

MUSKEGON COUNTY PROPOSALS
November 3, 2026 General Election

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PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the County of Muskegon, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .50 mill (\$0.50 per each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within Muskegon County for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, inclusive, for the purpose of improving, operating, maintaining, repairing, developing, acquiring, and preserving parks, recreational facilities, trails, greenways, natural areas, public access sites, and related recreational amenities in Muskegon County? The estimate of the revenue Muskegon County will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year (2026) is approximately \$3,625,000.

Up to 30% of the funds will also be available for distribution by the County to local units of government within the County to use for the purposes identified in this proposal. 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 the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Montague, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, and Roosevelt Park, Fruitport Charter Township, and the Village of Ravenna; the Tax Increment Financing Authorities of the Cities of Norton Shores, Muskegon, and Whitehall; the Local Development Finance Authorities of the Cities of Muskegon and Whitehall; and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities of the Cities of Muskegon, Norton Shores and Whitehall and the Townships of Ravenna and Whitehall. The total amount of captured tax increment revenues from such millage in the first calendar year of the levy is estimated at \$132,000.

TOWNSHIP

BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND GROUNDS MILLAGE REQUEST PROPOSITION

Shall the millage request of 0.75 mills in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Blue Lake Township, be levied and reduced by the required Headlee roll back as applicable. (\$0.75 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value for real and personal property) for the ten year period of 2026 through 2035 inclusive, for the purpose of construction of facilities and grounds in the Fire Department; and shall the Township be authorized to levy such request? The estimated revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2026 is \$135,228.98

CASNOVIA TOWNSHIP FIRE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall Casnovia Township, Muskegon County, be authorized to levy a millage annually in an amount not to exceed 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per each \$1,000 of taxable value), of which .9598 mill is a renewal of the previously authorized millage that expired in 2025 and .0402 mill is new additional millage, against all taxable property in the Township for a period of five (5) years, 2026 through 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of funding and operating the Casnovia Township Fire Department and any other fire service operational purpose authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year (2026) if the millage is approved and levied by the Township is approximately \$130,000.

**TOWNSHIP OF DALTON
COUNTY OF MUSKEGON
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION
0.7109 MILL FOR PURCHASING FIRE APPARATUS,
EQUIPMENT AND UPGRADES
TO THE FIRE STATION OF THE DALTON TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Shall the Township of Dalton be authorized to levy a millage on taxable property in the Township in the years 2027-2036, both inclusive, that would increase the Township of Dalton tax rate limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution by the amount of 0.7109 mill (\$0.7109 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, which is a renewal of the previously authorized millage.

The purpose of this renewed millage levy is to continue to provide funds for purchasing fire apparatus, equipment and upgrades to the fire station of the Dalton Township Fire Department. It is estimated that a levy of 0.7109 mill would provide revenue of \$253,914 in the first calendar year. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the Township of Dalton.

SCHOOL

**GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Grand Haven Area Public Schools, Ottawa and Muskegon Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Ninety-Eight Million Five-Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$98,550,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, completing and remodeling school buildings, facilities and additions to school buildings and facilities; equipping, re-equipping,

furnishing and refurnishing school buildings and facilities; purchasing school buses; acquiring and installing instructional technology; and preparing, developing, improving and equipping play fields, playgrounds, structures, facilities and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2027 is 1.95 mills (\$1.95 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-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.15 mills (\$1.15 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.)