

# OFFICIAL LIST OF PROPOSALS

## 08/06/2024 - STATE PRIMARY BENZIE (10)

### **BENZIE COUNTY PROPOSAL**

#### **BENZIE COUNTY 911 OPERATING SURCHARGE REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSAL**

For the sole purpose of continuing funding for operation of 911 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Benzie County, shall Benzie County be authorized to assess to each 911 service user the monthly surcharge of up to \$3.00 in the monthly billings of landline, wireless and VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) service suppliers within the geographic boundaries of Benzie County for a period of five (5) years, effective from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

#### **BENZIE COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MILLAGE 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, shall 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 increased at the rate of one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1000.00 taxable value), and be levied for a period of six (6) years (2025-2030), inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,786,187 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.

#### **BENZIE COUNTY JAIL OPERATIONS MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

For the sole purpose of providing funds for Benzie County Jail Operations, shall 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 increased by up to 1.4000 mills, (\$1.40 per \$1,000.00 taxable value), and be levied for a period of five (5) years (2024-2028), inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$2,414,891 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.

#### **ALTERATION OF DURATION OF FIXED OPERATIONAL MILLAGE**

Shall the indefinite duration of the separate tax limitations for the County of Benzie, Townships and Intermediate School District within the County, as previously established by the voters in 1982, be altered to a two-year time period (2025-2026), or until altered by the voters of Benzie County, with no change to the current rolled-down tax rates?

#### **BENZIE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the Benzie Transportation Authority, County of Benzie, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually an additional new millage in an amount not to exceed 1.0 mill (\$1.00 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within the Benzie Transportation Authority limits (the jurisdictional limits of Benzie County) for a period of five (5) years, 2026 to 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all public transportation authority purposes permitted by law, including all capital and operating expenses and providing transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities? The estimate of the revenue the Benzie Transportation Authority will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Benzie Transportation Authority in the first year (2026) is approximately \$1,707,000.

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**ALMIRA TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL****ALMIRA TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL TO RENEW FIRE AND EMS EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS REPLACEMENT MILLAGE**

*This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to .5 mills for the purpose of replacing equipment and apparatus of the Fire & EMS Department.*

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Almira Township, of .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1000 of taxable value) be renewed at .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2025 through 2028 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for equipment and apparatus replacement for the Almira Township Fire & EMS Department, raising an estimated \$115,000 in the first year the millage is levied.

**ALMIRA TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL TO RENEW & INCREASE PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE**

*This proposal will permit the township to renew & increase the .275 mills for the purpose of providing funds for maintenance, improvements, operations and developments at all township recreational facilities previously approved by the electors and which expired after the December 2023 levy.*

Shall the expired previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Almira Township, of .275 mills (\$.275 per \$1000 of taxable value) reduced to .2653 (\$.2653 per \$1000 of taxable value) by required rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted .275 mills (\$.275 per \$1000 of taxable value) and levied for five (5) years 2024 through 2028 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the maintenance, improvements, operations and developments at all township recreational facilities, raising an estimated \$64,000 in the first year the millage is levied.

**BLAINE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL****Blaine Township Fire/EMS Renewal Proposal**

This proposal will allow the township to renew the Fire/Rescue millage of 1.0 mill when the current millage expires in December 2025.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate of 1.0 mills (\$1.00 on each \$1000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property except those exempted by law in Blaine Township, Benzie County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 4 years, 2026- 2029 inclusive, to provide funds for Fire and EMS purposes? The estimate of the revenue the township will collect in 2026 if the millage is renewed is approximately \$58,845.54.

**COLFAX TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL****COLFAX TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY FIRE SERVICES MILLAGE LEVY PROPOSAL**

This proposal will permit the Township to replace the Township's 1.0 mill for emergency fire services previously approved by the electors and expiring December 2025 (which would not be levied if this proposal is approved) with a new millage of 1.5 mills for five years from 2024 to 2028 inclusive.

Shall the 1.5 mill tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Colfax Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said township by 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of SEV) for the period of 2024 through 2028 inclusive. The purpose of this millage is continuing funding for emergency fire service for the Township, to include creation of a new full time fire chief position.

Shall the Township levy this new millage for such purpose during such period, which will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated \$59,060.91?

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**GILMORE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL****GILMORE TOWNSHIP MILLAGE RENEWAL FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Gilmore Township which was originally authorized at 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.4632 mills (\$1.46 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be renewed at up to the originally authorized rate of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of two (2) years, 2024 through 2026, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds to continue fire protection and first responder services throughout the township? If levied in full, the amount estimated to be raised in the first year of the levy is \$75,153.

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL****Fire Department Operations and Maintenance Millage Proposal**

Shall Homestead Township impose an increase of up to two mills (\$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for four (4) years 2024 through 2027, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funding for all Homestead Township Fire Department purposes, including operations, maintenance and equipment acquisition and replacement, which two-mill increase will raise an estimated \$181,588 in the first year the millage is levied.

**PLATTE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL****PLATTE TOWNSHIP FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL 1 MIL**

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 2024–2027 INCLUSIVE?

IF APPROVED AND LEVIED IN FULL, THIS MILLAGE WILL RAISE AN ESTIMATED \$25514.01 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).

**PLATTE TOWNSHIP FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL .5 MIL**

AT THE SAME MILLAGE LEVEL AS APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2020.

SHALL THE PREVIOUSLY VOTED INCREASE IN THE TAX LIMITATION ON THE GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES WITHIN PLATTE TOWNSHIP BE LEVIED AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE IX, SECTION 6 OF THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION BE RENEWED AND RESTORED AT (ONE HALF) .5 MIL (0.50 PER \$1000.00) OF CURRENT TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE FOR A TOTAL LIMITATION OF ONE HALF (1/2) MILL, FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS, 2024 – 2027, INCLUSIVE?

IF APPROVED AND LEVIED IN FULL, THIS MILLAGE WILL RAISE AN ESTIMATED \$12,757.03 IN DEDICATED FUNDS FOR THE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE FIRST CALENDAR YEAR OF THE LEVY AS BASED ON TAXABLE VALUE.

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BENZIE (10)****WELDON TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL****FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased in Weldon Township in the amount of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), and levied for 5 years, 2026 through 2031 inclusive, solely for fire protection services? If levied in the full amount, it is estimated that said millage would raise approximately \$170,300.00 in the first year it is levied.

**BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS PROPOSAL****BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 1.2543 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Benzie County Central Schools, Benzie, Manistee, Grand Traverse and Wexford Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 19.2543 mills (\$19.2543 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2025 to 2029, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2025 is approximately \$10,613,073 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2024 tax levy)?

**TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSAL****TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Traverse City Area Public Schools, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Benzie Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Million Dollars (\$180,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to and/or remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping existing school facilities; erecting, furnishing, and equipping new school facilities; constructing, equipping, developing, and improving playgrounds and outdoor physical education, athletic, and storage facilities; acquiring, installing, and equipping and re-equipping school facilities for educational technology; purchasing school buses; and acquiring, developing, and improving playgrounds, play fields, athletic fields, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

If this proposal is approved, it is estimated that the debt millage for the new and existing bond authorization shall be 3.10 mills, for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. It is anticipated that the bonds will be issued in series. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2025 is .67 mill (\$0.67 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is .98 mill (\$ 0.98 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(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.)

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## **BETSIE VALLEY DISTRICT LIBRARY PROPOSAL**

Betsie Valley Library Millage Proposal Renewal

Shall the Betsie Valley District Library, Counties of Benzie and Manistee, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually an amount not to exceed .35 mill (\$0.35 for each \$1000 of taxable value), of which .3403 mill is a renewal of the millage rate that expired in 2023 and .0097 mill is new additional millage to restore the millage rate previously authorized, against all taxable property within the Betsie Valley District Library district for a period of five (5) years, 2024 to 2028, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Betsie Valley District Library will collect in the first year of levy (2024) if the millage is approved and levied by the Library is approximately \$83,000.