

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF
ALMENA TOWNSHIP, ANTWERP TOWNSHIP, BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP, CITY OF GOBLES, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, PAW PAW TOWNSHIP, PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP, PORTER TOWNSHIP, AND WAVERLY TOWNSHIP

COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Primary Election will be held in the townships and city listed for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices on **Tuesday, August 2, 2022**.

STATE - Governor
CONGRESSIONAL - Representative in Congress
LEGISLATIVE – State Senator
Representative in State Legislature

COUNTY - County Commissioner
TOWNSHIP – (Waverly Twp only) – Clerk (partial term)
DELEGATE - Delegate to County Convention
And for voting on the following millage proposals:

COUNTY PROPOSALS

Townships - **Almena, Antwerp, Bloomingdale, Lawrence, Paw Paw, Pine Grove, Porter, Waverly & Gobles City**

AMBULANCE MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow Van Buren County to continue to levy 0.9370 mill, which was previously approved by the electors to fund ambulance services, but which will expire with the 2022 levy.

As a renewal of previously authorized millage which will expire with the 2022 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Van Buren County be increased by 0.9370 mill (\$0.9370 per thousand dollars of taxable value), for a period of four (4) years, 2023 to 2026, inclusive, for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for ambulance services?

A portion of the revenue collected may be required to be distributed to the Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities established in South Haven City, Bangor City, Harford, City, Gobles City, Keeler Township, South Haven Township, Villages of Lawrence, Lawton, Paw Paw and Mattawan.

PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow Van Buren County to continue to levy 0.5332 mill, which was previously approved by the electors to fund drug enforcement and road patrol services but which expired with the 2021 levy.

As a renewal of previously authorized millage which expired with the 2021 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Van Buren County be increased by 0.5332 mill (\$0.5332 per thousand dollars of taxable value), for a period of five (5) years, 2022 to 2026, inclusive, for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office for Drug Enforcement and Road Patrol?

A portion of the revenue collected may be required to be distributed to the Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities established in South Haven City, Bangor City, Harford City, Gobles City, Keeler Township, South Haven Township, Villages of Lawrence, Lawton, Paw Paw and Mattawan. It is estimated that 0.5332 mill would raise approximately \$1,884,933 when first levied in 2022.

ADDITIONAL MILLAGE PROPOSALS (SPECIFIC TO TOWNSHIPS/CITY LISTED)

SENIOR SERVICES

ANTWERP TOWNSHIP - PCT 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

New Senior Services Millage

Shall Antwerp Township, Van Buren County Michigan impose an increase of up to .50 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 in taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Antwerp Township, Van Buren County Michigan, for a 4-year period of 2022 through 2025 inclusive for the purpose of appropriating funds for activities and/or services for older persons, meaning individuals over the age of sixty (60) years, pursuant to Public Act 39 of 1976. The Township of Antwerp would contract to provide services. The .50 mill will raise an estimated \$245,383 in the first calendar year of the levy.

Bloomingdale Township, Porter Township, Gobles City

New Senior Services Millage

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes and Public Act 39 of 1976, be increased to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the 8 year period of 2022 through 2029 inclusive (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029) for the purpose of providing funds to be paid to Senior Services of Van Buren County, Inc. for providing activities and general senior services pursuant to Public Act 39 of 1976 for individuals 60 years of age or older; and shall the Township/City be authorized to levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated

Bloomingdale Township - \$101,021.06.

Porter Township - \$152,995.66

Gobles City - \$13,479.18

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP

Renewal of Senior Services Millage 1

Shall the previously expired voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Pine Grove Township, of up to 0.25 mills (\$0.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value), as reduced to \$0.2434 by required millage rollbacks, be renewed at up to 0.25 mills (\$0.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four years, 2022 through 2025 inclusive, for the provision of activities and services to older adults pursuant to Public Act 39 of 1976, raising an estimated \$28,211 in the first year that the millage is levied?

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

Renewal & Increase of Senior Services Millage 1

Shall the previously voted millage of .25 mil in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes and Public Act 39 of 1976, within Lawrence Township reduced by the required roll back to 0.2486 mil be renewed and increased to .50 mil (.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value for real and personal property) for the 4-year period of 2022 through 2025 inclusive (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) for the purpose of providing funds to be paid to Senior Services of Lawrence Township for the purpose of providing senior citizen activities and general senior services; and shall the Township be authorized to levy such renewal and increase in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$ 68,055.21.

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP

Senior Services Millage

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes and Public Act 39 of 1976, within the Township of Paw Paw be increased to 0.5 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the 2 year period of 2022 through 2023 inclusive (2022, 2023) for the purpose of providing activities and general senior services pursuant to Public Act 39 of 1976 for individuals 60 years of age or older; and shall the Township be authorized to levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$134297.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

Road Millage Increase

Shall the Township of Lawrence impose an increase of up to 2.0 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the township tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for Four (4) years, (2022,2023, 2024,2025) for the purpose of public road construction, improvements, rehabilitation and maintenance, which 2.0 mills increase will raise an estimated \$272,220.84 in the first year the millage is levied? A portion of this millage may be disbursed to the Van Buren County Road Commission, such other or fewer local units of government as the Township Board determines appropriate.

NOTICE

Full text of the ballot proposal(s) may be obtained at the listed Township and/or City Clerk's Office. **A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.** Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township/city clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations as defined by the American with Disabilities Act should contact the local clerk's office.

The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm and all clerks will be open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

ALMENA TOWNSHIP

Almena Twp. Hall
27625 CR 375
Paw Paw
Sandra Rickli, Twp Clerk

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

Lawrence Township Hall
411 N. Paw Paw St.
Lawrence
Judy Janssen,

PORTER TOWNSHIP

Porter Township Hall
88040 South M-40 Hwy.
Lawton
Charles Meade Jr, Twp Clerk

ANTWERP TOWNSHIP

Antwerp Township Hall
24821 Front St.
Mattawan
Chantel Reyna, Twp Clerk

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP

Paw Paw Twp Hall
411 N. Paw Paw St.
Paw Paw
Rebecca Payne, Twp Clerk

WAVERLY TOWNSHIP

Waverly Township Hall
42114 M-43 Hwy.
Paw Paw
Starr Houston, Twp Clerk

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP

Bloomingdale Township Hall
109 E. Kalamazoo St.
Bloomingdale
Judy Little, Twp Clerk

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP

Pine Grove Twp Hall
26520 CR 388
Gobles
Michelle Meert, Twp Clerk

CITY OF GOBLES

Gobles City Hall
105 E. Main St.
Gobles
Paula Sipes, City Clerk