



★ **VOTE November 5, 2024** ★
Ballot mailing starts October 11
In-Person Voting in Fairplay Starts Oct. 21
Ballot drop boxes: Bailey Motor Vehicle, Bailey
Library, Fairplay County Bldg.
Poling Locations Nov. 5th 7AM-7PM
**Fairplay County Bldg., Bailey Library, Shawnee
Community Center**
Drop Box Nov. 5th 5 PM – 7 PM only:
Guffey Community Center
<https://www.parkcountycolorado.gov/273/Elections>

Dear Park County Voter,

It has been an honor to serve you these past 3 years, 10 months as your District 1 County Commissioner. My ongoing goal to protect your quality of life and independent mountain lifestyle motivates me to run for re-election. I have developed great relationships throughout the State over the last 3+ years and gained experience that allows me to effectively serve you for a final four years. I have accomplished some goals and have more work to do on your behalf. I ask for your vote on November 5, 2024.

County Road Maintenance

I will continue to work diligently to find new funding sources for road maintenance. Our rural environment, 2,200 square miles of mountain terrain with 1,600 miles of roads to maintain is a huge task. We need \$18,840,000, (per public works calculation for labor, fuel and equipment maintenance) to fund grading our gravel roads once per year. The State-Provided Highway User Tax Fund (HUTF), the ONLY road maintenance funding we may use will be \$6,169,675 in 2025, hence the low frequency of maintenance. If we are to receive additional revenue for roads it must be in the form of grants which may require County matching funds or a voter-approved new tax. I am looking at some creative funding options that may require State legislation. I oppose a new sales or property tax for roads.

Road Grant Success. In 2023 I received a \$850,000.00 grant for the reclamation and rebuilding of county roads 90, 92 and 59 which historically required a large percentage of the county's annual road maintenance budget due to the heavy traffic volume of 350,000 – 400,000 people per year accessing Eleven Mile and Spinney State Parks. The roads are currently being reclaimed to stabilized gravel and are much safer than the old distressed hard surface. The disproportionate funds spent annually on these roads can now be diverted to the maintenance of other county roads.

Highway 285. I will work closely with the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT), Transportation Planning Region board, which oversees Park County's project needs and the 10-year regional maintenance plan for state roads running through Park County. I was successful in 2020 working with the Bailey community's SAFE 285 group to preserve the traffic light at CR43A and US 285 and will continue to represent you.

Law Enforcement. The only input a commissioner has over another elected official's department is budget allocation. The Sheriff's Office is funded with 62% of our property tax revenue, which is all we can provide without cutting other services. After approving the annual budget, the Sheriff is responsible for running the department according to the adopted budget.

Bailey Planning. Bailey, an unincorporated town in Park County, and the Platte Canyon Chamber of Commerce are looking for ways to entice tourists to stop and patronize the businesses providing economic stability to the region. I applied for a 2024 planning grant to augment the replacement of the CR64/285 bridge. Planning for Bailey's main street to enhance pedestrian access, to delineate parking and to review the feasibility of a river walk to connect CR64 to the Trestle bridge and the additional businesses was the goal. The grant request was sent to the Transportation, Housing, Urban Development committee by both United States Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet, unfortunately it did not pass through the committee. I will resubmit another grant request in 2025 and continue lobbying to help Bailey plan for their envisioned future.

Ranching, Farming and Wolf-Arrival planning grant support. I participate on the Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) Agriculture steering Committee to garner information on how I can support our agriculture community. In 2024, I provided The Central Colorado Cattleman's Association with a \$20,000 grant opportunity from Colorado Department of Agriculture for State-required non-lethal livestock protection. Our ranching community will have funds available to plan for the inevitable arrival of wolves. Ranching and agriculture operations are important businesses within Park County and provides jobs, maintains undeveloped open lands which preserve our viewsheds and is used by wildlife as habitat and migration corridors.

Public Lands: Wildland Fire Mitigation - Central Colorado Forest Collaborative (CCFC) Advisory Council Member Since July 2023. I participate on the Public Lands Steering Committee for CCI to learn how I can serve Park County residents living in a county that is 61% public lands. I additionally serve on the CCFC to help with planning and

execution of wildland fire mitigation. On July 26, 2023, members of the Pike U.S. National Forest (USFS) Leadership, the Pike District Rangers, the National Forest Foundation, Colorado State University, Denver Water, Colorado Springs Utilities, District Fire Chiefs and Colorado State Forest Service came together to discuss shared-stewardship planning efforts to form a comprehensive wildfire mitigation strategy throughout the Pike National Forest. The ongoing work using the USFS Land-Tender software program designed to map shared-stewardship planning, will lead to a comprehensive wildfire mitigation strategy throughout the Pike National Forest and surrounding private property. My goal is that the plan will identify private property where mitigation efforts will provide added neighborhood and home wildland fire resilience and then work with willing landowners to gain funding for the effort.

Serving Residents Who Are Aging-In-Place. I have served on the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG), Commission on Aging (COA) since July 2021 and currently serve as Vice Chair. As a result, Park County libraries are installing tele-health areas so anyone needing a remote doctor visit can access a computer, video and technical assistance at our libraries. This will eliminate a drive to the doctor's office and the technical challenges of video conferencing.

Leadership. As Board of County Commissioner Chair since January 2022 I have provided respectful leadership and ensured all voices are heard. I arrive at each meeting prepared and ready to serve your interests.

I Am YOUR Public Servant; I Work for YOU! No matter what Commissioner district you live in, I strive to answer every email, phone call and text message to help you solve whatever challenge you face within the County. If I missed any of your messages it was due to a high volume of communications, and I apologize. I consider myself your County Ombudsman, the go-to person to find a solution. I have helped many people over the last 3+ years, working to solve the problem you face. If you need help, please contact me.

Beliefs and Commitments – My Foundation for Decision-Making

I swore and oath to uphold the Colorado and United States Constitutions which are the foundation for making governing decisions. Our founding documents absolutely apply at the County level. Government according to our founding fathers, has limited responsibilities which focus on public safety, infrastructure, and provide a regulatory structure that respects the rights of the residents living in the County. All rights not delegated to the federal government or to the states belong to We The People. I also believe in fiscal responsibility; County government should focus on making government function within its financial means.

I SUPPORT:

- ★ **Our Constitutional Republic form of Government** where representatives elected by the people, execute their duties under the constraints of a prevailing constitution that specifies the powers and limits of government.
- ★ **No new County taxes.** Government must respect you and your money. You exchange a part of your life for the dollars you earn and when the government asks for a tax increase, they are asking for an additional part of your life. I believe you can spend your money more efficiently than the government.
- ★ **TABOR**, Taxpayers Bill of Rights – caps tax growth plus preserves the residents' right to vote on a tax increase. If I am convinced of a compelling need for revenue that cannot be solved any other way, I will support a ballot question and YOU the voter will decide to fund or not to fund.
- ★ **Fiscal responsibility** - frugal county administration focusing on the limited function of Government.
- ★ **Private property rights** and the reduction of heavy-handed regulations. A simple county regulatory structure which promotes liberty, quality of life and respectful behavior toward our neighbors.
- ★ **Our Second Amendment** to the United States Constitution, our right to bear arms is absolute with no exceptions.

I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER

- ★ As Commissioner, I work for you, the residents of Park County.
- ★ You choose to live in Park County because you value our rugged mountain lifestyle, self-determination and freedom.
- ★ When a difficult decision is required, I will side with the people and liberty.
- ★ I pledge to devote my knowledge, skills, ability and work ethic to continue to serve you as your Commissioner for District 1. I will represent all corners of Park County and understand the unique challenges throughout the County. I will fight for limited government to protect your quality of life, and always remember, I work for you, the residents of Park County.

I am asking for your vote in the November 5 general election. Ballots will be mailed starting October 11.

Sincerely,

Amy Mitchell

Paid for by Amy Mitchell for Commissioner

AmyMitchellforCommissioner.com

Amy@AmyMitchellForCommissioner.com * P.O. Box 484, Lake George, CO 80827 * 719-321-8291