



Park County Newsletter for December 2024



Welcome to the Park County Commissioners' monthly newsletter. Use this newsletter to stay up to date on important updates, upcoming events and the latest developments from your local government.

This newsletter is released on the first Friday of each month. If you wish to receive this newsletter directly to your email in the future, please scan the QR code to subscribe. To view this newsletter online, follow the link on the parkcounty.org homepage.

Offices Closed



The Park County Complex will be closed the following days in December and January:

December 25th – Christmas Day

January 1st, 2025 – New Year's Day

Commissioner Responsibilities

Powers are limited by state law, but commissioners may exercise broad authority in these and other areas:

- Build and maintain roads, bridges, and sometimes airports
- Control and care for county property

- Appoint numerous advisory and decision-making boards such as the tax appeal board, planning board, fair board, weed board, airport authority, etc.
- Prepare, review and decide on the annual county budget
- Hire and fire county employees under their supervision*
- Adopt and administer personnel policies and negotiate union contracts
- Provide for law enforcement and correctional facilities in the county
- Plan and provide for parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities
- Provide for solid waste collection and disposal
- Develop and enforce building codes
- Provide for the general health and welfare of county residents
- Promote economic and industrial development
- Undertake comprehensive planning, zoning and development controls, and review subdivisions

*Because a number of other County officials are elected directly by the people of the County, the commissioners cannot directly control all County policies. Even though

they have to budget for these offices, County Commissioners have little or no say in how they are run. Many citizens do not understand that their commissioners' power is limited in this way.

These are some of the other elected offices of County government: Clerk of Court, Justice of the Peace, Attorney, Clerk & Recorder, Sheriff, Coroner, Auditor and Treasurer. Also, school systems in Montana operate independently of the County governments. Additional powers are available to County governments as may be specified by the legislature. No two counties provide exactly the same set of services. When you look at the types of services that counties choose to provide, you see a broad range, including street maintenance, garbage pickup, recycling programs, landfills, hospitals and/or nursing homes, libraries, parks and recreation, police and fire protection, and water and sewer facilities. For some counties, providing such services is relatively new and reflects the shifting responsibilities of formerly rural counties that now must meet the demands of growing suburban populations.

Shields River Road Project Completion

This project is located in Custer Gallatin National Forest (CGNF). It was selected from the 2021 Montana Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Call for Projects. The project improves access to the areas served by Shields River Road, a roadway that traverses through CGNF and the Shields River drainage a tributary of the Yellowstone River.

A 2019 Preliminary Engineering Report funded through a FLAP planning grant informed the scope of the project. The primary goal of the project is pavement rehabilitation from MP 0 to MP 13.5 of Shields River Road. The project limits of MP 0 to MP 13.5 were determined following FLAP award to fit within available FLAP funding. Other improvements

included guardrail, replacing traffic signage and pavement marking.

Notice to Proceed was issued on June 3, 2024 and surface improvement operations were substantially completed on Shields River Road in late October.



Park County Commission Meetings

PARK COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS are held every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and typically take place at the City-County Building, 414 E. Callender St., Livingston, MT, in the basement Community Room, unless otherwise indicated.

The public may opt to call in by dialing, 1-571-748-4021, ID 3047645#, PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONE UNLESS YOU ARE SPEAKING. DIAL *6 TO UNMUTE

<https://meeting.gomeet.com/parkcountycommission>,

Questions? Please call the Commission Office at 406-222-4106 or email cahern@parkcounty.org.

MEET WITH YOUR COMMISSIONERS



Visit with Commissioners Clint Tinsley and Bryan Wells:

1st Friday of the Month at 9:00 a.m.

Two Doors Down Coffee Bakery in Clyde Park

Visit with Commissioner Bryan Wells at the following locations:

2nd Friday of Month at 9:00 a.m.

Riverside Hardware *upstairs conference room
107 S Main St, Livingston, MT 59047

4th Wednesday of Month at 9:00 a.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church
8 Story Rd, Emigrant, MT 59027

CONTACT INFORMATION

DISTRICT 1- MIKE STORY

Term: 2023-2026
Phone: 406-223-1548

DISTRICT 2- BRYAN WELLS

Term: 2025-2028
Phone: 406-223-9162

DISTRICT 3- CLINT TINSLEY

Term: 2021-2024
Phone: 406-224-3376

County Board Meetings

When county residents serve on County boards and commissions, they volunteer their

service for the betterment of local communities and Park County. Citizens are encouraged to attend board and commission meetings, which are always open to the public.

Board and Commission meeting agendas are posted in the City/County Complex 48 business hours in advance.

OPEN BOARD SEATS

- Paradise Valley Planning & Zoning District Local Advisory Committee – Applications accepted until 12/19/24.
- Solid Waste Board – open until filled
- Fairgrounds & Parks Board – open until filled
- Planning Board - open until filled
- Cemetery Board – open until filled

To Apply:

[Park County Montana | County Boards/Committees](#)

- Complete the Park County Board Application form.
- Please return applications to Carly Ahern in the County Commissioners office via email at cahern@parkcounty.org or mail to:

Commissioners
414 E. Callender St
Livingston, MT 59047

Work with Us

Join us and experience the job satisfaction that comes with knowing your work directly contributes to the betterment of Park County and its residents. Job opportunities are posted on the bulletin board outside of the Human Resource Director's office.

Road Operator

Are you looking for a hands-on career where every day brings new challenges and the chance to make a real impact in your community? Join the Park County Road Department as an Operator! You'll work year-round with a dedicated team, operating heavy equipment to maintain and improve our local roads. Whether you already have a CDL or are ready to take the next step, we've got you covered. No CDL? No problem! We provide full training for the right candidate, helping you earn your CDL within 6 months. We're seeking candidates with a clean driving record who are eager to learn and contribute. In addition to competitive pay and benefits, you'll gain valuable experience and skills that will set you up for long-term success. Ready to get started? Apply online or stop by the Courthouse Human Resources office for an application packet.



Visit our website at jobs.parkcounty.org for information on how to apply.

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Engage with Us

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LET'S CONNECT!

We want to tell you about what we are doing. Your Park County staff is working hard to meet the needs of our community. Visit our new communications page to sign up for newsletters, email updates, social media and emergency alerts. We welcome you to join us in our meetings, engage in the public process and let us know how we are doing.

