

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY

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COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

200 East First Street, Room 207
Trinidad, Colorado 81082

COORDINATED ELECTION

**The Election within Las Animas County will be conducted
As a Mail Ballot Election on November 4, 2025 from
7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT

THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS
SUMMARY STATEMENTS FOR
BALLOT PROPOSITIONS AS
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF
COLORADO CONSTITUTION,
ARTICLE X, SECTION 20.

“A ‘YES’ VOTE ON ANY BALLOT
ISSUE IS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF
CHANGING CURRENT LAW OR
EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND A
‘NO’ VOTE ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE IS
A VOTE AGAINST CHANGING
CURRENT LAW OR EXISTING
CIRCUMSTANCES.”

YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE IS:

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
200 East First Street, Room 207
Trinidad, Colorado 81082
Telephone: (719) 845-2575

All eligible, registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail.

**Ballots may be returned to the election office by mail or
dropped off at the following location:**

Las Animas County Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC)

**Ballot replacement, in person voting, and walk in drop off
location**

The following location will be open during their regular business hours
for ballot drop off. On Election Day from 7:00 AM - 7:00PM offering
ADA accessible, to drop off ballots, replacement ballots, new ballots,
vote the DRE as opposed to paper ballots and new registrations.

Las Animas County Courthouse,
Clerk and Recorder's Office
200 East First Street, Room 207
Trinidad, Colorado 81082

Monday-Friday, October 20 - November 3

8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 1

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Tuesday, November 4 (Election Day)

7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Deadline for Return of Ballot:
November 4, 2025 7:00 P.M.

****Postmarks do NOT count as received.****

24 HOUR DROP-OFF LOCATION

Las Animas Courthouse
200 E. First Street, Courtyard Driveway
South side of the Courthouse
Trinidad, CO 81082

Trinidad City Hall, Outside Utilities Office
135 N. Animas St.
Trinidad, CO 81082

Monday – Friday (October 20 – November 3, 2025)

Open 24 hours

Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (November 4, 2025)

Open 24 hours until 7:00 P.M.

**THE 2025 COORDINATED ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED AS
A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION.**

Mail Ballots will be sent to each "Active" voter in Las Animas County.
We will begin mailing ballots out beginning October 10, 2025.
If you do not receive a ballot – Please call the Las Animas County
Election Office at (719) 845-2575. The ballots are due back in the
elections office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4,
2025

GENERAL INFORMATION

This voter information pamphlet contains referendum appearing on
your 2025 Coordinated Election ballot.

The title and text of the referendum are printed in full, and may be
accompanied by two summaries of up to 500 words each, for and

against the measures. For some measures, current and recent fiscal year
spending figures are included. For others, tax increase estimates or bonded
debt repayment costs within a particular district have been submitted.

The mailing and content of this notice are mandated by an amendment to
Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) of the Colorado Constitution.

THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PROVIDING THIS VOTERS'
INFORMATION NOTICE DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR
TRUTH OF ANY STATEMENT MADE IN THE SUMMARIES, NOR IS IT
RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS IN SPELLING, GRAMMAR, OR
PUNCTUATION OF SUBMITTED STATEMENTS. RECEIPT OF THIS
VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET DOES NOT NECESSARILY
MEAN THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE
TO VOTE ON EVERY MEASURE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING VOTING PROCEDURES, OR
YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE, REFER INITIALLY TO THE
INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS NOTICE. FURTHER DETAILS MAY
BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE
LISTED BELOW OR GO TO WWW.GOVOTECOLORADO.GOV.

Las Animas County Elections (719) 845-2575

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

You may cast your ballot by any one of the following methods:

- By mail via your Mail ballot
- In person at a Voter Service and Polling Center Location

On Election Day there will be 1 strategically located Voter Service and
Polling Center in Las Animas County. A Voter Service and Polling Center
is designed to provide voters with maximum flexibility and convenience.
Voters may go to this Voter Service and Polling Center in the county to
cast their ballots. Precinct specific polling places will not be used. At the
Voter Service and Polling Center you will be required to show valid ID such
as a driver's license.

We will begin mailing ballots out the week of October 10, 2025. The last
day that ballots will be mailed out is Monday October 27, 2025. Ballots
may be mailed or deposited at the Ballot Drop-off Locations. Ballots must
be RECEIVED by 7:00 P.M. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025.
POSTMARKED DATES DO NOT COUNT AS RECEIVED.

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

AGUILAR REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:
Kerrie Fatur, Designated Election Official
720 Balsam Avenue
Aguilar, Colorado
Telephone: (719) 941-4188

REFERRED BALLOT MEASURE 4A:

SHALL AGUILAR REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 DEBT BE
INCREASED BY \$2.7 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF NOT
TO EXCEED \$5.3 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE
INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$240,000 ANNUALLY FOR CAPITAL
NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING:

- PROVIDING MAJOR RENOVATIONS TO THE CURRENT
K-12 SCHOOL FACILITY, INCLUDING:
 - RESTORING THE HISTORIC GYM TO CURRENT
SAFETY AND COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
ASSOCIATION STANDARDS;

- REPLACING THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ROOF;
- CREATING A SAFETY CORRIDOR CONNECTING THE MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING TO THE GYM WHICH CORRIDOR WILL INCLUDE NEW LOCKER ROOMS AND CONCESSIONS;
- REMODELING TO CREATE A SPACE FOR TRADES PROGRAMMING (WELDING, AUTO, FFA, CONSTRUCTION), REPLACING NON-FUNCTIONING HVAC AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS, REMODEL OF THE MAIN ENTRY TO MODERN SAFETY STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF;
- PROVIDING MATCHING MONEY REQUIRED BY THE STATE FOR THE DISTRICT TO RECEIVE A "BEST" GRANT IN AN APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$13.4 MILLION (WHICH GRANT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE REPAYED BUT WHICH IS CONTINGENT UPON THE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE MATCHING AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$2.7 MILLION);

PROVIDED THAT NO BONDS WILL BE ISSUED UNLESS A "BEST" GRANT IS RECEIVED; AND

FURTHER PROVIDED THAT THE ANNUAL TAX INCREASE SHALL NEVER EXCEED \$240,000 SPECIFIED ABOVE; AND

SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH BEAR INTEREST, MATURE, ARE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM OF NOT MORE THAN 3%, TO BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME, AT SUCH PRICE (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS BALLOT ISSUE, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE, AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE IMPOSED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT, OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SAME?

YES/FOR _____ NO/AGAINST _____

Total District Fiscal Year Spending (Does not include Federal Funds)

Fiscal Year	
2025-2026 (estimated)	\$ 3,704,945
2024-2025 (actual)	\$ 2,989,737
2023-2024 (actual)	\$ 2,629,071
2022-2023 (actual)	\$ 2,373,363
2021-2022 (actual)	\$ 2,092,935

Overall percentage change from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026: 77 %
Overall dollar change from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026: \$ 1,612,010

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A: \$240,000

District Estimate of 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Spending Without the Proposed Tax Increase: \$ 3,704,945

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 4A:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds: Not to exceed \$2,700,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost: Not to exceed \$240,000
Total District Repayment Cost: Not to exceed \$5,300,000

Information on District's Current Debt

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt: \$0
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost: \$0
Remaining Total Repayment Cost: \$0

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR BALLOT ISSUE 4A:

Address Critical Facility Needs Now, Before Costs Escalate:

The school's roof and the aging gymnasium are in disrepair. Deferring these major repairs will only make them more expensive in the future as construction costs rise and damage worsens. Passing the bond now allows the district to act proactively and save taxpayers money long-term.

Protect Property Values and Community Pride

Strong schools help protect and sustain property values in Aguilar. Investing in safe, modernized facilities shows pride in the community and safeguards what local families have worked hard to build.

Prepare Students for Good-Paying Careers Through CTE

Updated facilities will allow the district to expand and strengthen career and technical education (CTE) programs. This equips students with practical skills—such as construction, healthcare, technology, or business—that lead to stable, well-paying jobs and keep opportunities close to home.

Create Safe, Functional Learning Environments

A roof that leaks and facilities that are outdated directly disrupt learning and create unsafe conditions. The bond ensures students have a secure, healthy, and functional school environment so teachers can focus on instruction, not maintenance issues.

Invest in the Future of Aguilar

Every dollar invested in schools is an investment in the community's future. By modernizing facilities now, Aguilar strengthens its tradition of supporting local families and ensuring students have the best chance to succeed.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST BALLOT ISSUE 4A:

Increased Property Taxes

Bonds are typically repaid through increases in property taxes, which can place a financial strain on homeowners and landlords (and potentially renters via passed-on costs).

Long-Term Debt

School bonds are usually repaid over decades (20-30 years), committing the community to long-term debt, even after current students have graduated.

Potential Decrease in Housing Affordability

Rising property taxes and better facilities can discourage new homebuyers.

Negative Perception in Divided Communities

If there's strong opposition, the bond may divide the community politically or socially.

ATTEST: THE FOREGOING BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE IS COMPLETE AS SUBMITTED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

Karrie L. Apple



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OFFICIAL ELECTION MATERIAL

FOR ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS HOUSEHOLD:

THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE
ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE
TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED.

POSTMASTER, DELIVER TO

NOTICE OF ELECTION

**TO INCREASE TAXES
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

**TO BE COUNTED
MAIL-IN BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY
7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 BY MAIL OR AT A
BALLOT DROP OFF SITE**

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