<u>ST. JOSEPH COUNTY PROPOSALS</u>
<u>August 4, 2026 Primary Election</u>

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY PROPOSAL

Transportation Authority Millage Renewal

Shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one year upon all property within the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan be renewed at .33 of a mill, that being 33.00 cents, (.33), on each one thousand dollars, ($1,000.00) of the taxable valuation of real property for a period of four years, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, inclusive, for the sole purpose of an operation millage for the St. Joseph County Transportation Authority for the continuation of transportation services? It is estimated that if this tax levy were spread in 2027 it would generate $ 974,600.00 in revenue.

FLOWERFIELD TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Proposal for Road Millage

Shall Flowerfield Township impose an increase of up to 1 mill ($1 per $1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes and levy it for 5 years, 2026 through 2030 inclusive, for the purpose of funding road improvements, including repairs, maintenance and construction and pay such funds to the St. Joseph County Road Commission or such other qualified party that the Township Board may contract with, which 1 mill increase will raise an estimated $94,740 in the first year the millage is levied?

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Road Millage Renewal

Shall the expired previously voted increase in tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Nottawa Township, of 1.o mills ($1.00 per $1,000 in taxable value), reduced to .9668 mills ($0.9668 per $1,000 in taxable value) be renewed at and increased up to the original 1.0 mills ($1.00 per $1,000 in taxable value) and levied for 5 years (2026 through 2030 inclusive) for the purpose of funding road maintenance, repairs and improvements in the Township; raising an estimated $160,797 in the first year that the millage is levied?

PARK TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Road Millage Proposal

Shall Park Township impose an increase of up to 4/10 mill ($0.40 per $1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes and levy it for 3 years (2026 through 2028 inclusive) for the purpose of funding road improvements, which 4/10 mill increase will raise an estimated $105,000 in the first year that the millage is levied?

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

Athens Area 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 Athens Area Schools, Calhoun, Branch, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 18 mills ($18.00 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2027 to 2030, inclusive, and also be increased by .5 mill ($0.50 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2027 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 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately $1,267,759.91 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 levy and the addition of millage which will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?

MARCELLUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

Marcellus Community Schools Bond Proposal

Shall Marcellus Community Schools, Cass, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twelve Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($12,250,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to a school building; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology; and preparing, developing, and improving 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 2026 is 1.60 mills ($1.60 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 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 2.58 mills ($2.58 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 $5,285,000. 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.)

WHITE PIGEON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

White Pigeon Community Schools Sinking Fund Millage Replacement Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to replace the building and site sinking fund millage previously approved by the electors.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in White Pigeon Community Schools, St. Joseph and Cass Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 3 mills ($3.00 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2027 to 2031, inclusive, to replace the previously approved sinking fund millage with a sinking fund millage 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 for all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2027 is approximately $1,808,420 (this is a replacement of millage that expires with the 2026 tax levy)?

STURGIS DISTRICT LIBRARY PROPOSAL

Sturgis District Library Millage Renewal Proposal

Shall the Sturgis District Library, County of St. Joseph, be authorized to levy a millage annually in an amount not to exceed 1.0548 mills ($1.0548 per $1,000 of taxable value), which is a renewal of the millage rate that expired in 2025, against all taxable property within the Sturgis District Library district for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Sturgis District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Sturgis District Library in the first year (2026) is approximately $724,000. By law, a portion of the revenue from the millage may be subject to capture by the City of Sturgis Brownfield Redevelopment Authority