

Notice of Election

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Primary Election

To the Qualified Electors of Leelanau County:

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in said City/Townships of Leelanau County on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Election Day Registrants may register to vote with their local township/city clerk on election day, with proof of residency. They have the option to vote an absent voter ballot in person with the local township/city clerk or vote in person in the proper precinct (MCL 168.761). Check to see your sample ballot or where you are registered to vote at www.mi.gov/vote

The following polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.:

BINGHAM TOWNSHIP
Township Hall
7171 S. Center Hwy.
Old Bingham Schoolhouse

CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP
Township Hall
5001 South French Road
Cedar

CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP
Township Hall
955 W. Harbor Hwy.
Maple City

ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP
Precinct #1, Township Center
10090 E. Lincoln Rd.

Precinct #2, Old Fire Station
10750 E. Cherry Bend Road

EMPIRE TOWNSHIP
Township Hall
10088 W. Front St.
Empire

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP
Township Hall
6394 W. Western Ave.
Glen Arbor

KASSON TOWNSHIP
Township Hall
10988 S. Newman Rd.
Maple City

LEELANAU TOWNSHIP
Leelanau Township Fire Station
100 W. 8th Street
Northport

LELAND TOWNSHIP
Leland Township Fire Station
203 S. Grand Ave.
Leland

SOLON TOWNSHIP
Township Hall
9191 S. Kasson Street
Cedar

SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP
Suttons Bay Middle School Gym
310 S. Elm Street
Suttons Bay

TRAVERSE CITY, PCT 4
Traverse City Housing Comm.
10200 E. Carter Centre
Traverse City

Notice to Voters — Three options for voting are available:

- Absentee Ballot — contact your local clerk and request an absentee ballot or get on the permanent ballot list and a ballot will be mailed to you for every election.
- Early Voting — The following Early Voting Site will be open 9 days prior to election day, Saturday, July 27, 2024 — Sunday, August 4, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. The Early Voting site is the Leelanau County Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay. You must be registered to vote prior to visiting an Early Voting Site. Residents of City of Traverse City, Precinct 4 (Leelanau County), your Early Voting Site is the Government Center, 400 Boardman Ave., Traverse City, 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
- Election Day Polling Precincts — Election day polling precincts are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 6, 2024.

If you have a disability requiring any special assistance, please notify the local Clerk. All polling locations are handicap accessible and voting instructions are also available in audio and Braille.

On August 6, 2024, an election will be held for the purpose of electing Precinct Delegates and Nominating candidates for the Democratic and Republican Parties for partisan offices as follows:

Federal/State Offices: United States Senator, Representative in Congress 1st District, and Representative in State Legislature 103rd District.

County Offices: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Road Commissioners, Drain Commissioner, and County Commissioners.

Township Offices: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustees.

The following proposals will be on the ballots:

COUNTY PROPOSALS

Roads and Highways Maintenance and Repair Millage Renewal Proposal

For the sole purpose of funding general operating expenses to be incurred in maintenance and repair of roads and highways within the County of Leelanau, at the same millage level previously approved by the voters every two years since 1986, 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 Leelanau, Michigan, be renewed at 0.5000 mill (\$0.5000 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of two (2) years (2024-2025) inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,804,601 for road and highway maintenance and repair general operating expenses in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. In accordance with State law, the millage will be disbursed to the Leelanau County Road Commission, and the Villages of Empire, Northport, and Suttons Bay.

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COUNTY PROPOSALS CONTINUED

Early Childhood Services Millage Proposal

For the purpose of funding the development, implementation, coordination, and monitoring of early childhood health, vision, dental, mental and emotional health and related early childhood development programs for residents of Leelanau County, shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Leelanau imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be renewed at the constitutionally reduced rate of up to .2458 mills, and the reduction of .0072 mills be restored, for a total authorized rate of up to .2530 mills (\$0.2530 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of five (5) years, 2025 through 2029, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$913,128.00 for early childhood services in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. A portion of the millage may be disbursed pursuant to a contract to the Benzie/Leelanau District Health Department; and, as required by State law, a small portion of the millage may be captured by the Leelanau County Brownfield Authority.

Senior Citizens Services Millage Renewal and Restoration Proposal

For the sole purpose of continuing an operating millage for the funding of Senior Citizen Services within Leelanau County, at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 2020, shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Leelanau imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, be renewed at 0.3134 of one (1) mill, and shall the previously authorized reduced millage of 0.0066 of one (1) mill be restored, for a return to the previously voted total limitation increase of up to 0.3200 mill (\$0.32 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of two (2) years, 2024 through 2025, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,154,945.00 for the county-wide Senior Citizen Services in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. As required by State law, a portion of the millage may be captured by the Leelanau County Brownfield Authority.

TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

Centerville Township

Fire and Ambulance Millage Proposition

Shall the previously authorized increase in the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against all properties in the Township of Centerville, Leelanau County, Michigan, for all purposes as provided by Article 9, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, be renewed by up to 2.25 mills (\$2.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for two years, 2024 through 2025 inclusive, to be used for equipment and operation of the fire and ambulance departments within the Township, raising an estimated \$342,987 in the first year the millage is levied?

Cleveland Township

Fire Department Millage Request

Shall the limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Cleveland Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be approved for said Township of 2.50 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2024 through 2026 inclusive for fire and emergency stand-by service provided by Cedar Area Fire and Rescue Department, and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$340,000?

Cleveland Township

Road Maintenance Millage Request

Shall the limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Cleveland Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be approved for said Township of .50 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2024 through 2028 inclusive for road maintenance and improvements to designated township roadways within Cleveland Township, and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$79,000?

Kasson Township

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Millage Proposal

Shall Kasson Township impose up to 2.5 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for a period of two (2) years, 2024 through 2025, inclusive, for the purpose of providing fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) funding for Kasson Township, which contracts with Cedar Area Fire and Rescue, at the Township Board's discretion, to provide such fire protection and EMS services. The 2.5 mill increase will raise an estimated \$367,000 in the first year the millage is levied.

Leland Township

Library Millage Proposal

Shall Leland Township, Leelanau County, Michigan, be authorized to levy a millage annually in an amount not to exceed .40 mill (\$0.40 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), of which .3815 mill is a renewal of the previously authorized millage that expired in 2023 and .0185 mill is new additional millage, against all taxable property within the Township for a period of eight (8) years, 2024 to 2031 inclusive, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and equipping the Leland Township Public Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year of levy (2024) if the millage is approved is approximately \$245,000. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the Leland Township Public Library. By law, a portion of the revenue from the millage may be subject to capture by the Leelanau County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

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TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS CONTINUED

Solon Township Fire and Ambulance Millage Proposition

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against all properties in the Township of Solon, Leelanau County, Michigan, for all purposes be increased as provided by Section 6, Article 9 of the Michigan Constitution by an amount not to exceed 02.50 mills (\$2.50 per thousand dollars of taxable value) as established by the State of Michigan on all properties in Solon Township for a period of two years (2024 and 2025) to be used for equipment and operation of the fire and ambulance departments within the Township, and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for such purpose(s) during such period which will raise in the year 2024 an estimated \$358,000.00 and in the year 2025 an estimated \$375,000.00?

DISTRICT LIBRARY PROPOSALS

Suttons Bay and Bingham Townships Suttons Bay Bingham District Library Renewal and Restoration Millage Proposal

For the sole purpose of continuing funding to the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library for providing all district library purposes authorized by law at the same millage level approved by the voters in 2016 and 2020, shall the previously voted Suttons Bay Bingham District Library millage be renewed at 0.4874 of one (1) mill, and shall the previously authorized reduced millage of 0.0126 of one (1) mill be restored, for a return to the previously voted total District Library millage of up to 0.5000 of one (1) mill (\$0.5000 per \$1,000 of taxable value), and shall the District Library Board be authorized to levy that millage for a period of four (4) years, 2025 through 2028, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$308,396 for providing funds for district library purposes in the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library district in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value.

City of Traverse City, Pct. #4 Traverse Area District Library Millage Proposal

This proposal is to restore the full amount of the 1996 millage that was approved by the voters in the amount of 1.1 mills beginning with the December 2024 tax levy in order to provide funds for the Traverse Area District Library for the next 10 years.

For the purpose of providing funds for the Traverse Area District Library for all district library purposes authorized by law at an increased millage level, shall the previous voted annual tax rate which may be levied against all taxable property within the Traverse Area District Library district, Grand Traverse County, and a portion of Leelanau County, Michigan, be increased and shall the Traverse Area District Library be authorized to levy up to 1.1 mills (\$1.10 per \$1,000 of taxable value) as a new, additional millage annually for 10 years, beginning 2024 through 2033, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will generate an estimated \$8,020,750.00 in revenue for the Traverse Area District Library in the first calendar year of the levy (2024).

By law, a portion of the millage may be disbursed to other governmental entities that capture property taxes within their jurisdictions. These are the Grand Traverse County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Grand Traverse County Land Bank Authority, and the Leelanau County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 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.)

s/s Michelle L. Crocker
Leelanau County Clerk / Election Coordinator