

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Whereas this petition has been reviewed by the Jefferson County Attorney and the Clerk and Recorder for assurance that it complies with current law and would transfer the Clancy area library books, computers, and other fixed assets to the new library district; however, transfer of the operating cash and reserve cash for the library staff and operating budget will require a positive vote of the current public library trustees;

Therefore, we, the undersigned 15% of qualified electors residing in Jefferson County North of the Boulder Hill, petition our Jefferson County Commissioners to call for an election on the questions of (1) whether to create a North End Jefferson County Public Library District in accordance with 22-1-702, MCA, and (2) whether to change the library district maximum property tax mill levy under 22-1-709, MCA. More detail on both questions is provided in a, b, and c below. The election on both questions is to be held in conjunction with the June 8, 2010 primary election. The new North End Jefferson County Public Library District would:

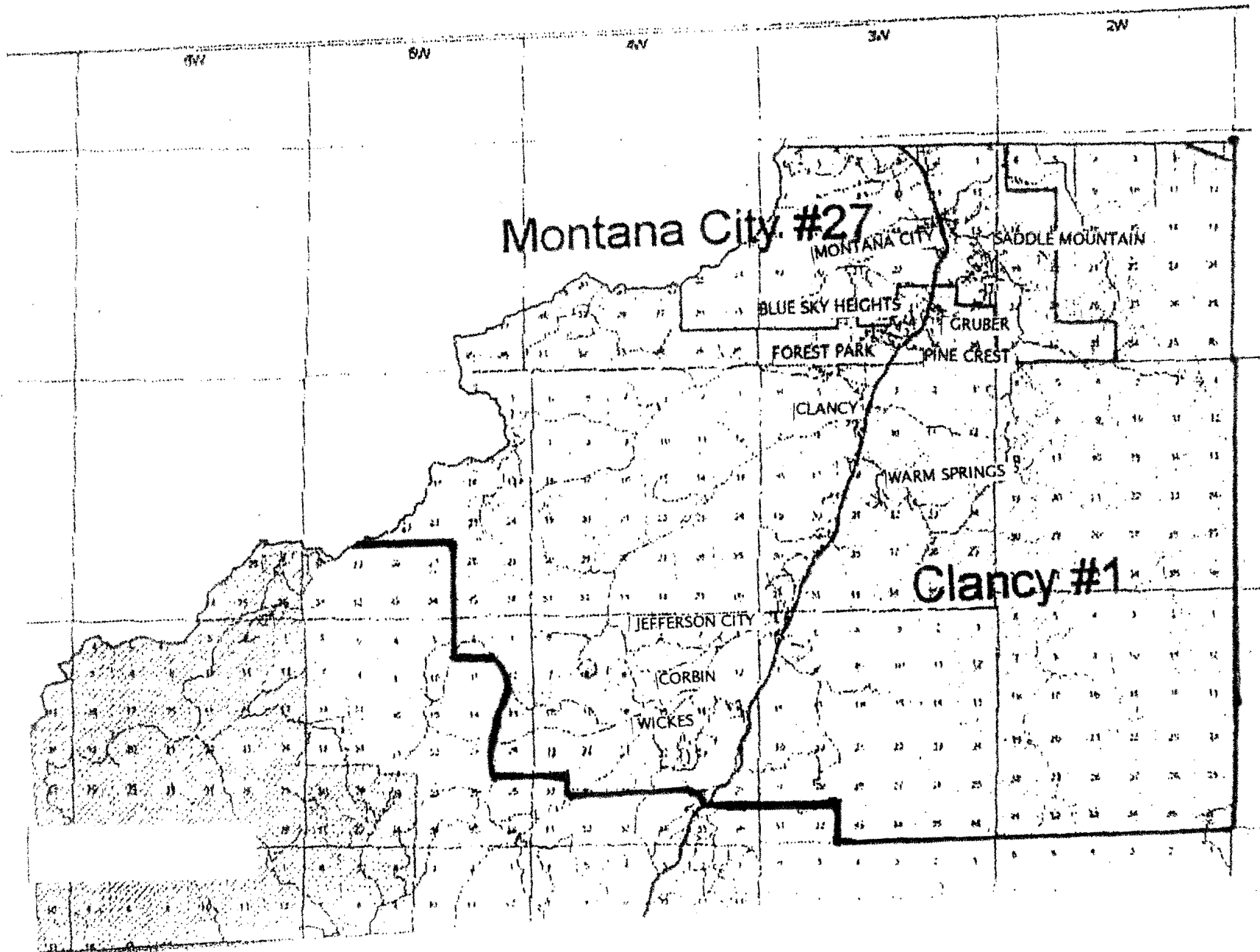
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(c) Be directed by a five-member Board of Trustees, who would serve without pay, and be comprised of at least one member from Montana City, one from Clancy and one from Jefferson City.”

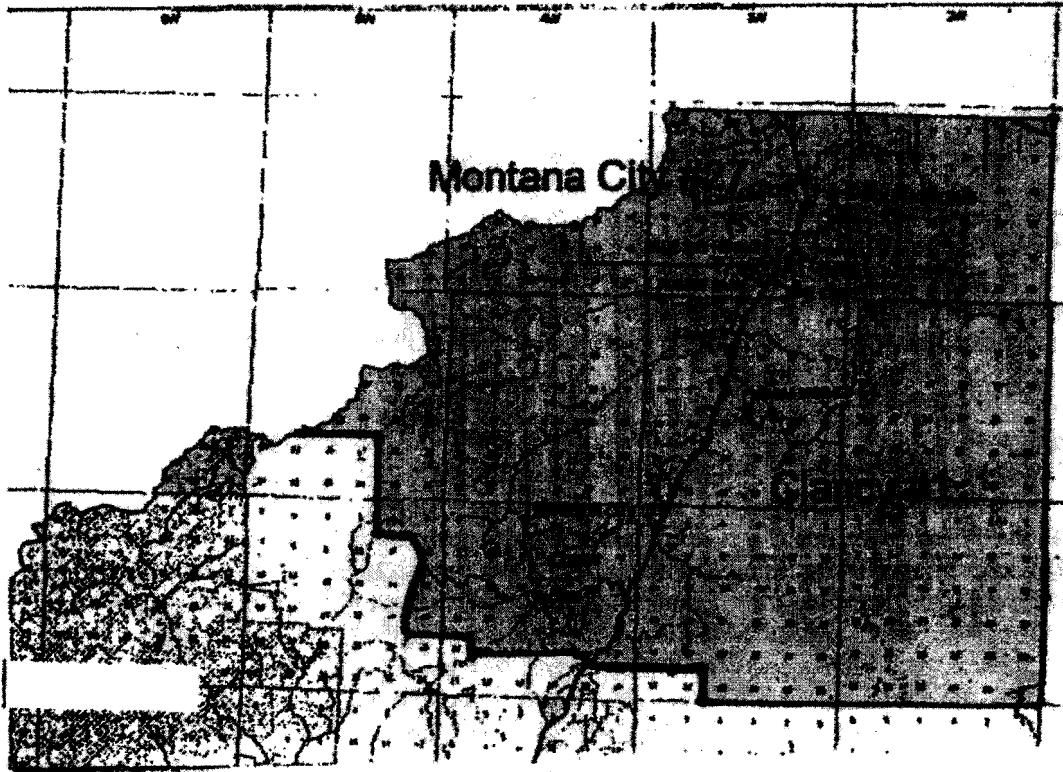
# Jefferson County Elementary School Districts



**LEGAL NOTICES**

Montana law requires that the residents of this area be notified of certain legal proceedings. Individuals, as well as groups, may have a personal interest in the only public notice to keep well informed; readers should check carefully the notices which appear under this heading.

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Attorney for Personal Representative

**MONTANA FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE**

**NO. DP-10-06, N**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Personal Representative of the above named decedent is required to file a true and correct inventory of the decedent's assets and liabilities against the date of the first publication barred.

Claims must be mailed to GLENN J. SHAPIRO, c/o STEVEN J. SHAPIRO, P.C., Attorney at Law, 9 Friendship Lane, Suite 100, Montana City, MT 59634, or filed with the District Court, P.O. Box H, Boulder, MT 59017, on or before the date DATED March 22, 2010.  
STEVEN J. SHAPIRO, Attorney for Personal Representative

Legal 10-032  
Published in the Boulder Monitor on March 31 and April 7, 2010

More public information on pages 93-94

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by Tara Mastel, Jefferson Local Development Corp., 406-287-3282.

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*Linking neighbors  
to forge a strong community  
in the shadow of the Elkhorns*

# Jefferson County COUNTRY

JEFFERSON COUNTY'S AWARD WINNING WEEKLY

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Wednesday, March 24, 2010

50 Cents

## Area citizens ask for library vote

by Cristina Ronayne, reporter

A group of citizens of North Jefferson County have petitioned the Jefferson County Commission, requesting an election on incorporating the Clancy Public Library into a North End Jefferson County Public Library District that would be comprised of Clancy Elementary School District #1 and Montana City Elementary School District #27 in their entirety.

Petition backers say the change is needed to continue to provide and improve library services to the entire north end of the county without increasing mills or costs.

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners will be holding a public hearing to accept testimony on the matter April 6, 2010. For more details see Legal Notice 10-034 on page 9 of this issue.

## Field of county candidates expands as filing closes

by Jan Anderson, editor

Voters will have several choices to make in this year's election

Flames burn toward trees in the surrounding forest Saturday. Montana City volunteer firefighters managed to control the fire before it got into the trees. (Photos courtesy MDVFD)

## Spring arrives and wildfire season hits ground running

from Montana City VFD  
Saturday morning spring ar-

# SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT - DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, MT  
June 3, 2010

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT - REPUBLICAN PARTY  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, MT  
June 6, 2010

Jefferson County	State of Montana	Jefferson County	State of Montana	Jefferson County	State of Montana	Jefferson County	State of Montana
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS		INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS		INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS		INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS	
<p>TO VOTE, BLACKEN (●) THE OVAL COMPLETELY. An oval blackened completely to the left of the candidate's name indicates a vote for that candidate or a vote on the ballot issue.</p> <p>To write in a name, blacken the oval to the left of the line provided, and write in the name (or initials) in the space provided. Do not check the box (or boxes) for the write-in candidate(s) for whom you wish to vote. DO NOT CROSS OUT. If you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.</p> <p>VOTE IN ALL COLUMNS</p> <p>FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>TYLER GERHART <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>MELINDA GOPHER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>DENNIS McDONALD <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>SAM FRANK <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 29 (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>JILL CONENOUR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 77 (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>SHEILA HOGAN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FOR PRECINCT 4 COMMITTEEMAN (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>SETH PALLISTER <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>FOR PRECINCT # COMMITTEEWOMAN (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>CELIA SCHACHZENSKI <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>DEBRA L. HANNEMAN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>TERRY LYNN MIKOW <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>KAREN DONG <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>TERRY LYNN MIKOW <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>NELS SWANDAL <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>BETH BAKER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>MIKE WHEAT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>JILL CONENOUR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 77 (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER/ASSESSOR/SURVEYOR (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>SONNIE RAMEY <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>FOR SHERIFF/CORNER (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>CRAIG DOOLITTLE <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>KEVIN BRUNET <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR (NOTE FOR ONE)</p> <p>MATT JOHNSON <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>DEBORAH F. 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An additional five (5) mills is further requested for 2010 and every tax year thereafter in perpetuity, to generate an additional approximate amount of \$99,159 per year for the year by the proposed district as follows:</p> <p>(a) Upgrade Clergy Library facilities, and</p> <p>(b) General operations and maintenance, and</p> <p>(c) Capital outlay for library books, computers and supplies.</p> <p>The tax impact of the District and the additional five (5) mills on a residence with a market value of \$100,000 would be approximately \$0.90; on a residence with a market value of \$200,000, the tax impact would be approximately \$18.00.</p> <p>FOR authorizing the creation of the North Jefferson County Library District that may not levy more than the maximum mills authorized by statute along with the additional five mills requested for the operation of the district. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>AGAINST authorizing the creation of the North Jefferson County Library District. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>City of Bowler Ballot Issue</p> <p>The proposed ballot measure to levy 25 special mills to support the operations of public safety would increase tax liability in fiscal year 2010-2011, and for a duration of four years thereafter to generate \$20,500.00 per year. The revenue will be used to upgrade fire station care and training for the public. The tax impact of 25 special mills on a residence with a taxable value of \$100,000.00 would be approximately \$73.25 per year. The tax impact of 25 special mills on a residence with a taxable value of \$200,000.00 would be approximately \$146.50 per year.</p> <p>FOR authorizing the City of Bowler to levy 25 special mills to support the operations of public safety for a duration of five years. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>AGAINST authorizing the City of Bowler to levy 25 special mills to support the operations of public safety for a duration of five years. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN</p>
END OF VOTING		END OF VOTING		END OF VOTING		END OF VOTING	

No. End District

DETERMINATION OF TAX REVENUE AND MILL LEVY LIMITATIONS UNDER SECTION 15-10-420, MCA

2220 FUND

FYE JUNE 30, 2010

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

NUMBERS APPEARING IN GREEN ARE ADDITIONS

NUMBERS APPEARING IN RED ARE SUBTRACTIONS

The form has the formulas which are contained in	SALMON SHADED CELLS
Enter amounts in	YELLOW SHADED CELLS

The tax revenue and mill levy limitations will be computed automatically.

NOTE: WHEN ENTERING A NUMBER TO BE SUBTRACTED ENTER AS A NEGATIVE NUMBER  
WHERE FORMULAS EXIST, NO ENTRY IS NECESSARY

EXPLANATION  
REFERENCE

MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAXES AUTHORIZED: (Note that appropriate statutes are referenced)

Ad valorem tax revenue authorized to be assessed prior year	103,479	(1)
Add: FISCAL YEAR 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTMENT @ 1.112% (Section 15-10-420(1a)(1c), MCA)	1,151	(2)
Less: Property taxes authorized to be assessed in the prior year for Class 1 and 2 property (net and gross proceeds, county only) (Section 15-10-420(8), MCA (enter as negative number))	(19,530)	(3)
Adjusted ad valorem tax revenue assessed	85,100	(4)
<u>CURRENT YEAR LEVY COMPUTATION:</u>		
Taxable value per mill	13,228	(5)
Less per mill incremental value of tax increment financing district (TIF) (enter as negative)		(5a)
Adjusted taxable value (adjusted for removal of TIF per mill incremental district value)	13,228	(5b)
Less: Newly taxable property per mill value, (enter as negative)	(509)	(5c)
Taxable value per mill of net and gross proceeds (county only) (enter as negative)	(2,409)	(5d)
Adjusted Taxable value per mill	10,310	(6)
Authorized mill levy under Section 15-10-420, MCA (Includes floating mills)	8.25	(7)
Adjusted taxable value per mill	10,310	(8)
Add: Newly taxable property per mill value	509	
Taxable value per mill of net and gross proceeds (county only)	2,409	(5c and d)
Taxable value per mill (including newly taxable property but excluding TIF per mill incremental value)	13,228	(5b)
Authorized mill levy under Section 15-10-420, MCA (includes floating mills)	8.25	(7)
Current property tax revenue authorized limitation	109,185	(8)
<u>RECAPITULATION:</u>		
Previous year adjusted property tax revenue assessed (5)	85,100	(4)
Amount attributable to newly taxable property and net/gross proceeds	24,085	(9)
Current property tax revenue authorized limitation	109,185	(10)



## Certificate of Election

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

STATE OF MONTANA

### GREETINGS:

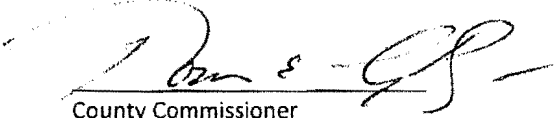
We, Board of County Commissioners, Jefferson County, do hereby certify that at a Primary Election held in said county, on the 8th day of June, 2010, the electors of said proposed district voted to form the North Jefferson County Public Library District. The votes cast for and against, as certified by the Board of County Canvassers, are enumerated as follows:

978 VOTES FOR the Creation of the North Jefferson County Public Library District


503 VOTES AGAINST the Creation of the North Jefferson County Public Library District

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand and official seal this 22 day  
of June, 2010.

[SEAL]

  
County Commissioner

  
County Commissioner

  
County Commissioner

## Caban, Donna

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**From:** Montana Listserv <WIRED-MT-L@OCLC.ORG> on behalf of Clancy Library  
<clancylibrary@GMAIL.COM>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2010 3:30 PM  
**To:** WIRED-MT-L@OCLC.ORG  
**Subject:** North JeffCo District Update

Hello Montana Library Lovers,

My name is Carly Delsigne, and I am now the director of the Clancy Library, North Jefferson County Public Library District. Please allow me to give you an update on our situation. If you have any more questions, please contact me off list.

Jefferson County now has two library systems. The libraries of Boulder and Whitehall will have an estimated annual revenue of \$192,113.14 based on current mill value projections and have about \$363,611.94 in cash (unspent, county-wide tax revenue) to serve the estimated 6,110 residents of the south end of our county.

The new district will have an estimated annual revenue of \$175,271.00 to serve the estimated 5,272 residents of the north end. Fortunately, the County Attorney went to bat for us by making it clear that the physical assets (books, shelves, computers, etc.) and the donations to our library (\$1,147.50) would remain with our library. Unfortunately, we will have to borrow about \$50,000.00 for operating costs.

The people of north Jefferson County are not out to harm anyone. All they want are library services that best meet the needs of their community. Please bear with me while I try to explain some of the factors that led to their decision.

The residents of the north end paid taxes to support the Jefferson County Library System for 31 years before this half of the county received tax monies to support its own library. However, funding still remained lopsided. One of my patron's letters to the editor explained the situation best: "Last year for every \$5 each north end resident paid in, they received \$2 in services and for every \$5 the south end paid, Boulder and Whitehall received \$8 in services."

Forming a new district was attractive for more than just basic need and financial reasons. The district offered north Jefferson County taxpayers the opportunity to address some significant public safety concerns, to establish good working relationships with various parts of the community that could cost-effectively come together to improve services, and to have a board that would be committed to their needs and interests.

Though made up of subdivisions and census-designated places, there is a remarkably kind and generous community here in the north end. I am awed by the extraordinary passion, courage, and hard work of my patrons on behalf of their library. They spent their evenings attending library meetings, took pains to educate themselves, and spoke out for what they thought was right. At the suggestion of the former library board, they laid the ground work for a district that passed with a nearly 2 to 1 margin.

To me, nothing says true love like spending one's free time reading library law, grappling with county budget/balance sheets, and standing up for one's community. If such love and devotion does not mark a people as deserving of equitable and excellent library services, what does?

Your support and well wishes for both our systems have meant a great deal. I am grateful to be a member of the Montana Library community.



Thanks for listening,

Carly

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Carly Delsigne

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## Caban, Donna

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**From:** Cooper, Bob  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 17, 2010 12:34 PM  
**To:** Churchill, Carol; Adams, Ken; McHugh, Sarah  
**Cc:** Bruhn, Anastasia; Staffeldt, Darlene; Schmitz, Kris; Reymer, Suzanne; Cook, Tracy; McMullen, Lauren; Jackson, Sue; Caban, Donna  
**Subject:** North Jefferson County Public Library District (Clancy) update

Please be aware that the creation of this new district library becomes effective July 1. A new library board will be appointed effective that date. This means that we now have 81 (main) public libraries in Montana instead of the 80 we have officially recognized for a number of years. Kris, Darlene and I will follow-up with how this impacts State Aid and Federation funding for FY 11 for Jefferson County and Broad Valleys. Carly Delsigne, Clancy Librarian, and Holly Harper, Jefferson County Library Board (JCLB) Chair, have informed me this morning that an agreement has been reached between the JCLB (which will continue to oversee the Boulder and Whitehall libraries) and the current leadership group for the new district (these are the folks responsible for the formation of the district and from whose ranks the new district board is likely to be appointed). The JCLB will pay the following annual bills which are received from now through December 31, 2010 for all three libraries:

Montana Shared Catalog  
OCLC  
HeritageQwest  
MontanaLibrary2Go.

Apparently, it is the intent to not have the creation of this new district complicate the lives of other libraries any more than necessary in the short term. Thus, wherever feasible and legal, the existing cost sharing formulas already in place for the coming year should be applied to the Jefferson County libraries as they would have if Clancy was still a branch of the Jefferson County System. We will thus in most instances have a year to make the billing/cost formula changes that will be needed to deal effectively with this new district. This gives us the immediate opportunity to move ahead with MSC billing as originally invoiced. Carol, you may run the check you are holding through to pay JeffCo's original MSC invoice. Ken, we can abandon for now the new invoice issue you were pursuing. Sarah will have to figure out what this means for OCLC (the JCLB is in a hurry to get this one paid if possible), Heritage Qwest, and MTLIB2GO. I would like all of you to help me focus on any other impacts the addition of this new district will have on MSL, our various resources and projects, and other work we do for and with libraries. Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks. Bob

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