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BENZIE COUNTY PROPOSAL

COMMISSION ON AGING MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROPOSAL

For the sole purpose of continuing to provide funds for services to support older citizens sixty (60) years of age and older residing in Benzie County through Benzie County Commission on Aging Senior Services Programs, at the same millage level approved by the voters in 2017, shall the previously voted increase on the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Benzie County, Michigan be renewed and continued at 0.8448 of one (1) mill, and shall the previously authorized reduced millage of .0052 of one (1) mill be restored, for a return to the previously voted total limitation increase of 0.8500 mill (\$0.85 per \$1,000.00 taxable value), and be levied for a period of five (5) years (2020-2024), inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,157,443.48 for services to older citizens sixty (60) years of age and older in Benzie County in the first calendar year of the levy based upon taxable value. In accordance with State law, a small portion of the millage may be captured by the City of Frankfort Downtown Development Authority and the Benzie County Brownfield Authority.

JAIL OPERATIONS MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROPOSAL

For the sole purpose of continuing to provide funds for Benzie County Jail Operations at the same millage level approved by the voters in 2009 and 2015, shall the previously voted increase on the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Benzie County, Michigan be renewed and continued at 0.8828 of one (1) mill, and shall the previously authorized reduced millage of .0172 of one (1) mill be restored, for a return to the previously voted total limitation increase of 0.9000 mill (\$0.90 per \$1,000.00 taxable value), and be levied for a period of three (3) years (2021-2023), inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,225,528.39 to fund County Jail Operations in the first calendar year of the levy based upon taxable value. In accordance with State law, a small portion of the millage may be captured by the City of Frankfort Downtown Development Authority and the Benzie County Brownfield Authority.

CITY OF FRANKFORT PROPOSAL

MILLAGE INCREASE FOR TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Shall the City of Frankfort be authorized to levy an increase of up to 3.38 mills on each dollar (\$3.38 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) of the taxable value of all real and personal property for twenty (20) years (beginning in the summer of 2021 and running through to 2041), to be dedicated to local street reconstruction or repair, and other capital improvement projects for essential services? The millage authorization shall be specifically dedicated to local roadway projects including, but not limited to: East Main Street and M-22/Lake Street water and streetscape projects; 10th Street improvement project; Winnebago, Park Avenue, and Maple Avenue infrastructure and streetscape improvement projects; Pine Lane infrastructure improvement project; and Day Avenue stormwater infrastructure improvement project.

If approved and fully levied, the millage would raise an estimated \$334,695.88 of revenue to the City of Frankfort in the first year that the millage is levied.

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ALMIRA TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will permit the township to renew the Township's 1.5 mills for the general operation and maintenance of the Fire & EMS Department previously approved by the electors and which will expire in December, 2020.

Shall the previously voted tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Almira Township, of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) reduced to 1.4303 mills (\$1.4303 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by required rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 6 (six) years, 2021 through 2026 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the general operation and maintenance of the Almira Township Fire & EMS Department, raising an estimated \$245,000 in the first year the millage is levied?

PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will permit the township to renew the .275 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the maintenance, improvements, operations, and developments at all township recreational facilities previously approved by the electors and which expired in December, 2019.

Shall the expired previously voted tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Almira Township, of .275 mills (\$0.275 per \$1,000 of taxable value) reduced to .2617 mills (\$0.2617 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by required rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted .275 mills (\$0.275 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the maintenance, improvements, operations, and developments at all township recreational facilities, raising an estimated \$45,000 in the first year the millage is levied.

INLAND TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

ROAD MILLAGE

This proposal will permit Inland Township to levy up to 1.0 mill for the purpose of providing funds for improvements, repair and maintenance on roads within the Township.

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6. of the Michigan Constitution in Inland Township, be increased to permit the Township to levy up to 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the limited purpose of providing funds for improvements, repair and maintenance on roads within the Township, and shall the Township be authorized to levy such millage for these purposes for a 10 year period from 2020 through 2029? If this millage renewal is approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$81,043.40 in the first year the millage is levied.

LAKE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the previously established increase in the constitutional limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and personal property in Lake Township be renewed so that the Township Board of Trustees is authorized to levy the amount previously authorized which, as reduced by required millage rollbacks, is currently 0.3559 mills (\$0.3559 per \$1,000 of the taxable value of such property) for a period of 5 years beginning with 2020 and running through the year 2024, inclusive, for the sole purpose of providing fire protection services in the township?

Said millage would generate estimated revenues of \$91,558 in the first year.

The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized millage.

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PLATTE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL .5 MILL

At the same millage level as approved by the voters in 2016.

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation on the general ad valorem taxes within Platte Township be levied as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution be renewed and restored at (one-half) .5 mill (0.50 per \$1,000) of current total taxable value for a total limitation of one-half (1/2) mill, for a period of four (4) years, 2020 – 2023, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$9,995.49 in dedicated funds for the equipment necessary for the fire department in the first calendar year of the levy as based on taxable value.

FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL 1.0 MILL

For the purpose of continuing to provide funds to be used for maintenance and operation of the fire department in Platte Township using the same millage level approved by voters in 2016.

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Platte Township be imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution be renewed at (one) 1 mill be levied, for a total limitation increase of (one) 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of current taxable value) for a period of four (4) years 2020– 2023, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$19,990.68 in dedicated funds for the operation and maintenance necessary for the fire department in the first calendar year of the levy (based on current taxable value).

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BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Benzie County Central Schools, Benzie, Manistee, Grand Traverse and Wexford Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Eight Million Six Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$38,685,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new elementary school; erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to Lake Ann Elementary School and the Middle/High School; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping existing school buildings; erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new bus garage; purchasing school buses; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, playfields, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020 is 2.10 mills (\$2.10 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a 0.5 mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.10 mills (\$2.10 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$0.00. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0.00. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)