

**MONTCALM COUNTY PROPOSALS
FOR
AUGUST 6, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS**

**Montcalm County
Department of Veteran's Affairs
Renewal Proposal**

Shall the tax rate limitation on all taxable property within the County of Montcalm, Michigan, be renewed and the County be authorized to levy a millage up to the amount of 0.25 of 1 mill (\$0.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for four (4) years, 2025 through 2028, both inclusive, to equip and operate the County Department of Veterans Affairs to provide support and assistance services to Veterans, raising an estimated revenue of \$587,042.20 in the first year the millage is levied?

To the extent the law requires, a small portion of the Veterans millage can be captured and retained by the Village of Howard City Downtown Development Authority, the Village of Edmore Downtown Development Authority, the Village of Lakeview Downtown Development Authority, the Crystal Township Downtown Development Authority, the City of Greenville Downtown Development Authority, and the City of Stanton Downtown Development Authority.

**Montcalm County
Millage Renewal Proposition for Ambulance and
Medical First Response Services**

This millage will allow the County of Montcalm, Michigan to continue to levy the previous voted increase in the constitutional tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes of 0.7500 mill to provide funds for the acquisition, maintenance and operation of ambulance and medical first response services and equipment. Shall the constitutional tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Montcalm, Michigan be increased by 0.7500 mill (\$0.75 per \$1,000) on the taxable value of such property, subject to reduction as provided by law, for a period of four (4) years, 2025 through 2028, both inclusive, to provide funds for the acquisition, maintenance and operation of ambulance and medical first response services and equipment within the County of Montcalm, Michigan. This renewal is estimated to provide revenues of approximately \$1,761,842.81 (minus Headlee override) in 2025 and includes a renewal of previously authorized millage in the amount of 0.7500 mill (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

To the extent required by law, a portion of this millage may be captured by and retained by the Village of Edmore Downtown Development Authority, the Village of Lakeview Downtown Development Authority, the Village of Howard City Downtown Development Authority, City of Greenville Downtown Development Authority, the City of Stanton Downtown Development and Crystal Township Downtown Development Authority. The total amount of captured tax increment revenues from such millage in the first calendar year of the levy is estimated to be \$17,000.

**Crystal Township
Fire Protection Millage
1.0 Mills for Five Years**

Shall the previously voted increase in the total tax rate limitation on the amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property within Crystal Township under Art. IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.9698 mills (\$0.9698 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and increased by 0.0302 mills (\$0.0302 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to a total of 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), and shall Crystal Township levy such new additional millage annually for five (5) years from 2024 through 2028, inclusive, to provide funds for all

Township fire protection and rescue purposes, including building, capital, equipment, and operating expenditures?

If approved and levied, this millage would raise an estimated \$132,975 in the first year of the levy. To the extent required by law, a portion of the revenues from this millage will be captured within the district of and disbursed to the Crystal Township Downtown Development Authority.

**Douglass Township
Fire Millage Renewal Proposal**

Shall the previously authorized increase in tax limitation on all taxable property in Douglass Township, Montcalm County, that expired in 2023 be renewed and the Township be authorized to levy an amount not to exceed .5861 mill (\$0.5861 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property for a period of two (2) years, 2024 and 2025, inclusive, for the purpose of operating, equipping, constructing and purchasing for the fire service or any other purpose authorized by law for fire protection service? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year (2024) if the millage is approved and levied by the Township is approximately \$63,000.

**Charter Township of Eureka
Millage Renewal Proposition
Fire Protection Services Millage**

Shall the Charter Township of Eureka, Montcalm County, Michigan, renew the increase in the constitutional limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in the Township by 0.7253 mill (\$0.7253 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), and levy an additional 0.0247 (\$0.0247 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) to restore previous millage reductions under the "Headlee Amendment" since this millage was last approved, resulting in the levy of 0.75 mill (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of six (6) years (2024 through 2029, inclusive) for the purpose of funding fire protection services within the Township? This is a renewal of the 0.75 mill for fire protection services for six (6) years which expires in 2024; if approved, it is estimated that the revenue generated by this millage in the first year would be \$134,716.78, of which \$4,436.67 would result from the additional 0.0247 mill. Funds derived from this millage will be disbursed to the Charter Township of Eureka.

**Charter Township of Eureka
Millage Renewal Proposition
Road Millage**

Shall the Charter Township of Eureka, Montcalm County, Michigan, renew the increase in the constitutional limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in the Township by 0.4836 mill (\$0.4836 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), and levy an additional 0.0164 (\$0.0247 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) to restore previous millage reductions under the "Headlee Amendment" since this millage was last approved, resulting in the levy of 0.50 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of six (6) years (2024 through 2029, inclusive) for the road maintenance purposes, including but not limited to construction and repair of roads, within the Township? This is a renewal of the 0.50 mill for road maintenance purposes for six (6) years which expires in 2024; if approved, it is estimated that the revenue generated by this millage in the first year would be \$89,811.19, of which \$2,945.81 would result from the additional 0.0164 mill. Funds derived from this millage will be disbursed to the Charter Township of Eureka.

**Evergreen Township Fire Services
Millage Proposal**

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax rate limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Evergreen Township of 0.5 mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), as reduced to 0.48 mills (\$0.48 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and increased with a new additional millage of 0.02 mills (\$0.02 per \$1,000 of taxable value), up to a total of 0.5 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) annually for four (4) years, 2024 through 2027, inclusive, for the purpose of providing fire protection services within the Township; and shall the Township annually levy such millage on all taxable property for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year of the levy an estimated \$49,392?

All or a portion of the revenues from this millage may be disbursed to the Sheridan Community Fire Department, Crystal Township, or other governmental agency for fire protection and emergency services within Evergreen Township.

**Home Township
Millage Renewal Proposition No. 1
One and a Half Mills (1.5) for Township Road Maintenance**

Shall the previously voted rate be continued regarding the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Home Township, of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) subject to the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at the original voted 1.5 mills, (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive, for funds for road maintenance in Home Township, raising an estimated \$116,694.56 in the first year the millage is levied.

**Home Township
Millage Renewal Proposition No. 2
One and a Fourth Mills (1.25) for Township Police Department**

Shall the previously voted rate be continued regarding the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Home Township, of 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) subject to the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at the original voted 1.25 mills, (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 6 years, 2024 through 2029 inclusive, for funds for police department operation, school liaison, vehicles, apparatus, equipment and housing; in Home Township, raising an estimated \$97,245.46 in the first year the millage is levied.

**Home Township
Millage Renewal Proposition No. 3
One and a Fourth Mills (1.25) for Township Fire Department**

Shall the previously voted rate be continued regarding the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Home Township, of 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) subject to the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at the original voted 1.25 mills, (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 6 years, 2024 through 2029 inclusive, for funds for fire department operation, vehicles, apparatus, equipment and housing; in Home Township, raising an estimated \$97,245.46 in the first year the millage is levied.

**Pierson Township
Fire Protection Millage**

Shall Pierson Township impose an increase of up to 0.75 mill (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 5 years, 2024 through 2028 inclusive, on all taxable real and personal property in the Township, including the Village of Pierson located entirely within Pierson Township, for the provision of fire protection services and related emergency services, thereby raising an estimated \$130,331.63 in the first year the millage is levied.

**Reynolds Township
Road Funding Special Assessment**

Shall Reynolds Township levy special assessment pursuant to Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, at the rate of one (1) mill (\$1 per 1,000 of taxable valuation) upon all taxable real property within the unincorporated portion of Reynolds Township, Montcalm County, Michigan (i.e. that portion outside the Village of Howard City) for a period of four (4) years, 2024 through 2027, inclusive, for the provision of road improvements, maintenance and repair within that unincorporated area of the Township? If approved and levied, one (1) mill is estimated to raise \$86,900 in the first calendar year of the levy.)

MONTCALM AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Nine Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$29,800,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, completing, remodeling, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings, including structures, play fields, playgrounds, and other facilities, and parts of and additions to those facilities; furnishing and refurnishing new and remodeled school buildings; acquiring, preparing, developing, and improving sites, and parts of and additions to sites, for school buildings, including structures, play fields, playgrounds, and other facilities; and acquiring, installing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024 is 0.50 mill (\$0.50 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 0.46 mill (\$0.46 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.)

CENTRAL MONTCALM PUBLIC SCHOOL BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Central Montcalm Public School, Montcalm and Ionia Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$33,200,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings and facilities; erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to the middle/high school building, including an auditorium; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; erecting, furnishing, and equipping athletic support buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping athletic fields and facilities, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2024, is 3.04 mills (\$3.04 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- 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 3.33 mills (\$3.33 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 \$7,020,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. 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.)

GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Greenville Public Schools, Montcalm, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.5 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for school security improvements; for the construction or repair of school buildings; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles; and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2025 is approximately \$1,537,187?

MONTABELLA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS I. 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 and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

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 Montabella Community Schools, Montcalm, Isabella and Mecosta Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 17.8527 mills (\$17.8527 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2025 to 2030, inclusive, and also be increased by 0.1473 mill (\$0.1473 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2025 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 2025 is approximately \$1,404,711 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2024 levy and a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?

MONTABELLA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS II. SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Montabella Community Schools, Montcalm, Isabella and Mecosta Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.5 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2025 to 2030, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for and the construction or repair of school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles; and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2025 is approximately \$414,885?

TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS I. 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 2024 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 Tri County Area Schools, Montcalm, Kent and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 2 years, 2025 and 2026, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2025 is approximately \$2,803,596 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2024 tax levy)?

TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS
II. SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Tri County Area Schools, Montcalm, Kent and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2024 to 2028, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used for the maintenance of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of eligible trucks and vans used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used to maintain such trucks and vans; and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2024 is approximately \$574,723?