

**NOTICE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION**  
**GALLATIN COUNTY, MONTANA**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gallatin County, Montana on August 3, 2021, that a special election will be held in conjunction with the general election on November 2, 2021 for the purpose of voting on the following question:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Gallatin County, Montana (the "County"), be authorized to sell and issue general obligation bonds of the County in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to Twenty-Nine Million and No/100 Dollars (\$29,000,000), bearing interest at rates to be determined at the time of the sale, payable semiannually, during a term as to each series of bonds of not more than twenty (20) years, for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new Gallatin County Courts Building on the law and justice center site to house all court operations of the County and youth court, to include improvements and technologies to enhance safety and security and efficient court administration, district court courtrooms, justice court courtrooms, office space for judges, staff, and clerks, jury gathering space, conference rooms, community meeting space and related improvements, parking for the public and secure parking and other site improvements, and to pay costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds?

If the above proposition passes and the bonds are issued in one series in the total principal amount of \$29,000,000 for a 20-year term, it is estimated based on the current taxable value of the County that the property taxes on a home with an assessed market value for tax purposes of \$100,000 would increase by \$6.70 per year and on a home with an assessed market value for tax purposes of \$400,000 would increase by \$26.80 per year.

The election will be conducted by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible registered voters in the County on October 13, 2021 and may be returned by mail or delivered in person to the Gallatin County Elections Department, 311 W. Main Street, Room 210, Bozeman, Montana 59715, and such other places of deposit as are identified in the election instructions provided by the Gallatin County Election Administrator during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) on weekdays (exclusive of holidays) through November 1, 2021 and from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 2, 2021.

Return postage is provided for this election. Postmark date does not apply; ballots returned by mail must be received by the 8:00 p.m. Election Day deadline in order to be counted.

A qualified voter who will be absent during the time the election is being conducted may:

- (a) vote in person at the Gallatin County Elections Department beginning on October 4, 2021 and until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day; or
- (b) make a written request prior to noon on November 1, 2021, signed by the applicant and addressed to the Gallatin County Elections Department requesting the ballot be mailed to an address other than that which appears on the registration records.

If a ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received by a voter, they may obtain a replacement ballot by filling out and mailing, emailing, or faxing back a completed replacement ballot request form or by personally appearing at the Gallatin County Elections Department at 311 W. Main, Room 210, in Bozeman.

Electors who miss the close of registration deadline may register late and vote in the election by appearing in person at the Gallatin County Elections Department beginning on October 5, 2021 and until noon on November 1, 2021.

All ballots will be tallied in accordance with Montana law at the Gallatin County Courthouse beginning on November 1, 2021.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2021

Eric Semerad, Election Administrator, Gallatin County, Bozeman, Montana