax payer \$20 to \$30 a year more in property tax for the term of the 20 year bond.

Voting yes on 4A will help the school district complete the necessary heating and cooling replacements as well as provide security and safety to our staff and students. VOTE YES ON 4A!!!

Comments against the tax:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES BENT – PROWERS CEMETERY DISTRICT

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

BENT - PROWERS CEMETERY DISTRICT, HASTY/WILEY, COLORADO

Election date: November 6, 2018

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

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Doug Smartt, P.O. Box 22, McClave, Colorado 81057;
telephone number (719) 537-6622

General Election Official: Jana Coen, County Clerk and Recorder, 301 South Main
Street, Suite 210, Lamar, Colorado 81052; telephone number: (719) 336-8011

Ballot title and text:

BENT - PROWERS CEMETERY DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7C

SHALL THE BENT-PROWERS CEMETERY DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$41,212.00 ANNUALLY (PROWERS COUNTY; \$9,876.00; BENT COUNTY: \$31,336.00), OR BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY REAL TAX RATE OF 1.644-MILLS, BEING AN INCREASE FROM 2.356-MILLS TO 4.000-MILLS, TO BE CERTIFIED IN 2018 AND COLLECTED IN 2019, AND CONTINUING EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY LAW, WHICH INCREASE SHALL BE FUNDING THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND CEMETERY SERVICES AND THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL TAX REVENUE COLLECTED FROM SUCH TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE, AND ALL OTHER REVENUE RECEIVED FROM ANY SOURCE, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019, AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, OFFSET, AND EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER TABOR (ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION) OR ANY OTHER LAW AND AS A PERMANENT WAIVER OF THE 5.5% LIMITATION UNDER SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S.?

YES/FOR _____
NO/AGAINST _____

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:	
2018 (current year estimated)	\$92,184
2017 (actual)	\$57,353
2016 (actual)	\$91,503
2015 (actual)	\$57,009
2014 (actual)	\$83,705

Overall percentage change from 2014 to 2018:	10.13%
Overall dollar change from 2014 to 2018:	\$8,479

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:	\$41,212
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:	\$51,393

Summary of comments in favor of the tax:

The Cemetery District Directors are asking for a mill levy increase from 2.356 mills to 4.0 mills. The District maintains three cemeteries (Hasty, McClave & Wiley). At the present time we are struggling with 2.356 mills, the directors are using their personal equipment when a burial takes place (tractors to remove dirt and to close a grave; personal vehicles to mobilize the excavator from cemetery to cemetery). Capital expenditures needed are directories in the Hasty and McClave cemeteries, a new frontage fence at the Wiley Cemetery. There are two new sections in the Hasty and Wiley Cemeteries that need to be plotted out, when this happens grass, trees, water lines, and roads will be added. Increasing the mill levy 1.644 mills would ensure that the Board can continue to maintain the cemeteries at the level we have been asked to maintain them. A YES vote will help to acquire the equipment needed to keep the cemeteries looking good and make burials more efficient.

Comments against the tax:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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

I certify that the ballot issue notices set forth in this ballot issue notice packet are complete as submitted by the participating political subdivisions.

JANA COEN
CLERK AND RECORDER
PROWERS COUNTY, COLORADO

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A CITIZEN PETITION AND/OR A BALLOT ISSUE MEASURE

THIS BOOKLET 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 CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY LAW, AND A **“NO”** VOTE ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE IS A VOTE AGAINST CHANGING CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY LAW.

THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH HOUSEHOLD WITH ONE OR MORE ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS.

YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED.