

Sample Ballot - Canyon County, Idaho

Consolidated Election - May 20, 2025

Note: Eligibility for these races is dependent upon your precinct and the taxing districts you reside in.

Please use a black or blue ink pen only. **Completely fill in the box** provided to the left of your choice. Make no stray marks on the ballot. Do not use inks that soak through the paper. Do not use a pencil. Do not use white-out. If you make a mistake, request a new ballot from an election worker. To vote for a write-in candidate, completely fill in the box provided to the left of the words "Write-in" and write in the name of the certified write-in candidate on the line provided.



CANDIDATES FOR HIGHWAY DISTRICT

Nampa Highway District #1 Commissioner Sub-District #1

4-year term
(Vote for One)

- Darrel Rosti
- Franklin Kennedy
- Randy Noble

Nampa Highway District #1 Commissioner Sub-District #2

4-year term
(Vote for One)

- Ernie Lowry
- Michael Thomas

CANDIDATES FOR HIGHWAY DISTRICT

Highway District #4 Commissioner Sub-District #1

4-year term
(Vote for One)

- Matt Newton
- Sam Thomas

Highway District #4 Commissioner Sub-District #2

4-year term
(Vote for One)

- Justin Bollinger
- Stewart Hyndman

BALLOT MEASURES

COUNTY QUESTIONS

Canyon County Ambulance District to Establish a Temporary Override Tax Levy

QUESTION:

Shall the Board of Commissioners of the Canyon County Ambulance District be authorized and empowered to temporarily increase its property tax budget and levy beyond the amount provided for under Idaho Code § 63-802(1)(a) by the sum of seven million nine hundred thousand dollars [\$7,900,000.00] each year commencing October 1, 2025, and which increase shall thereafter only continue for a period of two (2) successive budget years as authorized by Idaho Code § 63-802(3)?

I.C. § 34-914 Statement: The purpose of this two-year tax increase is to meet current and future demand for services by hiring paramedics, EMTs and support staff, equipping and maintaining the Ambulance District's operations, repairing existing ambulances and vehicles, purchasing additional ambulances, and facilities, and to generally defray the cost of providing emergency medical services commencing October 1, 2025. The date of the election is May 20, 2025. The dollar amount estimated to be collected each year of the levy is \$7,900,000. The estimated annual cost to the tax payer will be \$18.62 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions.

- YES. IN FAVOR of authorizing a temporary override tax levy up to \$7,900,000.00 per year for 2 years
- NO. AGAINST authorizing a temporary override tax levy up to \$7,900,000.00 per year for 2 years

FIRE DISTRICT QUESTIONS

Middleton Rural Fire District Budget Levy Increase

The residential population within the 110 square miles of the Middleton Rural Fire District has grown by 27% since 2018 and the commercial properties are up by 91%. Pre-existing conditions along with growth has outpaced the District's manpower and budget authority required to provide adequate protection of life and property. Annual calls for emergency services and unit response time continue to increase.

The District's annual budget has NOT kept up and an increase is required to cover additional staffing and annual operating costs. Impact Fees, paid by developers, have funded the cost of construction of the Harvey Rd fire station and fire engines. The requested increase will fund firefighter safety equipment, the annual cost of full-time staffing and operating expenses throughout the entire District.

Specifically, an increase of two million two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$2,225,000) in the District's annual budget from property tax, beyond the amount the District is currently authorized to levy pursuant to Idaho Code § 63-802, to commence Fiscal Year 2026, and which shall then be added to the District's current established base budget amount for the purposes of Idaho Code § 63-802.

The budget increase to fund the cost of staffing and operating the new fire station and maintaining District operations, is currently estimated to be an increase of \$61.72 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, this estimate is based upon the value of taxable property within the fire district in 2024.

Shall the Board of Commissioners of the Middleton Rural Fire District be authorized and empowered to increase its annual budget levy, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 63-802(1)(h)?

- YES, I AM IN FAVOR OF authorizing the budget increase in the amount of \$2,225,000.
- NO, I AM AGAINST authorizing the budget increase in the amount of \$2,225,000.

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS

School District No. 134 Special General Obligation Bond

Shall the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of School District No. 134, Canyon County, State of Idaho (the "District"), be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount not to exceed \$19,900,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring and constructing a new elementary school, including all related site work and supporting infrastructure, together with furnishings and equipment necessary to operate said school; the final installment of such bonds to fall due not later than twenty (20) years from the date of issuance, all as provided in the Bond Election Resolution adopted by the Board on March 10, 2025?

The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bond issue, based upon current market rates, is three and ninety-seven hundredths percent (3.95%) per annum. The total amount estimated to be repaid over the life of the bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$29,145,500, consisting of \$19,900,000 in principal and \$9,245,500 of interest. The term of the bonds will not exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issuance.

The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed bond levy is a tax of \$34 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions.

As of May 20, 2025, the total existing bonded indebtedness of the District, including interest accrued, is \$14,901,210.

- IN FAVOR of issuing bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$19,900,000 for the purposes stated
- AGAINST issuing bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$19,900,000 for the purposes stated

FIRE DISTRICT QUESTIONS

Star Fire Protection District Budget Levy Increase

The population within the 55 square miles of the Star Fire Protection District has grown by 70% since 2018. Residential properties have increased 69% and commercial properties are up by 410%. This dramatic growth has outpaced the District's manpower and budget authority. Annual calls for emergency services has increased from 877 in 2020 to 1,645 in 2024 and unit response times continue to increase.

The District's annual budget authority has NOT kept up and an increase is needed to cover staffing and annual operating costs. Impact Fees, paid by developers, have funded the cost of the new Floating Feather fire station and fire engines. The requested increase will fund firefighter safety equipment, the annual cost of full-time staffing and operating expenses throughout the entire District.

Specifically, an increase of two million two hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$2,225,000) in the District's annual budget from property tax is needed, beyond the amount the District is currently authorized to levy pursuant to Idaho Code § 63-802, to commence Fiscal Year 2026, and which amount shall then be added to the District's current established base budget for the purposes of Idaho Code § 63-802.

The budget increase to fund the cost of staffing and operating the new fire station and to maintain District operations, is currently estimated to be an increase of \$44.79 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, this estimate is based upon the value of taxable property within the fire district in 2024.

Shall the Board of Commissioners of the Star Fire Protection District be authorized and empowered to increase its annual budget levy, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 63-802(1)(h)?

- YES, I AM IN FAVOR OF authorizing the budget increase in the amount of \$2,225,000.
- NO, I AM AGAINST authorizing the budget increase in the amount of \$2,225,000.

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS

Parma School District No. 137 Supplemental Levy

The Board of Trustees of School District No. 137, Canyon County, State of Idaho, is seeking authorization to levy a Supplemental Levy for the following purposes and approximate amount of levy funds to be allocated to each use:

Purpose: Bus Replacement
Amount: \$300,000

Purpose: HVAC
Amount: \$66,000

Purpose: Certified Staff Salaries & Benefits
Amount: \$80,000

Purpose: Counselor
Amount: \$105,000

Purpose: Student Resource Officer (SRO) & Student Safety
Amount: \$136,000

Purpose: Extra-Curricular Coaching Stipends
Amount: \$330,000

Purpose: Extra-Curricular Facilities & Transportation
Amount: \$42,000

Purpose: Classified Staff Salaries & Benefits
Amount: \$241,000

TOTAL LEVY AMOUNT (over 2 years): \$1,300,000

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No 137, Canyon County, State of Idaho, be authorized to levy a supplemental levy in the amount of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000) per year for two years, for a total of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000) commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027, for the purposes stated above; all as provided in the resolution of the Board of Trustees adopted on February 10, 2025?

The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed levy is a tax of \$71 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions.

- IN FAVOR of authorizing a supplemental levy in the amount of \$650,000.00, per year for two (2) years
- AGAINST authorizing a supplemental levy in the amount of \$650,000.00 per year for two (2) years

FIRE DISTRICT QUESTIONS

Parma Rural Fire Protection District Levy Increase

Shall the Board of Commissioners of the Parma Rural Fire Protection District be authorized and empowered to increase its levy and budget, pursuant to Idaho Code Section § 63-802(1)(h), to defray its costs of staffing, equipping, and maintaining the District's operations to provide protection of property against fire and the preservation of life, throughout the District. Specifically, an increase in the District's budget from property tax, beyond the amount the District is currently authorized to levy pursuant to Idaho Code § 63-802, by the sum of a one million dollars (\$1,000,000), beginning with the Fiscal Year which commences on January 1, 2026 and which amount shall then be added to the District's current established base budget amount for the purposes of Idaho Code § 63-802 as provided in the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, on March 13, 2025.

The levy will be used to fund District operations and is estimated to be a tax increase of \$98.17 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based upon current conditions.

- YES, I AM IN FAVOR OF authorizing the levy increase in the amount of \$1,000,000.
- NO, I AM AGAINST authorizing the levy increase in the amount of \$1,000,000.

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS

School District No. 139 Supplemental Levy

The Board of Trustees of School District No. 139, Canyon County, State of Idaho, is seeking authorization to levy a Supplemental Levy for the following purposes and approximate amount of levy funds to be allocated to each use:

Purpose: District-Wide Enhancement Programs
Amount: \$750,000.00

Purpose: Transportation
Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Purpose: Classroom Curriculum
Amount: \$500,000.00

Purpose: Salaries and Benefits for Certified and Classified Staff, Including but not limited to Health and Safety Personnel
Amount: \$3,500,000.00

Purpose: Technology Devices and Support
Amount: \$1,250,000.00

TOTAL ANNUAL LEVY AMOUNT: \$7,000,000/year

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No. 139, Canyon County, State of Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a Supplemental Levy in the amount of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) per year for two (2) years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028, for the purposes stated above; all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on March 11, 2025?

The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed levy is a tax of \$65 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. The proposed levy replaces an existing levy that expires on June 30, 2026, and that currently costs \$76 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value. Therefore, if the proposed levy is approved, the tax per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value is expected to decrease by \$11 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value.

- IN FAVOR OF AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000,000 PER YEAR FOR TWO (2) YEARS
- AGAINST AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000,000 PER YEAR FOR TWO (2) YEARS

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