



# BOARD of COMMISSIONERS

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

### **SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CARBON COUNTY, MONTANA, THE QUESTION OF LEVYING 18 MILLS TO FUND THE PROVISION OF BOTH EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE RESPONSE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES BENEFICIAL TO THE CITIZENS OF CARBON COUNTY**

This Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Bullock; moved by Commissioner Bullock and seconded by Commissioner Blain. This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

#### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 7-34-102 of the Montana Code Annotated, a county, may levy an annual tax on the taxable value of all taxable property within the county, to defray the costs incurred in providing ambulance service; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 15-10-425 of the Montana Code Annotated sets forth the provisions for holding a Mill Levy Election for the imposition of a new mill levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners received a request from the Red Lodge Roberts Ambulance District, Joliet Emergency Medical Services, and Clarks Fork Valley Ambulance to establish a mill levy to fund the provision of both emergency and non-emergency ambulance response; emergency medical services; and other emergency services beneficial to the Citizens of Carbon County; and

**WHEREAS**, current funding structures for Ambulance Services have been insufficient for staffing and the operations of the three ambulance services in Carbon County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carbon County Board of Commissioners recognizes the critical public safety function of ambulance services in the County and the financial challenges of these organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carbon County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on February 15, 2024, at which the public was afforded an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed Ambulance Mill Levy; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board as follows:

1. The Board hereby calls and directs a Referendum be placed on the June 4, 2024 Primary Ballot for the purpose of voting on the following question:

Shall the voters authorize the Commission of Carbon County, Montana to impose a new mill levy of 18 mills or approximately \$1,190,068 to fund the provision of both emergency and non-emergency ambulance response; emergency medical services; and other emergency services beneficial to the Citizens of Carbon County. Funds may be used for sustaining current EMS services, compensating EMS Volunteers for their hours of service, hiring EMS providers, and funding training, equipment, and other operational costs.

Fiscal impact of 18 mills on a home valued at;  
\$100,000 would be approximately \$2.03 per month  
\$200,000 would be approximately \$4.05 per month  
\$300,000 would be approximately \$6.09 per month  
\$600,000 would be approximately \$12.18 per month  
Please note, an increase in property taxes may lead to an increase in rental costs.

YES - FOR AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF 18 MILLS FOR EMS SERVICES

NO - AGAINST AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF 18 MILLS FOR EMS SERVICES

2. Conduct of Election. All qualified electors of the County shall be entitled to vote at the bond election. The Carbon County Election Administrator is hereby requested and authorized to give proper notice of the close of registration and thereafter prepare printed lists of the electors in the County entitled to vote in the election in the County and to conduct the election in the form and manner prescribed by law.

3. Notice of Election. The Election Administrator is hereby authorized and requested to cause notice of the call and holding of the election to be given by publishing notice at least two times no earlier than 40 days and no later than 10 days before the election in the Carbon County News, a newspaper of general circulation in the County. The notice of election as published shall read substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF AMBULANCE MILL LEVY ELECTION  
Carbon County, Montana  
June 4, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Carbon County, Montana (the "County"), that pursuant to a certain resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board on March 7, 2024, a mail ballot special election of the registered voters of the County will be held on June 4, 2024 in conjunction with the Federal Primary Election, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

Shall the voters authorize the Commission of Carbon County, Montana to impose a new mill levy of 18 mills or approximately \$1,190,068 to fund the provision of both emergency and non-emergency ambulance response; emergency medical services; and other emergency services beneficial to the Citizens of Carbon County. Funds may be used for sustaining current EMS services, compensating EMS Volunteers for their hours of service, hiring EMS providers, and funding training, equipment, and other operational costs.

Fiscal impact of 18 mills on a home valued at;

\$100,000 would be approximately \$2.03 per month

\$200,000 would be approximately \$4.05 per month

\$300,000 would be approximately \$6.09 per month

\$600,000 would be approximately \$12.18 per month

Please note, an increase in property taxes may lead to an increase in rental costs.

YES - FOR AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF 18 MILS FOR EMS SERVICES

NO - AGAINST AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF 18 MILS FOR EMS SERVICES

The question shall be placed on the June 4, 2024 Federal Primary Ballot and shall be conducted by the office of the County Election Administrator, Carbon County, 17 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Lodge, Montana, 59068.

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County Clerk and Recorder

Publish:

April 25, 2024

May 2, 2024

4. Ballots. The Election Administrator is hereby requested to place the question on the June 4<sup>th</sup> Primary Ballots.

5. Form of Ballot. The question shall be printed in substantially the following form:

Shall the voters authorize the Commission of Carbon County, Montana to impose a new mill levy of 18 mills or approximately \$1,190,068 to fund the provision of both emergency and non-emergency ambulance response; emergency medical services; and other emergency services beneficial to the Citizens of Carbon County. Funds may be used for sustaining current Emergency Medical Services (EMS), compensating EMS Volunteers for their hours of service, hiring EMS providers, and funding training, equipment, and other operational costs. This levy would be permanent.

Fiscal impact:

The fiscal impact of 18 mills on a home valued at:

\$100,000 would be approximately \$2.03 per month

\$200,000 would be approximately \$4.05 per month

\$300,000 would be approximately \$6.09 per month

\$600,000 would be approximately \$12.15 per month

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YES - FOR AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF 18 MILS FOR EMS SERVICES

NO - AGAINST AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF 18 MILS FOR EMS SERVICES

6. Notice to County Election Administrator. A copy of this resolution will be provided to the Election Administrator as soon as possible after its adoption and approval, and no later than March 12, in order to inform her of the details of the election and the pertinent requests and authorizations as to the conduct of the election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Carbon County, Montana, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Carbon County Commissioners



Scott C. Miller  
Commissioner Dist.#1

Scott Blain  
Commissioner Dist. #2



Bill E Bullock  
Commissioner Dist. #3

ATTEST



Macque L. Bohleen, Clerk and Recorder