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## SIXTH-PENNY SALES TAX ELECTION 13 PROPOSITIONS PASS

By Jasmine Hall and Will Carpenter  
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CHEYENNE – All but one of the propositions for projects across Laramie County passed in Tuesday’s sixth-penny sales tax election. The only proposition that did not pass was to give \$2 million to the city of Cheyenne for the construction of a gymnasium and gymnastics facility. Proposition 11 failed to pass with only 49.56% of the votes, which was a difference of less than 20 votes.

In total, The ballot was worth \$130 million and featured 14 propositions. Throughout the propositions, there were more than 60 projects dedicated to public safety, roads, infrastructure and community enhancement for residents to weigh in on with their vote.

“I’m grateful that the voters turned out and made an investment in their community,” said Laramie County Commissioner Gunnar Malm. He said he has considered it a success over the past 30 years, because it has always allowed the voters to decide directly where their tax dollars should go. And this year, nearly \$128 million will go towards the projects of their choice.

The first three propositions passed and focused on public safety for the county. Three new fire stations will go to the city of Cheyenne, with the passing of Proposition 1 by 73.28%. Proposition 2 passed with 65.89% of the vote,



Wayne Wheeler, foreground, and Gwynne James casts their votes Tuesday at the David R. Romero Park vote center in south Cheyenne. Laramie County voters considered 14 sixth-penny sales tax propositions on the ballot, totaling near \$140 million. Rhianna Gelhart/Wyoming Tribune Eagle

and Proposition 3 passed with 72.69% of the vote. Those will fund needs such as equipment for the Sheriff’s department, a new emergency alert system and dispatch software upgrades.

Roads were the next investment possibility on the ballot for voters, with Propositions 4 and 5 totaling more than \$25 million for road maintenance and reconstruction. Proposition 4 passed with 57.74% of

the vote, which will go towards five roads in the county. Proposition 5 also passed and is for general city road maintenance projects.

Propositions 6 and 7 were completely dedicated to infrastructure throughout Cheyenne, Burns, Albin and Pine Bluffs. The funds included were meant to go toward maintenance and repairs for buildings, irrigation systems, water and sewage stations and more.

Proposition 6 passed with 60.92% of the vote, and Proposition 7 by 59.84%

“A lot of the infrastructure projects in our small communities are vital to being able to provide the level of service that is necessary to not only protect the public,” Malm said, “but to allow communities to even exist in some parts of our county.”

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## State Bar brings second charge against Manlove

By Hannah Black  
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CHEYENNE – The Wyoming State Bar in mid-October filed a second formal charge against Laramie County District Attorney Leigh Anne Manlove, claiming that false statements and excuses about her office not being able to access crime lab results have impeded the administration of justice in the county.



Manlove

The formal charge, filed Oct. 18 by Special Bar Counsel W. W. Reeves with the Bar’s Board of Professional Responsibility, is the second by the Bar against Manlove. The first charge was filed in June. The more recent charge alleges that false claims by Manlove about an inability to access DNA evidence prevented justice from being carried out in two specific instances.

In the case of Rodney Law, a man charged with several violent felonies and with four prior felony convictions, the Bar charge says Manlove missed a deadline to produce evidence, including DNA analysis from the Wyoming State Crime Lab that was “readily available” to her office through BEAST, a database used to store the results of law enforcement investigations.

The case could not proceed without this evidence and was dismissed with prejudice – meaning the same charges cannot be refiled against Law – by a Laramie County District Court judge.

During a June 6, 2019, hearing, in which Manlove admitted to missing the deadline to produce the evidence, she said she had no control over the production of evidence and blamed the Cheyenne Police Department for failing to provide her with the results, the charge says. She also called the discovery system “horrible” and said it doesn’t work, which Reeves writes is “in keeping with her penchant for blaming others for her incompetence.”

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## U.S. gives final clearance to COVID shots for kids 5 to 11



By Lauren Neergaard and Mike Stobbe  
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U.S. health officials on Tuesday gave the final sign-off to Pfizer’s kid-size COVID-19 shot, a milestone that opens a major expansion of the nation’s vaccination campaign to children as young as 5.

The Food and Drug Administration already authorized the shots for children ages 5 to 11 —

doses just a third of the amount given to teens and adults. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention formally recommends who should receive FDA-cleared vaccines.

The announcement by CDC director Dr. Rochelle Walensky came only hours after an advisory panel unanimously decided Pfizer’s shots should be opened to the 28 million youngsters in that age group.

The decision marks the

first opportunity for Americans under 12 to get the powerful protection of any COVID-19 vaccine.

“As a mom, I encourage parents with questions to talk to their pediatrician, school nurse or local pharmacist to learn more about the vaccine and the importance of getting their children vaccinated,” Walensky said Tuesday night, in a statement.

In remarks earlier in the day, she said while the risk of

severe disease and death is lower in young children than adults, it is real — and that COVID-19 has had a profound social, mental health and educational impact on youngsters, including widening disparities in learning.

“There are children in the second grade who have never experienced a normal school year,” Walensky said. “Pediatric vaccination has the power to help us change all of that.”

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This October 2021, photo provided by Pfizer shows kid-size doses of its COVID-19 vaccine in Puurs, Belgium. Pfizer via Associated Press

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