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SAMPLE BALLOT

By Enterprise Staff

This is the ballot Park County voters will see when they receive their ballots in the mail for the all-mail ballot election set for Nov. 3.

Candidate names on the ballots will be rotated in different precincts.

The Clerk and Recorder's Office is mailing out the ballots to all active registered voters on Oct. 9.

Filled-in ballots must arrive in the

Clerk and Recorder's Office by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.

This mail ballot election has an in-person option. Registered voters can vote in-person at the election office up until 8 p.m. on election night.

Masks must be worn when entering the City-County Complex.

For more information, call the Clerk and Recorder's Office at 222-4110.

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OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT  
PARK COUNTY, MONTANA - NOVEMBER 3, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN ( ● ) THE OVAL USING A BLUE OR BLACK PEN.

2. To write in a name, completely fill in the oval to the left of the line provided, and on the line provided print the name of the write-in candidate for whom you wish to vote.

3. DO NOT MAKE AN IDENTIFYING MARK, CROSS OUT, ERASE, OR USE CORRECTION FLUID. If you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.

VOTE IN ALL COLUMNS  
VOTE BOTH SIDES

FEDERAL AND STATE

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT  
(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

○ DONALD J. TRUMP  
REPUBLICAN FOR PRESIDENT

MICHAEL R. PENCE  
REPUBLICAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT

○ JOSEPH R. BIDEN  
DEMOCRAT FOR PRESIDENT

KAMALA D. HARRIS  
DEMOCRAT FOR VICE PRESIDENT

○ JO JORGENSEN  
LIBERTARIAN FOR PRESIDENT

JEREMY "SPIKE" COHEN  
LIBERTARIAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT

○

FOR PRESIDENT

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ STEVE DAINES  
REPUBLICAN

STEVE BULLOCK  
DEMOCRAT

○

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ KATHLEEN WILLIAMS  
DEMOCRAT

MATT ROSENDALE  
REPUBLICAN

○

VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN

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FEDERAL AND STATE  
(Continued)

FOR GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR  
(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

○ MIKE COONEY  
DEMOCRAT FOR GOVERNOR

CASEY SCHREINER  
DEMOCRAT FOR LT. GOVERNOR

○ GREG GIANFORTE  
REPUBLICAN FOR GOVERNOR

KRISTEN JURAS  
REPUBLICAN FOR LT. GOVERNOR

○ LYMAN BISHOP  
LIBERTARIAN FOR GOVERNOR

JOHN NESPER  
LIBERTARIAN FOR LT. GOVERNOR

○

FOR GOVERNOR

FOR LT. GOVERNOR

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ BRYCE BENNETT  
DEMOCRAT

CHRISTI JACOBSEN  
REPUBLICAN

○

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ RAPH GRAYBILL  
DEMOCRAT

AUSTIN KNUDSEN  
REPUBLICAN

○

FOR STATE AUDITOR  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ TROY DOWNING  
REPUBLICAN

SHANE A MORIGEAU  
DEMOCRAT

○ ROGER ROOTS  
LIBERTARIAN

○

VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN

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FEDERAL AND STATE  
(Continued)

FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF  
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ MELISSA ROMANO  
DEMOCRAT

ELSIE ARNTZEN  
REPUBLICAN

○ KEVIN LEATHERBARROW  
LIBERTARIAN

○

FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT 3  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ JAMES BROWN  
REPUBLICAN

TOM WOODS  
DEMOCRAT

○

FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #5  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ LAURIE MCKINNON  
NONPARTISAN

MIKE BLACK  
NONPARTISAN

○

FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #6  
(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

Shall Judge JIM SHEA of the Supreme Court of the state of Montana be retained in office for another term?

Fill in the oval before the word "YES" if you wish the official to remain in office.  
Fill in the oval before the word "NO" if you do not wish the official to remain in office.

○ YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES

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FEDERAL AND STATE  
(Continued)

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 60  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ JOE LAMM  
REPUBLICAN

LAURIE BISHOP  
DEMOCRAT

○

COUNTY  
(Continued)

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ MARILYN HARTLEY  
NONPARTISAN

MARTHA MILLER  
NONPARTISAN

○

BALLOT ISSUES

CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 118  
A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION  
(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

Under the Montana Constitution, a person 18 years of age or older is an adult, except that the legislature or the people by initiative may establish the legal age of purchasing, consuming, or possessing alcoholic beverages. CI-118 amends the Montana Constitution to allow the legislature or the people by initiative to establish the legal age for purchasing, consuming, or possessing marijuana.

○ YES on Constitutional Initiative CI-118

NO on Constitutional Initiative CI-118

LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 130  
AN ACT REFERRED BY THE LEGISLATURE  
(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

AN ACT REVISING FIREARMS LAWS TO SECURE THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS AND TO PREVENT A PATCHWORK OF RESTRICTIONS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE STATE AND PROVIDING THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY NOT REGULATE THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED WEAPONS; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-111 AND 45-8-351, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The 2019 Legislature submitted this proposal for a vote. LR-130 generally restricts a county, city, town, consolidated local government, or other local government unit's authority to regulate the carrying of firearms. It removes a local government unit's power to regulate the carrying of permitted concealed weapons or to restrict the carrying of unconcealed firearms except in publicly owned and occupied buildings under the local government unit's jurisdiction. It repeals a local government unit's authority to prevent or suppress the possession of firearms by convicted felons, adjudicated mental incompetents, illegal aliens, and minors. Federal and other state firearm restrictions would remain unchanged, including for these individuals. Local firearm ordinances that conflict with LR-130 could not be enforced.

○ YES on Legislative Referendum LR-130

NO on Legislative Referendum LR-130

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 46  
AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE  
(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 9, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO REVISE THE METHOD OF QUALIFYING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BY INITIATIVE FOR THE BALLOT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The 2019 Legislature submitted this constitutional amendment for a vote. C-46 modifies the state constitution to specify proposed petitions for constitutional amendments from the people must be signed by at least ten percent of the qualified electors in two-fifths of the legislative districts. It repeals a different standard found to be unconstitutional in 2005.

○ YES on Constitutional Amendment C-46

NO on Constitutional Amendment C-46

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 47  
AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE  
(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO REVISE THE METHOD OF QUALIFYING AN INITIATIVE FOR THE BALLOT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The 2019 Legislature submitted this constitutional amendment for a vote. C-47 modifies the state constitution to specify proposed petitions for citizen ballot initiatives must be signed by at least five percent of the qualified electors in one third of the legislative districts. It repeals a different standard found to be unconstitutional in 2005.

○ YES on Constitutional Amendment C-47

NO on Constitutional Amendment C-47

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ BILL BERG  
NONPARTISAN

LUKE JERGENSEN  
NONPARTISAN

○

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ T. PHILLIP BOWERS  
NONPARTISAN

CLINT TINSLEY  
NONPARTISAN

○

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF  
SCHOOLS  
UNEXPIRED TERM  
(VOTE FOR ONE)

○ MOLLIE WALDUM  
NONPARTISAN

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VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN

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VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN

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This ballot issue will appear on Page 3 of the ballot only for voters within the Cooke City Resort Area.

QUESTION TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT (1%) RESORT TAX TO BE COLLECTED FOR SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

Shall an additional 1% resort tax be collected for the purposes of paying for sewer infrastructure within the Cooke City, Silver Gate, Colter Pass Resort Tax Area?

- FOR adding an additional 1% resort tax for the purposes of paying for sewer infrastructure
- AGAINST adding an additional 1% resort tax for the purposes of paying for sewer infrastructure

This ballot issue will appear on Page 3 of the ballot for all Park County voters.

BALLOT ISSUES  
INITIATIVE NO. 190  
A LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION  
(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

I-190 legalizes the possession and use of limited amounts of marijuana for adults over the age of 21. I-190 requires the Department of Revenue to license and regulate the cultivation, transportation, and sale of marijuana and marijuana-infused products and to inspect premises where marijuana is cultivated and sold. It requires licensed laboratories to test marijuana and marijuana-infused products for potency and contaminants. I-190 establishes a 20% tax on nonmedical marijuana. 10.5% of the tax revenue goes to the state general fund, with the rest dedicated to accounts for conservation programs, substance abuse treatment, veterans' services, healthcare costs, and localities where marijuana is sold. I-190 allows a person currently serving a sentence for an act permitted by I-190 to apply for resentencing or an expungement of the conviction. I-190 prohibits advertising of marijuana and related products.

Marijuana taxes and fees will generate about \$48 million annually by 2025. Marijuana fees will fund program administration and enforcement. Marijuana taxes will contribute to the general fund and special revenue accounts for conservation, veterans' services, substance abuse treatment, healthcare, and local governments. The general fund will net \$4 million.

- YES on Initiative I-190
- NO on Initiative I-190



★ **Orlina Libsack** ★

**Clerk of District Court**

My name is Orlina Libsack, campaigning for the Office of Park County Clerk of District Court. I am a lifelong resident of Park County. My family came to Montana in 1963 and setteled in Paradise Valley. My family has leased the AA Ranch since 1987. I grew up in Livingston, graduated from Park High in 2001 and was proud to be a Lady Ranger.

My mission is to bring back the local Livingston feel to the Clerk of District Court’s Office. Since June Little retired last year, the Clerk of Court’s Office has taken a cold and closed off feel. Working for 5 plus years as a Deputy Clerk of District Court, nearly 10 years with Montana’s Rib and Chop House, and 7 plus years as a legal assistant taught me a lot about customer service. Eye contact and a smile go a long way. I will not accept anything less than professional, courteous and friendly service.

I will restore services to the public that are not being provided at this time, such as restoring access to the vault and checking out files. These are just a few of the services that were taken away from the public. The public deserves these services and I am the candidate to make it happen.

Serving the public makes this position rewarding and enjoyable, but only performed with dignity and respect. I look forward to serving you again. Thank you for your support.

Let’s bring public access back, vote **LIBSACK!**

Paid for by Orlina Libsack for Clerk of District Court, P.O. Box 121, Livingston, MT 59047, June Little, Treasurer



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**For County Commissioner**

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- Supports a leadership style that recognizes that you are a better manager of your property, finances, and family than the government.
- Knows the value of hard work, as a 5th generation farmer married to a 5th generation Park County resident (Durgan).
- Continued community involvement through coaching the last 10 years, serving on the Pine Creek School board over 8 years, and church board for 12 years.
- Fiscally conservative

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# RE-ELECT **BILL BERG** RE-ELECT

## FOR PARK COUNTY COMMISSION



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Julianne Baker

Kimiko Barrett

Dawn & Buzz Basini

Maria Beers

Victor Beers

Sarah Bierschwale

Laurie Bishop

Tom Blurock

George Bornemann

Kathryn Bornemann

Dorothy Bradley

Wendy & Jeff Brown

Maryanne & Bill Campbell

Larry Campbell

Jackie Chiaviello

Kenneth Cochrane

Mel & Paul Condon

Laura Cota

Mike Dahms

Anita Dahms

Colette Daigle-Berg

Mike Dailey

Grey & Tammy Dalling

Schalene Darr

Seabring Davis

Caleb Dennison

Betty DeWeese

Anne Donahoe

Katherine Dunlap

Bob Ebinger

Bill Edwards

Colleen Eldred

Sally Epps

Lillian Erickson

Denise & Andy Fisher

Rob Forstenzer

Lee Freeman

Kristen Galbraith

Joanne Gardner Lowell

John Gillespie

Dennis Glick

Bill Grover

Jim Halfpenny

Jenny Harbine

Wendy Heckles

Kris Henson

Anna Hjortsberg

Dylan Hoffman

Kris King

Jerry Ladewig

Mary Strickroth & Rick

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Erica Lighthiser

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Maryanne Mott

Tom Murphy

Peter Murray

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Josh Olsen

Joe Phelps

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Bob Raney

Jeff Reed

Tim & Charissa Reid

Genevieve Reid

Dale Reinhart

Wendy & Dennis Riley

Tyson Roth

Aubree Roth

Nelson Scott

Miriam Skertich

Becky Smith

Jeanne-Marie Souvigney

Morgan Squires

Tim Stevens

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Amy Titgemeier Stevens

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Nathan Varley

Herb Vaughan

Dan Vermillion

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# Bishop hopes to return to Legislature for 3rd term

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

Ask Laurie Bishop what she's accomplished in the state Legislature and you might hear about her work on issues related to mental health, health care and about her experiences serving in a leadership role in the Montana House of Representatives.

You also might hear that the two-term legislator hopes to return to the Capitol in January.

Bishop, 50, is asking voters to send her back to the Helena to represent Livingston's House District 60 in the Montana House of Representatives during Montana's upcoming legislative session, which kicks off Jan. 4.

The Livingston resident is running as a Democrat against Republican political newcomer Joe Lamm of Paradise Valley.

Voters first elected Bishop to the House District 60 seat for the 2017 session and again for the 2019 session where she served in House leadership as the minority caucus chair.

Bishop served on the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee the past two sessions and, most notably she said, served on the House Judiciary Committee for the last two sessions.

Bishop said the Judiciary Committee sees more legislation than another other legislative committee — or more than half of the legislation introduced during the session.

"I've seen a lot of bills and a lot of the big things that people are paying attention to," such as social justice issues and women's health care, she said. "A lot of the things that people are thinking about right now come through that committee."

Bishop also served on the Education Committee during the last session.

"If there's one thing that remains undone that I think has to get done this session it's going to be pre-school and child care in general," she said.

Among Bishop's proudest accomplishments is the Montana Mental Health Parity Act, HB 142, which she sponsored during the 2017 session. Montana Gov. Steve Bull-ock, who signed the bill into law, called Bishop's bill "groundbreaking legislation."

Bishop said the bill assures there is parity and that equal treatment is given for mental and physical health.

"It's all the more relevant right now because if the (Affordable Care Act, or ACA) is pulled down people will lose that protection, but they will continue to have it under that law in Montana," she said.

Bishop said her most important work involves mental health issues and that she plans to continue to working on those during the upcoming session.

Renewing Medicaid Expansion and protecting the health care of constituents also sits near the top of the agenda, Bishop said.

"It's really critical from a strategic perspective and really important to our community," she said.

Bishop said her role during the 2019 session was largely focused on duties related to her leadership position in the House, such as strategizing and training freshman legislators.

"My role was much more focused on supporting their work and getting them integrated into a team and running the background strategy," she said.

Also during the 2019 session, Bishop sponsored HB 435, which sought to create a gateway local option tax for Livingston and Park County. Local residents

testified in favor of the bill, which had unanimous support from the city of Livingston and Park County as well as a coalition that worked on the issue. The legislation was one of four local option sales tax bills killed in the House Tax Committee, however.

"We ran that as a larger strategy pushing in on tax policy in general and we were able to get a study out of it to look at state revenues and how they're filtering down to local governments," Bishop said. "There's still interest to expand the utility of the local option tax across the state, not just for communities like Livingston but larger communities as well."

Bishop sees a possibility for similar legislation during the 2021 session.

"I think we'll see continued attempts and legislation in 2021 because we really have not given local governments all the tools that they need to meet the demand, and something is going to have to give," she said. "I think this is a path that allows us to protect the general population in Montana but be able to more tightly focus in on our tourists."

Bishop sits on the Equal Pay for Equal Work Task Force and worked on legislation she said would have helped to close the pay gap for women. The bill cleared the House only to be killed in a Senate committee, ironically on Equal Pay Day, she said.

If reelected, Bishop said she would continue working on legislation focused on renewable energy and ensuring Montana energy policy matches market demand while protecting ratepayers.

Bishop graduated from high school in Ohio and moved to Livingston in 1996. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Syracuse University and lives on Yellowstone Street in Livingston with her husband, Storrs Bishop. The couple have three children ages 16, 20 and 23.

Laurie Bishop is director of the Montana After School Alliance.



**LAURIE BISHOP**  
(Democrat)

## Candidate Lamm favors limited government

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

Joe Lamm says he wants to preserve freedom and the chance for all Montanans to pursue the American dream.

"It's too easy to lose the ability to go after that American dream if you don't have the right folks in government that can let you do that," said Lamm.

The 65-year-old Paradise Valley resident is running as the Republican candidate for the House District 60 seat in the Montana Legislature. Lamm said this is his first run at political office, but he's no stranger to the world of politics.

Lamm's wife, Debra, previously represented House District 60 during the 2015 session and ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Republican primary. Lamm said he has supported his wife through her political efforts and thought it was his turn to carry on the tradition.

Lamm said he sees a move toward socialism in the country rooted in government taking over the lives of citizens. Lamm, however, said he would be work to

limit the government's role.

"Keeping the government in its limited role is extremely important," he said. "If we don't do that then their solution is to take over your life and run it for you, and that's not what I stand for."

He said the ongoing coronavirus pandemic has brought these issues to a head, with the government telling citizens they need to wear masks to enter buildings and deciding which businesses are essential.

"All of those are just government intrusions into our lives," Lamm said.

Lamm said he's spoken with a number of voters while campaigning for the District 60 seat. The top issue he's heard from area residents is the need to get businesses back open and people back to work, he said.

He said people who want to work are facing schedule cuts and, with social distancing, businesses are not allowed to have as many customers as they would like.

If businesses want to open and people want to return to work, Lamm said he supports their wishes.

Lamm said that in addition to striving for limited

government he would hold the line on government spending, reduce government regulations and force transparency among state agencies.

He said he also has worked to promote election integrity, adding that people have long voted at the polls with a tried-and-true system in place for handling ballots. Lamm said universal mail voting is a fairly recent phenomenon that doesn't have the same checks and balances in places as voting at the polls.

"We don't have that long history of voting by mail to figure out where all the problems are," Lamm said.

Lamm also took aim at the system for registering voters. He said people can appear in the county Clerk and Recorder's Office with a utility bill to register to vote even though they may not meet the statutory requirements to vote in Montana.

He said he would like to see more oversight when it comes to who receive a ballot.

Lamm and his wife have been married for almost 33 years and live in Paradise Valley. He grew up in Texas, where he attended Texas A&M University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Lamm said he works in product and circuit design and also serves as an expert witness in patent litigation cases, primarily involving the internal workings of televisions and computer monitors.



**JOE LAMM**  
(Republican)



*Re-Elect*  
**MARTHA MILLER**  
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Vote Laurie Bishop for HD 60

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CANDIDATE FOR **HD 59**





## MONTANA HOUSE DISTRICT 59

# Malone wants to represent agriculture

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

Paradise Valley rancher Marty Malone believes Park County needs someone who represents agriculture in the state Capitol.

And with fellow Paradise Valley Republican Alan Redfield term limited, Malone said he saw an opportunity to represent farmers and ranchers during the upcoming legislative session, which kicks off in January.

Malone, a former two-term Park County commissioner, is running on the Republican ticket for the House District 59 seat in the Montana Legislature and said he would bring an extensive knowledge of the agriculture industry to the position.

Malone, 71, believes his experience on the Park County Commission has helped prepare him for the job, including the impacts that decisions made in Helena have on the local government.

Malone also served as the longtime Park County Extension agent — roughly 30 years on the job — in addition to owning and operating a ranch in the Pray area of Paradise Valley.

"I'm well acquainted with agriculture and issues related with agriculture," he said. "I know about ag and surrounding issues and how state government and the legislative laws can negatively or positively impact the profitability of agricultural entities."



**MARTY MALONE**  
(Republican)

As a county commissioner, Malone testified on a number of bills before the Legislature and assisted in writing bills involving local government issues. He also testified as the Extension agent on weed-control bills before the Legislature.

Malone said he testified on weed-control bills that were an effort to ensure that state agencies that own and manage state land control the noxious weeds on their property.

If elected, Malone said he would be a strong advocate for agriculture and small business, especially while the Legislature works through the budget process.

"Obviously this is going to be a tough budget year," he said. "I predict there's a lot of ag income down and oil income down and timber resource income down, so the budget is going to be tough this year."

Malone noted that both candidates for Montana governor have voiced opposition to raising taxes, which he agrees with, but said Montanans expect funding for certain services such as transportation and law and order.

Malone said funding law enforcement in Montana is among his priorities.

"We've got to make sure it's funded well," he said.

Malone described himself as a conservative candidate, both socially and fiscally.

He said he would work to protect private property rights, the Second Amendment and the farming and ranching communities, which he said provide the open space and forage for wildlife — everything from big game to jackrabbits and insects that comprise Montana's ecosystem.

Malone holds a degree in agriculture business from Montana State University and currently works as the fleet sales manager for Yellowstone Country Motors in Livingston. He and his wife of 49 years, Gayleen, have two adult children and four grandchildren.

"I'm looking forward to representing Park and Sweet Grass counties at the Legislature," he said, adding that he would be accessible and responsive to constituents while serving in the House District 59 seat.

# Stream access, people influx on Vermillion agenda

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

A Shields Valley man is running on the Democratic ticket to represent Park and Sweet Grass Counties in the Montana Legislature.

Dan Vermillion, 53, said he's seeking the House District 59 seat in the Legislature to work to protect Montana's Stream Access Law and other issues that would benefit Montanans.

Vermillion is concerned about the state's future and believes Montana needs leaders in the Legislature who recognize the influx of people moving to the Treasure State and are willing to take proactive measures in response.

With the housing prices steadily increasing, he believes Montanans need state leadership to focus on affordable housing, funding for schools and Medicaid expansion.

"Montana's got a lot of challenges," Vermillion said. "One of the challenges we have is that we are suddenly a place that a lot of people want to live, and so I think it is really incumbent on us as a state to ensure that we have leaders who recognize that change is coming and that we prepare for it so we can maintain our quality of life while also providing places for people to live, and that includes affordable housing, affordable rentals and ensuring that our schools are adequately funded."

Vermillion said he's also running because Montana will need to develop a plan for rebuilding the economy in wake of coronavirus, and developing

that plan is going to require new ideas.

"Rebuilding our economy after COVID is going to take some work, and if we don't come up with new ideas, we just go back to the same old drawing board," he said, adding that Montana must expand and diversify its economy.

Vermillion also said ensuring Montanans have access to health care is another reason he's seeking the House District 59 seat.

If funding through the federal Affordable Care Act, or ACA, is cut, Vermillion said tens of thousands of Montanans could find themselves without insurance.

Nearly 90,000 Montanans, or 8.2 percent of the state's population, are enrolled in Medicaid Expansion — created in 2015 under the ACA. There are 1,284 Park County residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion and another 182 enrolled in Sweet Grass County, according to numbers from the state of Montana.

"If you have 90,000 Montanans suddenly lose their health insurance, not

only is it super perilous for those 90,000 Montanans but it's also really perilous for our rural hospitals," Vermillion said. "They depend on getting reimbursed for the work and the service they provide their communities."

Both Democrats and Republicans will need to work together to find solutions for these and other issues during the upcoming session, he said.

Vermillion, who previously served as chairman of the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission, said voters can depend on him to fight against efforts

to undermine Montana's Stream Access Law during the session.

He believes the state's Stream Access Law, which gives anglers the right to recreate on the state's rivers and streams below the high water mark, may once again be under threat in the future.

"I think it's deeply under threat," Vermillion said. "This election stream access is definitely on the ballot."

He pointed out that Republican U.S. Sen. Greg Gianforte is running against Democrat Lt. Gov. Mike Cooney for Montana governor, who holds veto power over bills approved by the Legislature. While previous governors have vetoed bills aimed at killing the state's popular Stream Access Law, Vermillion said it's unknown whether Gianforte would veto such a bill.

"If you look at the potential of a Gov. Gianforte, it's important to remember he's the same candidate and the same person who sued the state of Montana to keep people from exercising their stream access rights on the Gallatin (River) outside of Bozeman," Vermillion said. "It is highly unlikely, in my opinion, that he would veto a bill coming from the Legislature that would ensure that the land in front of his house remains private."

In 2018, Vermillion ran for the District 30 seat in the Montana Senate but was defeated by Republican challenger John Esp of Big Timber. He currently serves on the Livingston School Board and owns Sweetwater Travel in Livingston with two brothers.

He and his wife, Lynn Donaldson, have three children who attend public schools in Livingston.



**DAN VERMILLION**  
(Democrat)

PARK COUNTY AUDITOR

## Hartley says she is qualified for job

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

A Paradise Valley woman is challenging the incumbent in the race for Park County auditor.

East River Road resident Marilyn Hartley, 63, said she is qualified and capable to do the job and would bring a positive attitude to the office of Park County Auditor.

Hartley serves as the assistant finance director in the Park County Accounting/Finance Office at the City-County Complex and is running against incumbent Auditor Martha Miller in the upcoming General Election.

Hartley has twice previously sought the auditor's position. She has worked for the past 17 years in the Accounting/Finance Office and says she and her opponent are both qualified to do the job of county auditor, but that she would create a positive work environment while also scrutinizing payments made with taxpayer money.

Hartley said those qualities are currently lacking in the Auditor's Office.

"I believe all people should be treated with respect and dignity regardless of personal opinion," she said.

The County Auditor is an independent office but works closely with the county's Accounting/Finance Office with the auditor approving payments.

Hartley said she was hired in her current job for her experience processing payroll. A former business owner, Hartley said she has a strong accounting background.

Hartley owned and operated a beauty salon for seven years before moving to Montana 26 years ago. She also

currently owns a business offering public accounting services in her spare time.

Hartley serves as the association manager for Livingston bowling leagues and handles the books for the Cooke City Water District, as well as the Fire District.

She and her husband, Steve Hartley, also do vacation rental management for a client in Paradise Valley.

The Hartleys attend Grace Bible Church in Bozeman, where Marilyn sings in the women's ensemble.

Before working for the county, Hartley said she did payroll for Golden Ratio Woodworks in Emigrant.

She believes she's ready to step into the role of Park County's next auditor.

"I think I'm more than ready to take on some newer aspects of the field I'm working in and I think I could do a good job," Hartley said. "Besides trying to promote a positive atmosphere in the workplace and for the public in the building, I think there are some things that are being overlooked as far as accounting issues that need to be attended to."

Hartley grew up in central Pennsylvania the third of eight siblings. She and her husband, who have been married 41 years, first traveled to the area to visit her uncle, who was the pastor at Paradise Community Church just north of Mill Creek on East River Road.

The couple fell in love with the area and "felt like we were being pulled here," she said. The Hartleys have three adult sons and seven grandchildren.



**MARILYN HARTLEY**  
(Nonpartisan)

## Miller proud of accomplishments

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

Martha Miller, Park County's first elected auditor, is asking voters to reelect her to another four-year term to the office that reviews and monitors county operations and assures compliance with local policies and state laws.

Miller, 66, said she hand tailored the auditor's position to what it is today after it was created by the Park County Commission more than a dozen years ago.



**MARTHA MILLER**  
(Nonpartisan)

"I developed the job to what it is today and I am proud of my accomplishments as auditor," she said, adding that the county's rising population triggered the need to create the auditor's position at that time, as per state law.

Miller worked as the financial manager for Counterpoint in Livingston before being elected as county auditor.

Miller's responsibilities

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## PARK COUNTY CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

# Bradberry wants to continue serving as Clerk

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

Molly Bradberry has served since July 1, 2019 as Park County's Clerk of District Court, filling the unexpired term of June Little, who retired from the position.

Now, Bradberry is asking voters to elect her to continue serving in that capacity for the next four years.

"I love this job — I love serving the people of Park County," she said. "I enjoy the people I work with and the people I work around; it's just a very rewarding job."

While Bradberry has served as Clerk of District Court since 2019 when she was unanimously appointed to the job by the Park County Commission, she's not new to the office.

She's worked in the office for seven years, including two years as chief deputy clerk. Bradberry also served two and a half years as deputy clerk of District Court in Gallatin County. She worked for Livingston Attorney Karl Knuchel before going to work at the Park County Clerk of District Court office at the City-County Complex in Livingston.

The Clerk of District Court assists judges with case management of all

District Court records while also handling the processing of child support records and marriage licenses in the county.

Bradberry, 43, said she's excited about how her office embraced technology, which she said proved beneficial earlier this year with the onset of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Even while offices in the City-County Complex were closed to the public, Bradberry said her office was able to continue functioning with court documents submitted via email.

"I'm super proud of that," she said.

Before Bradberry took over as clerk, court-generated documents were distributed via U.S. mail.

Bradberry says she started a new process for parties to receive those documents by voluntary consent.

And she said the office's three deputy clerks — Pam Reisenauer, Mary Epley and Robin Lee — stood up to the challenge of working through uncertainties created by the pandemic and keeping the office functioning.

"They are not the type that say, 'That's not my job,'" Bradberry said. "They are amazing. They have just flourished this year. There is nothing I have asked them to do that they

have said, 'No I'm not going to do that' — they're great."

Bradberry said she would like to continue serving as Clerk of District Court to shepherd a number of projects to completion.

The office is in the process of replacing its computer system, where court documents are stored electronically, in an effort to make the process of finding records more user friendly.

Bradberry has spoken with other clerks using this new computer system, known as "Full Court Enterprise," and she said she's heard positive reviews.

"From what I hear, this is a huge improvement," she said.

Bradberry said she would also like to see through completion an ongoing project to digitize Park County's court records dating back to the late 1800s after the county landed a \$211,790 grant to do the work.

She said the project will not only make the records easily accessible to the public in digital format, but will also clear up much needed space in the vault located in her office.

Bradberry's opponent has voiced concerns over Bradberry's decision to no longer allow public access to the vault, but Bradberry said the decision was simply to ensure the integrity of the records.

"We'll get copies for you — we'll help you find whatever it is you're looking for, you just can't physically walk into the vault and retrieve it

yourself," she said.

Bradberry added that her office holds sensitive information, such as documents that are filed under seal and inaccessible to the public. Because of the sensitive nature of the documents filed in her office, Bradberry said it's her responsibility to control public access.

"If you go to the vet or to your pharmacist and you're looking for your record, they don't say, 'Come on back and find it.' That just doesn't happen," she said.

Bradberry's opponent has also criticized the decision to discontinue the practice of allowing attorneys to check out court files.

Bradberry, however, said that decision was also made to preserve the court records and was backed up by a standing court order preventing those documents from leaving the office.

"I thought it was better practice not to allow that to happen, and there was a court order supporting it," she said.

Bradberry holds a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from Dequesne University in Pittsburgh.

She and her husband, Rich, celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary this year.

Bradberry joked that the couple have no children — "just lots of furry ones."



**MOLLY BRADBERRY**  
(Nonpartisan)

# Libsack believes more access to records is needed

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

Lifelong Park County resident Orlina Libsack said she is running for Clerk of District Court to bring back public access and the "local feel" to the office, which she said was lost with the 2019 retirement of former Clerk June Little.

Libsack is vying against Molly Bradberry, who was appointed by the Park County Commission to fill Little's unexpired term.

Libsack, 38, worked under June Little for more than five years and has more than 12 years of experience in the legal field.

"I'm not going in blind, I know the

office like the back of my hand," she said.

Libsack has worked as a legal assistant for Livingston Attorney Karl Knuchel for nearly eight years and is asking voters to elect her as Park County's next Clerk of District Court.

Since Little left the office, Libsack said people are no longer allowed to check out files from the office or enter the office's vault where she said many public documents are kept on file.

"There's been a lot of change and I don't think it's change for the better," Libsack said.

While this is Libsack's first time seeking public office, she said she's excited about the prospect

of serving Park County.

"I love the customer service aspect of it," said Libsack, who previously worked for 10 years at Montana's Rib & Chop House restaurant. "I have a lot of customer service experience."

That interaction with Park County residents is one area where she said she would thrive as Clerk of District Court.

Libsack said she would restore services to the public that are currently not being provided in the office, such as passports.

"I just like to get to the bottom of things, solving problems, finding old files ..." she said, adding that genealogy enthusiasts are no longer allowed to access the historic public documents in the office's vault.

She said current restrictions prohibit attorneys, mediators and those working for title companies from accessing the office's vault.

"These are just a few of the servic-

es that were taken away from the public. The public deserves these services, and I am the candidate to make it happen," Libsack's online profile states. "Public access is a service that was taken away in the last year. Attorneys, the press, genealogy researchers, title companies and the public should have access to the Court records. This was always the practice for as long as I was in the office and long before that. There was never an issue until recently when this practice was no longer available."

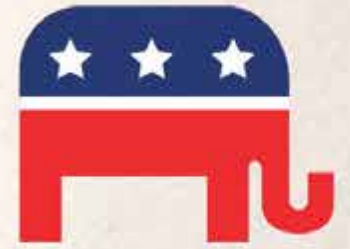
Libsack said her family came to Montana in 1963 and have been ranchers in Paradise Valley ever since, with her grandfather and her father working on the Double A Ranch.

Libsack graduated from Park High School in 2001 and attended college at Montana State University in Bozeman.



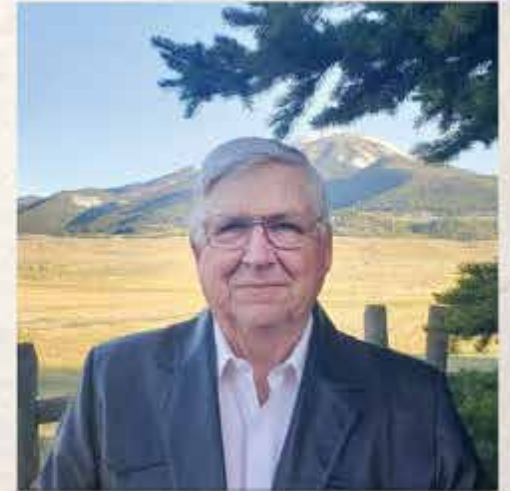
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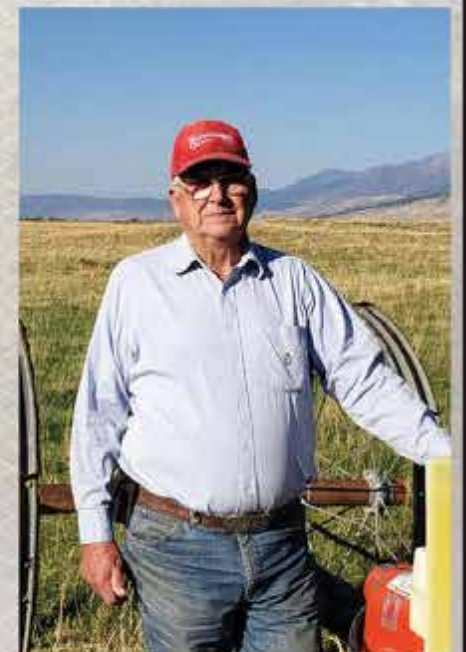
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as county auditor are outlined in state law, including reviewing and examining all claims against the county for compliance with policies, and examining the books and accounts of county departments.

"What I basically do is monitor the money held in trust through various departments: Courts, the Sheriff's Department, the Detention Center and Attorney's Office all hold money in trust for citizens and I monitor that," she said.

In addition, Miller said she's taken on working with the county treasurer to develop cash balancing procedures to help ensure the accuracy of county financial information.

Miller said she also works with the treasurer to keep tax billing and payment information in balance and correct.

"It's important and it has been one of the more serious independent auditor findings that the county had for years," she said. "Taxes were not balanced and I'm proud of that accomplishment."

Miller also tracks any tax adjustments generated by the Montana Department of Revenue through the county Treasurer's

Office.

"I feel like I've invested myself in the position, taken on many duties and helped out other departments whenever possible," she said. "I've enjoyed the challenges the job has provided and look forward to another term as auditor to finish some long-term projects and to continue to serve the residents of Park County."

Miller said another one of her responsibilities is to manage the Angel Line senior and disabled transportation program and currently serves as the logistics chief for Park County's ongoing coronavirus response.

Miller grew up outside of Chicago and has lived and worked in Park County for 43 years.

"I can go to the Pioneer Banquet now," she joked.

Miller is married to Harvey "Mike" Miller and the couple have two daughters, both Park County natives. Miller said she and her husband were married in Park County in 1984.

The couple have lived at Pine Creek for 34 years. Miller belongs to the Elks and is a member of the Chapter BW of PEO, a women's organization that raises money for scholarships for girls in Park County.

♥ Marilyn  
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## PARK COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

# 'I'm not done yet,' incumbent Berg says

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

Incumbent District 2 Commissioner Bill Berg is wrapping up his first term on the Park County Commission and said there's more work to be done.

Berg is asking voters to reelect him to another term on the District 2 seat on the commission during the upcoming General Election.

"I'm not done yet," Berg said. "I feel like it takes a while to get up to speed, and I have developed a network in the area and Helena and around the region, and I've got some things I'd like to keep working on."

Berg said the county's been successful under his watch at leveraging local money with federal dollars to improve roads and bridges.

"With two of Yellowstone's five entrances, almost 1,000 miles of county roads and 80 bridges, Park County roads are essential to our livelihoods and lives," Berg said in a statement. "My partnership experience with the Gardiner Gateway Project has proven

helpful in leveraging your tax dollars with federal transportation funds to make improvements to roads on Mill Creek and the Boulder, and on the Carbella, Tom Miner and Rock Creek bridges."

Berg said the county is also working to stretch taxpayer dollars with grant money to prepare for work on the Jardine Road, Shields River Road and Old Yellowstone Trail South through Yankee Jim Canyon.

He's also participated in the local coronavirus response team, working with emergency responders and other county officials to prepare for and respond to the virus.

"There's not a person in the county who hasn't made a sacrifice — it's a tough time," Berg said.

"We're not there yet but we've done pretty darn well in Park County, and that's taken everybody."

Berg's also worked during his first term with officials in Missoula County as part of efforts to create the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority.

The Park County Commission voted unanimously in August to join the rail authority, which is an effort to rees-

tablish passenger rail service in southern Montana.

"The track is there and there are lots of reasons that rail could be good again for southern Montana," Berg said. "It's efficient, it's safe, it's comfortable, and creating this Rail Authority just puts us in the position to have an organization that embraces opportunities as they come."

The 67-year-old Minnesota native first came to the Livingston area to work in Yellowstone National Park, and even rode a train to Livingston before passenger rail service was halted.

"You just can't do that anymore," he said.

Berg served about nine years on the Park County Planning and Development Board before being elected to the Commission's District 2 seat.

He previously worked more than 35 years in the private sector, including as founder of a web business, Cool-Works.com, which assists people in finding seasonal jobs in places such as Yellowstone National Park and the South Pole.

Berg said serving on the Planning Board helped him get to know many of the folks who work for the county.

He said his experience running a business locally, living in the area and serving on the Planning Board and the

Commission has helped him understand the economic and demographic changes impacting the region.

The Planning and Development Board is currently reviewing a document to create countywide zoning, known as the Draft Conflict Mitigation Zoning District and Regulations.

Discussions on the draft document had been on hold because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, but Commissioners Berg and Chairman Steve Caldwell voted in July to give the Planning Board the OK to resume those discussions. Commissioner Clint Tinsley voted no.

"There are a lot of things that we discuss and argue about around here, and I think it's great to be taking some of those discussions public to see if we actually have the will to be a little bit more proactive," Berg said.

Berg said the topic of zoning is a difficult issue to navigate but said he believes Park County residents now have the opportunity to discuss what tools are available to help plan for the county's future.

"I'm looking forward to airing it out," he said.

Berg holds a biology degree from the University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Colette, and their search dog, Chapter, live just north of Gardiner.



**BILL BERG**  
(Nonpartisan)

## Jergenson concerned about countywide zoning

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

Luke Jergenson said he's always looking for ways to give back to the community.

Serving as a Park County Commissioner representing District 2 is one way that the Pine Creek Road farmer said he would like to help his fellow neighbor.

Jergenson is challenging incumbent Commissioner Bill Berg for the District 2 seat on the Park County Commission.

"One of the main reasons I want to get in the race is I feel that you, me and my neighbors can all manage our personal property and personal health better than the government," he said. "I think the individual can manage that better than the government."

Jergenson, 43, said a number of recent decisions by Park County lead-

ers were the "last straw" that convinced him to enter the commission race.

"It seems like the county is moving toward regulatory action against private property," he said.

Commissioners in early 2019 adopted the U.S. Highway 89 South/East River Road/Old Yellowstone Trail Zoning District and Regulations, also known as billboard zoning, while a proposed Park County Community Decay and Litter Ordinance is under review.

The county's Planning and Development Board, meanwhile, is reviewing a document that would create countywide zoning, known as the draft Conflict Mitigation Zoning District and Regulations.

"And then what's next?" Jergenson asked. "Once you get that ball rolling it's really hard to stop it."

Jergenson said he's a fifth-generation farmer and operated a mink farm

at his family's home on Pine Creek Road.

"Being a mink farmer, private property rights are very important to me," he said.

He said he's not opposed to all zoning, but said the draft document under review by the Planning Board, which serves in an advisory capacity to commissioners, is "pretty vague."

If adopted, Jergenson said he believes countywide zoning would impact area residents for generations to come. He believes that decision of whether to adopt countywide zoning is best left to the voters "instead of a majority of two commissioners imposing it on you."

Jergenson said he feels like his family has been blessed and that he seeks out ways to contribute to his community.

Whether coaching basketball, baseball or serving on the board at Living Hope Church where he attends services or on the Pine Creek School Board, Jergenson said he strives to serve as a role model for local youth.

"I like to be involved in the community," he said. "It's hard to complain

when you're not involved."

Jergenson said he would be a visible presence with an open office in the City-County Complex if elected to the commission. He also said he would like the commission to consider moving at least some of its meetings to the evenings to allow working families to attend.

He also believes the Park County Sheriff's Office is understaffed and said he would make funding law enforcement a priority.

Government at its basic level serves to protect its citizens, Jergenson said, adding that he believes the Sheriff's Office should be fully staffed with deputies earning wages that are competitive to areas such as Gallatin County, which he said might help prevent them from leaving Park County.

Jergenson said he is a fiscal conservative and if elected will do everything he can to keep property taxes down or lessen them.

The Minnesota native holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern in St. Paul. He and his wife, Dr. Rachel Jergenson, have three children.



**LUKE JERGENSON**  
(Nonpartisan)



## PARK COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 3

# Growing pains, infrastructure on Bowers' agenda

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

An old-fashioned work ethic and a common-sense approach are among the characteristics that T. Phillip Bowers said he would bring to the job if elected to represent District 3 on the Park County Commission.

Bowers said he's seeking office with hopes of addressing a number of issues facing Park County.

"I want to address the growing pains while preserving the uniqueness of Park County," he said. "Along with those growing pains is our roads and infrastructure, (which) need some serious help."

Bowers is facing incumbent Commissioner Clint Tinsley in the race for the District 3 seat on the three-member commission.

Bowers said he decided to seek the position after hearing about ongoing issues with refuse and related cost overruns for transporting trash in Park County.

He said he's heard a lot of talk about solving the issue, but has not seen any tangible solutions to the problem.

"The garbage is like the overpass: We've been talking about it forever and nothing gets done," Bowers said.

The topic of whether Park County should adopt zoning rules and regulations is another issue that's made headlines of late. Bowers said he believes Park County residents should have a say in whether zoning is adopted rather than three commissioners.

"I want to approach this zoning with some common sense," Bowers said. "I

want to approach it with common sense while still protecting property rights as our county continues to grow."

Bowers said he supports a robust public discussion about the issue of zoning before commissioners make a decision on the matter.

"I don't think this needs to be shoved down anybody's throat," he said.

"There needs to be some time here and some face-to-face communication going on."

If elected, Bowers said he would review these issues and others with open lines of communication between the commission and the public it represents.

Bowers believes he's the best candidate to work to resolve the issues before Park County, whether it's the issue of refuse and green boxes or roads and other infrastructure.

"I figure you can sit around and bitch a lot; at some point you've got to go try — that's the main thing,"

he said.

A fifth-generation Montanan, Bowers is a second-generation licensed Montana outfitter and lifelong Park County resident. Bowers owns a small business — Lone Wolf Guide Service — based in Livingston focusing primarily on outfitting for elk and spring turkey. He's owned the business for 10 years.

His wife, Chelsea, owns Rooted in Montana — a local flower and plant shop in Livingston.

Bowers, 45, graduated from Park High School in 1993 and attended college at Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming.

Bowers and his wife have three children ages 22, 19 and 17.

"The reason I'm running for county commissioner is to help and support our incredible county," he said. "When elected, I want to address the county's growing pains while retaining our community's uniqueness with transparency and a common sense approach while being committed to working for you."



**T. PHILLIP BOWERS**  
(Nonpartisan)

# Incumbent Tinsley wants to keep projects moving

By Justin Post  
Enterprise Staff Writer

When Clint Tinsley looks in the rear-view mirror of his political career, he sees bridge replacements, road improvements and ongoing efforts to reduce solid waste costs in Park County.

The 59-year-old Park High School graduate said he is asking voters to elect him to a third term on the Park County Commission because there are a number of ongoing projects he would like to see through to completion.

Tinsley, who represents District 3 on the Commission, has played a key role on developing plans to improve the Park County Fairgrounds, improvements that officials say will generate revenue and help make the fairgrounds profitable for years to come.

The county also has a solid plan for rehabilitating and replacing bridges in Park County, with some 10 percent of the county's 260 bridges already replaced in recent years.

Whether using funds from the U.S. Forest Service or other grant funding sources, Tinsley said the current commission has been successful in making long-term bridge improvements rather than temporary fixes as in the past.

"We've still got a lot of bad bridges, I'm not saying we don't, but I think this is the first time in many, many years that Park County is focused on getting grant funds and other funds to

help us replace bridges than trying to repair bridges to get by a couple more years," he said.

Tinsley would also like another term to continue seeking grant funding for projects in Park County. He said the county has leveraged nearly \$30 million in grants in recent years to pay for everything from renewal improvements in Gardiner, \$7 million for improvements on Boulder Road, improving Rock Creek Road, among others.

"Those add up quick," he said.

Tinsley said he's also the best candidate to ensure the county is fiscally sound, balance the budget and build cash reserves.

He said that among his priorities are building the reserves for the county

road department and the Sheriff's Office, as well as building reserves from federal "Payments In Lieu of Taxes" or PILT, which the local government receives to offset property tax losses with nontaxable federal land in Park County.

"PILT is another reserve that was low, and we've built it back up almost to where we want it to be," he said. "The rest of the other departments in the county are fairly sound as far as reserves go."

He said a reserve account of about 17 percent of a department's budget is a target and that some county departments have 17 to 20 percent in reserves, which he said come in handy

during times of financial hardship.

"That's very important because if something happens unexpectedly, such as COVID, we have reserves to get us through it, and in the past we never had that," Tinsley said.

As for the issue of the costs associated with transporting refuse from green box sites in the county, Tinsley said he's been meeting with the Solid Waste Board and discussing the possibility of controlled access to some sites to help prevent illegal dumping, which contributes to rising costs.

He said security cameras are also being discussed as an option to curb illegal dumping, adding that he's working with the County Attorney's Office and the sheriff to consider prosecuting illegal dumping.

While the possibility of zoning in Park County is another topic that's made headlines in recent years, Tinsley said he recently voted against allowing the Planning and Development Board from moving forward with a public review of draft county-wide zoning — known as the Draft Conflict Mitigation and Zoning District.

Tinsley said he believes the issues should be put on hold until after the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, when Park County residents can gather in public meetings to discuss the issue more thoroughly.

"Zoning is a serious issue in Park County for sure and unless everyone can come to a meeting and speak their peace I don't think it should happen," he said.

Tinsley said he's not opposed to the Planning Board considering the issue

and even making a recommendation to the commission, but he doesn't believe now is the time for a public process to consider the matter to move forward.

"Until all of the public has a chance to come and comment I think it's a bad idea," he said. "I think it's a bad time."

Tinsley said he's heard from Park County residents who don't have access to a computer or the internet to participate in online meetings about possible zoning.

"They want to be in person and we can't do that right now," he said. "I don't see this as such an emergency that we can't wait until we have the ability to do that. I'm not a professor of planning or growth policies but I would like to hear what the community has to say about it."

Tinsley, meanwhile, is pleased with the capital improvement plan the county has adopted and he's seeking another term to continue working to improve roads and other infrastructure in the county.

"We are improving our bridges, we are improving our roads — it's just going to take a long time to get where we need to be because obviously there wasn't much done for the 10 years before I became commissioner," Tinsley said, adding that the county has also started a chip-sealing program for roads.

Tinsley worked as public works director for the city of Livingston before being elected as commissioner.

He and his wife, Angie, have three daughters age 40, 36 and 20. He and his wife have been married 28 years and live on East Chinook Street in Livingston.

















**CLINT TINSLEY**  
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PARK COUNTY, MONTANA - NOVEMBER 3, 2020

<div>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS</div> <div>1. Vote REPUBLICAN.</div> <div>2. Vote for each candidate marked below that appears on your ballot.</div> <div>For more information, visit us at:</div> <div>Republican Headquarters</div> <div>5237 Hwy 89 South</div> <div>ParkRepublicans.org</div>	<div>FEDERAL AND STATE</div> <div>(Continued)</div>	<div>FEDERAL AND STATE</div> <div>(Continued)</div>
	<div>FOR GOVERNOR and LT. GOVERNOR</div> <div> <b>GREG GIANFORTE</b> <b>KRISTEN JURAS</b></div>	<div>FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #5</div> <div> <b>LAURIE MCKINNON</b> Non-Partisan</div>
	<div>FOR SECRETARY OF STATE</div> <div> <b>CHRISTI JACOBSEN</b></div>	<div>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 59</div> <div> <b>MARTY MALONE</b></div>
	<div>FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL</div> <div> <b>AUSTIN KNUDSEN</b></div>	<div>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 60</div> <div> <b>JOE LAMM</b></div>
<div>FEDERAL AND STATE</div>	<div>FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</div> <div>Re-Elect</div> <div> <b>DONALD J. TRUMP</b> <b>MICHAEL R. PENCE</b></div>	
<div>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR</div> <div>Re-Elect</div> <div> <b>STEVE DAINES</b></div>	<div>FOR STATE AUDITOR</div> <div> <b>TROY DOWNING</b></div>	<div>COUNTY</div>
<div>FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE</div> <div> <b>MATT ROSENDALE</b></div>	<div>FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION</div> <div>Re-Elect</div> <div> <b>ELSIE ARNTZEN</b></div>	<div>FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2</div> <div> <b>LUKE JERGENSEN</b> Non-Partisan</div>
	<div>FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3</div> <div> <b>JAMES BROWN</b></div>	<div>FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3</div> <div> <b>T. PHILLIP BOWERS</b> Non-Partisan</div>
<div>VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN</div>	<div>VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN</div>	<div>THANK YOU!</div>
