

What Does My Local Government Do? – ANSWER KEY

Grade Level: 6-8

Estimated Time: 45 minutes

Virtual Tour Building: Gilpin County Courthouse, 1899

Directions: Go to the [CSU AVL Website](#) and click on Central City Buildings page. Then, click on the “Gilpin County Courthouse, 1899”, and walk around the building to explore the offices below. The answers to the questions can be found by clicking on the colorful dots, called Mattertags, found around the building. Have fun on your tour!

Find the Department of Motor Vehicles

Name one reason you would go to the Department of Motor Vehicles: to get a driver's licenses, car registrations and titles, or license plates.

Find the County Assessor Office

What would a County Assessor do to your house? Assign the value of your house

Find the Clerk and Recorder Office

What does the County Clerk and Recorder do for the city? They keep the records of all government transactions. They also keep public records such as marriage licenses and deeds, and issue public permits.

Find the old bank vault. What is kept inside this vault? Books of historical documents, property deeds, marriage licenses, birth certificates

Find the Treasurer's Office

Fill-in-the-Blank: The treasurer is the bank of the county.

Find the Community Development Office

What does the Community Development Office do for the city? The Community Development Office deals with mainly planning, zoning, and sanitation. They deal with code enforcement, building permits, septic and sewer, and mapping and planning the county.

Find the County Attorney's Office

What is a County Attorney? A lawyer

Name one duty that the County Attorney has: They provide legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners, review county contracts and regulations, and represent the county should they have a lawsuit against them.

What educational career path do students pursue to become a county attorney? A student would go to law school.

Find the County Commissioner's Office

Name one reason why a citizen would go to a County Commissioner's meeting: to present an issue in their community or to just keep up on county news

Find the Deputy Clerk's Office

Why do you think the Deputy Clerk's job is important? The Deputy Clerk for the Commissioners Board is responsible for the finances of the County Commissioners. They oversee budget preparations and presentations to the Board, and also take corrective actions if there is a problem.

Find the County Manager's Office

What does the County Manager do? The County Manager is responsible for administering, directing, and coordinating the activities of Gilpin County.

Whose direction does the County Manager have to follow? The Board of County Commissioners

BONUS QUESTION: Groot got lost in the Gilpin County Courthouse! Can you help find him?



Groot is in the Treasurer's Office