



**MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
BALLOT PROPOSALS  
AUGUST 4, 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION  
UNOFFICIAL**

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**COUNTY**

**Millage Renewal to Advance the Historical Interests of the County of Muskegon**

Shall the County of Muskegon, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually an amount not to exceed .3221 mill (\$.3221 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), which is a renewal of the previously authorized millage that expires in 2020, against all taxable property within Muskegon County for a period of ten (10) years, 2021 to 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and developing the Muskegon County Museum (which is doing business as the Lakeshore Museum Center) and its properties, including but are not limited to the Hackley and Hume Historic Site, the Depression Era House, the Firebarn Museum and the Heritage Museum? The estimate of the revenue Muskegon County will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year (2021) is approximately \$1,434,000. By law, a portion of the millage may be subject to capture by brownfield redevelopment authorities and those authorities governed by the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, 2018 PA 57, including downtown development authorities and local finance development authorities, in the County of Muskegon.

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**MUSKEGON CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**Street Lighting**

Shall the previously approved voted increase in the tax limitation under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Muskegon Charter Township be renewed at up to .70 mills (\$0.70 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for a period of five (5) years, 2020 through 2024 inclusive, for the purpose of the upgrade and operation of Street Lighting; and if this millage is approved and levied in its entirety, the Township would collect an estimated \$265,000 in the first year of such levy?

**Public Safety (Police & Fire)**

Shall the expired previously approved voted increase in the tax limitation under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Muskegon Charter Township be renewed at 2.75 mills (\$2.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for a period of five (5) years, 2020 through 2024 inclusive, for the purpose of Public Safety (police and fire services); and if this millage is approved and levied in its entirety, the Township would collect an estimated \$1,044,000 in the first year of such levy?

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## **RAVENNA TOWNSHIP**

### **Millage Renewal Proposition 2.0 Mills For Fire Protection Purposes**

Shall the Township of Ravenna renew and continue to levy 1.9760 mills (\$1.9760 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and shall an additional 0.0240 mills (\$0.0240 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be approved and levied to restore previous millage reductions under the "Headlee Amendment" since this millage was last approved, resulting in a 2.0 mill levy (\$2.0 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the years 2020 through 2023, inclusive, so as to continue funding for fire protection purposes, subject to reduction as provided by law on taxable property in the Township?

The purpose of this levy is to provide fire protection within the Township, including the operation and maintenance of the Township fire department. This proposal would authorize an increased limit on ad valorem taxes, as otherwise imposed on the Township by Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution.

It is estimated that a levy of 2.0 mills would provide revenue of \$167,926 in the first calendar year, of which \$2,016 would result from the additional 0.0240 mill. The millage from this levy would be disbursed to the Township of Ravenna.

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## **WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

### **New Additional Millage Proposal**

Shall the voted allocated White River Township millage rate of 1.30 mills (\$1.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value), now reduced to 0.7509 mill (\$0.7509 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required Headlee millage reductions, be increased by 0.2491 mill (\$0.2491 per \$1,000 of taxable value) up to 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to restore a portion of the millage rate lost by the required millage rollbacks, and shall White River Township levy such additional allocated millage of 0.2491 mill (\$0.2491 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for twenty (20) years, 2020 through 2039 inclusive, for general Township operating purposes?

The new additional millage will raise estimated revenues of \$28,878.00 in the first year of the levy.

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## **SCHOOLS**

### **COOPERSVILLE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

#### **Operating Millage Proposal**

This proposal will allow the school district 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 full revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Coopersville Area Public Schools, Ottawa and Muskegon Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2 years, 2020 and 2021, 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 2020 is approximately \$1,672,000?

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## **NORTH MUSKEGON PUBLIC 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 full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in North Muskegon Public Schools, Muskegon County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2021 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2021 is approximately \$600,853 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy)?

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## **RAVENNA PUBLIC 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 and renews millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.477 mills (\$18.477 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Ravenna Public Schools, Muskegon and Ottawa Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2021 to 2025, 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 2021 is approximately \$675,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy)?

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## **LIBRARY**

### **HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

#### **Library Millage Renewal**

Shall the Hackley Public Library, County of Muskegon, State of Michigan, be authorized to levy annually an amount not to exceed 2.4 mills (\$2.40 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), which is a renewal of the previously authorized millage rate that expires in 2020, against all taxable property within the Hackley Public Library district for a period of ten (10) years, 2021 to 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Hackley Public Library will collect in the first year of levy (2021) if the millage is approved and levied by the Library is approximately \$1,440,000.

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## WHITE LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### Library Millage Proposal

Shall the White Lake Community Library, County of Muskegon, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .25 mill (\$.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) annually against all taxable property within the White Lake Community Library district for a period of ten (10) years, 2020 to 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the White Lake Community Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the White Lake Community Library in the first year (2020) is approximately \$126,000. By law, a portion of the millage may be subject to capture by the City of Whitehall Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.