

Berrien County proposals August 2, 2022

City of Buchanan

Dial-A-Ride Millage Renewal

Shall the City of Buchanan continue to levy a total of one(1) mill on the taxable value of all taxable property in the City of Buchanan, which is equal to \$1.00 per each \$1,000 of taxable value, for the purpose of providing public transportation including the operation of the "Dial-A-Ride" Bus System, currently operated by Niles Dial-A-Ride, more commonly known as "DART", and more properly known as the "Dial-A-Ride Transportation System", for a period of four (4) consecutive years, to be levied in 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026? The amount of revenue generated in the first year of the levy (2023) will be approximately \$100,270.00. The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized millage.

City of Coloma

Fire Trucks Replacement Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation on the total amount of all property in the City of Coloma liable for taxation be increased by eighty-five hundredths of one mill (\$.85 cents per each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation, as equalized, for the purchase of replacement fire trucks. The authorization is for a period of ten (10) years, being the years 2022 through 2032. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage rate in the first year of the levy in the City of Coloma will be approximately \$30,344.15

North Berrien Historical Society Millage Renewal and Increase

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation of all property in the City of Coloma liable for taxation be set at twenty-five hundredths of one mill (\$.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized). The authorization is for a period of four (4) years, being the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage rate in the first year of the levy in the City of Coloma will be \$8,925

City of Watervliet

Fire Proposal Renewal

Shall the City of Watervliet continue to levy a total of two (2) mills, which is equal to \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of taxable value, on the real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Watervliet for the tax levy years of 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, inclusive for the purpose of paying for fire protection services within the City, thereby raising in the first calendar year approximately \$60,084.28. If approved, this would be a renewal of a previously authorized millage.

North Berrien Historical Society Millage Renewal and Increase

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations in the City of Watervliet of .25 mills (\$.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to .2458 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills (\$.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$7,510.54 of which \$126.00 is generated from the new millage?

Police Protection Services Millage

Bainbridge Township In support of the continued operation of the Watervliet Police Department, shall the City of Watervliet be authorized to levy a new, city-wide millage, totaling five (5) mills, (\$5.00 per each \$1,000.00 of taxable value), on the real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Watervliet for the tax levy years of 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, inclusive, solely for the purpose of paying for continued police protection services within the City, thereby raising in the first calendar year

approximately \$150,210.70. This millage replaces the previously expired authorized millage of (3) mills (\$3.00 per each \$1,000 of taxable value) for continued police protection services.

Bainbridge Township

North Berrien Historical Society Millage Renewal and Increase

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations, imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, in the Township of Bainbridge of .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to .2495 mills (\$.2495 per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$27,649 of which \$56 is generated from the new millage?

Baroda Township

Renewal & Increase of Public Safety Millage to Fund Baroda Township Police Services

In support of the continued operation of the Baroda-Lake Police Department, and in order to provide police services to Baroda Township residents, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation of all real and personal property in Baroda Township liable for taxation, including that land and personal property lying in the Village of Baroda, be set at 3.3089 mills (\$3.3089 per each \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized). The above said millage rate represents renewal of the permanently reduced millage of 1.9589 mills (\$1.9589 per \$1,000 taxable valuation, as equalized) and new millage of 1.35 mills (\$1.35 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized). The authorization to levy said millage is for a period of four (4) years, being the years of 2023 through 2026. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage in the first year of levy in 2023 will be approximately \$357,108.87 of which approximately \$145,697.05 is generated from the new (additional) millage.

Renewal of Fire Equipment Fund Millage

For the purpose of operating the Fire Equipment Fund and providing emergency fire services within Baroda Township, shall the Township levy .9981 mills, which is equal to \$.9981 for each \$1,000.00 of real and personal property subject to taxation. Said millage, if approved by the electors of Baroda Township, will be levied for a period of four (4) years, starting in 2023 and ending in 2026. It is estimated that the levy will generate \$107,718.69 in the first year.

Berrien Township

Renewal of Fire Protection Proposal

In support of providing continued emergency fire prevention and protection services to the residents of Berrien Township, for the acquisition of fire-fighting vehicles and related equipment for the Berrien, Pipestone Township, and Eau Claire Fire Department, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable value of all real and personal property in Berrien Township liable for taxation be set at one mill (\$1.00 per each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), as equalized, for a period of four (4) years, being the years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025. It is estimated that the amount of revenue generated from the millage in the first year of the levy (2022) will be approximately \$167,000.00.

Chikaming Township

Operating Millage

Shall the previously allocated township millage rate of 1 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.367 mills (\$0.367 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required Headlee millage rollbacks, be restored to 1 mills by an increase of 0.633 mills (\$0.633 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to recover that reduction and be levied by Chikaming Township for eight (8) years, 2022 through 2029 inclusive, for general township operating purposes, raising an estimated \$452,435.73 in the first year the millage is levied?

Coloma Charter Township

North Berrien Historical Society Millage Renewal and Increase

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under the Michigan Charter Township Act, in the Charter Township of Coloma of .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to .2455 mills (\$.2455 per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$57,530.00 of which \$1,035.57 is generated from the new millage?

Galien Township

Road Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Levy

Shall the Township of Galien levy an amount not to exceed sixty dollars (\$60) annually on each parcel of real property subject to taxation, for a period of four (4) years commencing in 2022 through 2025, inclusive, for the purpose of funding maintenance, repair and replacement of roads within the Township? This levy will raise approximately \$62,000 in the first calendar year.

Hagar Township

North Berrien Historical Society Millage

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the expired and previous voted increases in the tax limitations, imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, in the Township of Hagar of .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized), reduced to .2486 mills (\$0.2486 per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and be increased up to the original voted .25 mills (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized) and be levied for four years, being the years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$46,299.13 of which \$259.28 is generated from the new millage?

Lincoln Charter Township

Road Maintenance and Repair Special Millage Renewal

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Lincoln Charter Township, of .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which remains at .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and has not been reduced by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for six years, 2022 through 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of funding maintenance, repair and replacement of roads within the Township raising an estimated \$192,059 in the first calendar year.

New Buffalo Township

Park and Recreational Millage Proposal

Shall the tax limitation on all taxable property within the Township of New Buffalo, Berrien County, Michigan, be increased and the Township be authorized to levy annually an amount not to exceed .37 mill (\$.37 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), of which .2311 mill is a renewal of a previously authorized millage that expired in 2021 and .1389 mill is a new additional millage, for ten (10) years, 2022 to 2031 inclusive, to provide funds for all park and recreational uses permitted by law, including but not limited to maintaining, improving, purchasing, constructing or acquiring property, property interests, trails, pathways and facilities for park and recreational purposes? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2022 calendar year (the first year of levy) is approximately \$244,000. A portion of the revenue collected will be required to be distributed to the New Buffalo Township Corridor Improvement Authority.

Oronoko Charter Township

Berrien Springs Oronoko Fire Department Proposed Levy for Fire Trucks and Apparatus

Shall the Charter Township of Oronoko be authorized to levy up to forty-four dollars (\$44.00) on each parcel of real property subject to taxation within The Oronoko Charter Township, for each of the ten (10) years, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, and 2031 for the purpose of the capital acquisition of fire trucks, including the apparatus to fully equip said trucks, for the Berrien Springs Oronoko Fire Department. This levy, if levied, is estimated to provide revenues for said purpose to The Berrien Springs Oronoko Fire Department of \$147,840 in its first year of 2022.

Pipestone Township

Fire Department Millage

In support of providing continued emergency fire prevention, protection services and for the acquisition of fire-fighting vehicles and related equipment for the residents of Pipestone Township; shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable value of all real and personal property in Pipestone Township liable for taxation be set at one mill (\$1.00 per each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), as equalized, for a period of four (4) years, being the years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the millage in the first year of the levy (2022) will be approximately \$82,000.00

Sodus Township

Proposal to Renew Road Improvements Millage in Sodus Township

Shall Sodus Township continue to levy the millage for road improvements at the rate of 2.0 mills (\$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value on real and personal property), subject to the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, for a period of four years, 2023 through 2026 inclusive, for the purpose of road maintenance, repair, and construction. It is estimated the revenue collected by Sodus Township because of this proposal will be \$147,612.00 in the first year that the millage is levied as based on the most recent taxable value.

Three Oaks Township

Three Oaks Township Road Millage

Shall the Township of Three Oaks, Berrien County, Michigan be granted the authority to levy .3750 mills (\$.3750 per \$1,000 taxable value) upon all taxable real and personal property for a period of Four (4) years from 2022 through 2025, inclusive, for the purpose of maintenance and improvement of the Roads and Bridges in Three Oaks Township. This is a new millage levy that will produce an estimated \$41,099.00 in the first calendar year the millage is levied.

Watervliet Charter Township

North Berrien County Historical Society Millage Proposal

In support of the continued operation of the North Berrien Historical Society, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation of all property in the Charter Township of Watervliet liable for taxation be set at twenty-five hundredths of one mill (\$0.25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value as equalized). The authorization is for a period of four (4) years, being the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage rate in the first year of the levy in the Charter Township of Watervliet will be \$42,119

Weesaw Township

Ambulance Millage

In order to fund ambulance service within Weesaw Township, shall the Township levy thirty-five hundredths of a mill (.35 mills) which is equal to thirty-five cents (35 cents) for each \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) of taxable value of real and personal property subject to taxation. Said millage will be used to pay for ambulance service in Weesaw Township. Said millage, if approved by the electors of the Weesaw Township, will be levied for a period of four (4) years, starting in 2022 and ending in 2025. It is estimated that the levy will generate \$33,757.43 in the first year.

Fire Protection Renewal

Shall the expired previous voted millage increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution in Weesaw Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed at the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four years, 2023 through 2026 inclusive, for providing fire protection services, including but not limited to, the maintenance, operation, housing and purchase of apparatus and equipment, raising an estimated \$96,449.81, in the first year the millage is levied?

Road Millage Renewal Proposition

Shall the Township of Weesaw, Berrien County, Michigan, levy 1.0 (one) mill, which is equal to \$1.00 for each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation of real and personal property subject to taxation? Said millage will be renewal of the 2020-2021 millage to be used for the maintenance, upkeep and construction of roads within Weesaw Township, so designated by the Township Board. Said millage, if approved by the electors of Weesaw Township, will be levied for a period of two years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the levy in the year 2023. Based on current valuation, it is estimated that the levy will generate approximately \$96,449.81 in the first year of the levy.

Bridgman Public School District

Millage Proposal to Provide Funds to Operate a System of Public Recreation and Playgrounds

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy public recreation millage previously approved by the electors that will expire with the 2022 levy and restores a portion of that millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" Amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Weesaw Township Sodus Township Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 0.4884 mill (\$0.4884 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Bridgman Public School District, Berrien County, Michigan, be renewed, and also be increased by 0.0116 mill (\$0.0116 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a total of 0.5 mill, for a period of 10 years, 2023 to 2032, inclusive, to continue to provide funds for operating a system of public recreation and playgrounds; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreation program if the millage is approved and levied in 2023 is approximately \$758,811 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy and a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" Amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?

Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

This proposal renews 0.4886 mill of building and site sinking fund millage previously approved by the electors and restores a portion of that millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" Amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Bridgman Public School District, Berrien County, Michigan, be renewed by 0.4886 mill (\$0.4886 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) and also be increased by 0.0114 mill (\$0.0114 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a total of 0.5 mill, for a period of 10 years, 2024 to 2033, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, 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 \$758,811 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2023 tax levy and a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" Amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963)

Coloma Community Schools

Operating Millage 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 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 Coloma Community Schools, Berrien and Van Buren Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 17.9964 mills (\$17.9964 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2023 to 2026, inclusive, and also be increased by .5 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2023 to 2026, 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 2023 is approximately \$3,574,488 (this millage is to renew millage that will expire with the 2022 levy and to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?

Bridgman Public Library

Millage Renewal Proposal

Shall the City of Bridgman, Berrien County, Michigan, be authorized to levy a millage annually in an amount not to exceed .9685 mill (\$.9685 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), which is a renewal of the previously authorized millage that expires in 2022, against all taxable property within the City for a period of five (5) years, 2023 to 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and equipping the Bridgman Public Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the City will collect in the first year of levy (2023) if the millage is approved is approximately \$116,000. By law, revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the Bridgman Public Library

City of Benton Harbor Library

Millage Renewal

Shall the City of Benton Harbor, Berrien County, Michigan, be authorized to levy a millage annually in the amount not to exceed 1.9191 mills (\$1.9191 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), which is a renewal of the previously authorized millage that expires in 2022, against all taxable property within the City for a period of eleven (11) years, 2023 to 2033 inclusive, for the purpose of operation, maintaining and equipping the Benton Harbor Public Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the City will collect in the first year of levy (2023) if the millage is approved is approximately \$229,000. By law, a portion of the revenue from the millage may be subject to capture by the City of Benton Harbor Brownfield Redevelopment Authority