

**RESOLUTION** 1264

**RESOLUTION BY THE PARK COUNTY COMMISSION TO SUBMIT THE  
QUESTION TO THE ELECTORATE FOR A TAX LIABILITY DESIGNATED FOR  
THE PARK COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES OF A NEW 34.03 MILLS AND  
BEING IN EFFECT FOR TEN YEARS**

Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners (“Commission”) of Park County, Montana (the County), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Commission may impose a property tax levy for any public or governmental purpose not specifically prohibited by law. Mont. Code Ann. § 7-6-2527.

The Commission “may impose a new mill levy, increase a mill levy that is required to be submitted to the electors, or exceed the mill levy limit provided for in” Section 15-10-420, MCA, by conducting an election as provided in Section 15-10-425, MCA.

The County has been collaborating with the City of Livingston, Park County Rural Fire District # 1 (PCRFD#1), Wilsall Fire District #3, Cooke City/Silvergate Emergency Services, Paradise Valley Fire and EMS, Gardiner Volunteer Fire and Ambulance, and Clyde Park Rural Fire District #2 to determine the needs of each entity in order to provide emergency services. The Commission has decided to pass a resolution pursuant to Sections 7-6-2527 and 15-10-425, MCA, to submit the question of a new mill levy to the qualified electors of Park County. The new and separate mill levy would be for a total of 34.03 mills.

The Commission has set forth the specific purpose for which the additional monies will be used and the approximate number of mills required and the duration of the limit, if any.

The duration of the limit of the new mills will be ten (10) years.

The Commission is requesting the new mill for the following purposes:

- 1) To allow Park County to fund existing and future operational and staffing shortfalls for the Park County Sheriff’s Office;
- 2) To fund the purchase of Sheriff’s Office new or replacement vehicles and equipment;
- 3) To reimburse monies expended from the PILT Fund to cover unfunded expenditures for the purposes of maintaining a fund balance sufficient to cover annual PILT Fund expenses which may include emergency services;
- 4) To allow the City of Livingston (Livingston) to fund salary shortfalls for paramedics and firefighters;
- 5) To allow Livingston to acquire capital funds to replace cardiac monitors, replace the 4x4 ambulance, remount two ambulance boxes, and provide for half the cost of Rescue 1 replacement;
- 6) To allow Livingston to fund a Missouri River Drug Task Force Officer and provide for the necessary equipment and vehicle costs for the Officer;

- 7) To allow Livingston to fund the salary of two (2) additional 911 Communication Officers;
- 8) To allow Livingston to acquire capital funds for the maintenance and upgrades to the 911 Communications Center phone system, computer equipment, and radio equipment;
- 9) To allow PCRFD#1 to acquire, replace, and maintain apparatus, equipment, and vehicles inclusively a structure engine, water tenders, first out response vehicles, SCBA's, hydraulic rescue tools, radios, and personal protective equipment, and to continue training for its staff and volunteers;
- 10) To pay for general operations of PCRFD#1; and
- 11) To allow the fire districts and fire service area, excluding PCRFD#1, to acquire funds to address operational response deficiencies, which include, but are not limited to, communications, firefighting apparatus, personal protective equipment, training, and EMS equipment.

Section 2. New Mill Levy Levels. The new mill levy level being requested is 34.03 mills which has an approximate current value of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). The new mill levy will have a durational limit of 10 years and be assessed on property annually.

Section 3. Impact of Property Taxes. Further, the yearly impact of the election on a home valued for property tax purposes at One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) in terms of actual dollars in additional property taxes that would be imposed is Forty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$45.94) and for a home valued for property taxes purposes at Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) is Ninety-One Dollars and Eighty Eight Cents (\$91.88) for residences with those values if the mill levy were to pass.

The Commission has determined it to be in the best interest of the County to submit to the electors of the County the question of whether such a mill levy should be imposed for the purposes and subject to the terms and limitations as hereinafter described.

Section 4. Current Mill Levy Levels. Currently a 33.5 mill levy is imposed for public safety and 1 mill is imposed for Park County Search and Rescue. There is a county wide 4.22 mills imposed for Ambulance, with a 2.48 county only mill imposed for county residents and 2 mills imposed for city of Livingston residents. At the community level, Clyde Park Rural Fire District #2 imposes 19.03 mills, Cooke City/Silvergate Emergency Services imposes 27.48 mills, Gardiner Volunteer Fire and Ambulance imposes 25.40 mills, Wilsall Fire District #3 imposes 22.63 mills and Park County Rural Fire District #1 imposes 26.40 mills. Paradise Valley Fire and EMS charges \$60.00 per household. However, the current funding level is not sufficient to fully cover costs of operations, maintenance, capital fund expenditures, and ongoing and future needs of emergency services within the County including dispatch services, fire and rescue services, Sheriff's services, ambulance services, search and rescue services and drug enforcement services. The purpose of the new 34.03 mill levy will be in addition to the above referenced mills.

Section 5. Authorization of Election. The Commission hereby requests the County Election Administrator to place the issue of whether the Commission shall be authorized to impose

a new mill levy to defray the cost incurred in providing service as set forth above during the primary election held on June 5, 2018, to the electors of the County.

Section 6. Form of Ballot. The County Election Administrator of the County is hereby authorized to prepare the ballot to be submitted to the electors the County in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
PARK COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES MILL LEVY ELECTION

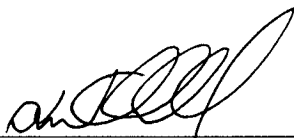
Shall the Board of Commissioners of Park County be authorized to impose a new mill levy of thirty four and three one hundredths (34.03) mills, for a period of ten (10) years to fund emergency services and to establish a PILT Fund balance to cover current expenses including emergency services.

The impact of the election on a home valued for property tax purposes at \$100,000 in terms of actual dollars in additional property taxes that would be imposed is \$45.94 and for a home valued for property tax purposes at \$200,000 is \$91.88 for residences with those values if the mill levy were to pass.

       /        / FOR IMPOSING 34.03 MILLS  
(APPROXIMATE CURRENT VALUE OF \$1,500,000.00)  
FOR PARK COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES - (YES)

       /        / AGAINST IMPOSING 34.03 MILLS  
(APPROXIMATE CURRENT VALUE OF \$1,500,000.00)  
FOR PARK COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES - (NO)

Dated this 12 day of March, 2018.

  
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Steve Caldwell, Chairman

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*Bill Berg*  
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*Maritza H. Reddington*  
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County Clerk and Recorder

Approved as to form:

*[Signature]*  
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Park County Attorney's  
Office