

## BENZIE COUNTY PROPOSALS

**■ Ambulance and Advanced Life Support Millage Proposal**

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Benzie imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said County by .6500 mill (\$.65 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, beginning Dec. 1, 2004, through 2009, inclusive, for the sole purpose of purchasing five (5) ambulances and equipment for and operating countywide ambulance and advanced life support services, and for paying any bond obligations incurred to finance the equipment purchases? If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$523,860.00 for the countywide ambulance and advanced life support services in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value.

**■ Government Center****Infrastructure Millage Proposal**

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within

the County of Benzie imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said County by 0.22 mill (\$.22 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, beginning Dec. 1, 2004 through 2013, inclusive, for the sole purpose of making necessary renovations and improvements for the Government Center building and for paying any bond obligations incurred to finance these renovations and improvements? If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$177,306.00 for the renovations and improvements for the Government Center building in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value.

**■ Parks and Recreation****Program Millage Proposal**

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Benzie imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said County by

0.1000 mill (\$.10 per \$1,000 taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, beginning Dec. 1, 2004 through 2007, inclusive, for the sole purpose of operating and maintaining countywide parks and recreation facilities and a countywide parks and recreation program? If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$80,594.00 for the countywide parks and recreation program and facilities in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value.

**TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS  
GILMORE****■ Renewal Proposition to increase tax limitations for providing the funds for upgrading roads in Gilmore Township**

Shall the 15 mill tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Gilmore Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said township by .45 mill (\$.45 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of

2004 and .45 mill per year for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 inclusive for road upgrading and shall the township levy for such an increase in millage for said purpose during such period which increase will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated \$10,951?

**HOMESTEAD****Fire Department Millage Proposal**

This proposal will permit the township to restore the township's 1 mill for the general operation and maintenance of the fire department previously approved by the electors and expiring in 2004.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the township of Homestead, County of Benzie, State of Michigan, be increased by up to one dollar (\$1.00) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) (1 mill) of taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2004 through 2007 inclusive, for the purpose

of providing funds for the general operation and maintenance of the Homestead Twp. Fire Department? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that 1 mill would raise an estimated \$49,643 for the township when first levied in 2004.

**PLATTE****■ Fire Millage Proposition**

Shall the limitation on general ad valorem taxes which may be assessed against all property in Platte Township, Benzie County, be levied as provided by Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 by one (1) mill of taxable valuation of all property in Platte Township (\$1.00 per \$1,000 taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2004 through 2007 inclusive, to be used for equipment and operation of the fire department within the township; and shall the township levy such millage for such purposes during such period, which will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated \$11,300?

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**DISTRICT 5****FRANK WALTERHOUSE**

Republican

Did not respond

**ROSALIE ANNE PELCH**

Democrat

AGE: 59

RESIDENCE: Beulah

EDUCATION: Ferris State University, B.S. business Administration.

POLITICAL CAREER: None.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

A.F.S.C.M.E. Local 1603 treasurer and executive board member; Home Depot commercial sales & credit department head in, two years; medical clinic billing, eight years.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** \$2.7 million Benzie County residents were overtaxed in jail millage for 15 years because county didn't roll back millage rate as required under the Headlee amendment. There are no plans to return this money to the property owners who were overtaxed. This is wrong and needs to be addressed.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** With my strong background in financial matters, bookkeeping and accounting, I will be able to help with the county budget. I believe the taxpayers have a right to have this money back, with interest, or else a credit on future taxes.

**DISTRICT 6****BRUCE ANDERSEN SR.**

Republican

AGE: 78

RESIDENCE: Interlochen

EDUCATION: Redford High School; attended tool & die engineering school.

POLITICAL CAREER: Current Benzie County Commissioner.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Army veteran; retired from United Tech; ran a construction business for a number of years.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** The Benzie County rollback on taxes for the sheriff's department. To keep taxes down and to find a solution to our sheriff's department shortfall.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I have served my constituents for 12 years. I have a desire to

ensure that our children get off to an excellent start with the Headstart program. As a senior I know the needs of our older population and want to improve the living conditions for our seniors and veterans.

**THOMAS E. KELLEY**

Republican

AGE: 54

RESIDENCE: Thompsonville

EDUCATION: 1967, Big Rapids High School; 1978, associate of arts, Grand Rapids Junior College; 1981,

bachelor's degree,

Northern Michigan University, Traverse City campus.

POLITICAL

CAREER: None

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Three years road patrol, Big Rapids City Police Department; 4 years, as Grand Rapids Public Schools public safety officer; 25 years with the Benzie County Sheriff's Office, serving as



road patrol officer, juvenile officer, general investigator, child abuse unit officer, road and detective sergeant.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** The need for increased communication with county residents and the continued monitoring of financial responsibilities. Mutual communication is key to equipping county officials with a better understanding of citizen needs, and in turn, increasing citizen confidence in the board to make important and sometimes difficult decisions.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** In my 32 years of public service, I have learned how to listen carefully and communicate clearly. I will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the board of commissioners. I will listen to the people of Colfax and Inland townships and be their strong voice in Benzie County government.

**DISTRICT 7****DONALD R. TANNER**

Republican

AGE: 46

RESIDENCE: Benzonia

**EDUCATION:** NMC, 2 years.

**POLITICAL CAREER:** County commissioner, 3 terms.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Own and operate Northern Michigan Guide Service and Clay Bank Outfitters.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** I don't believe any issue can be singled out. The people of Benzie County must know that I will give careful and thoughtful consideration to each and every issue.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I believe our government should empower us. I work to provide the residents of Benzie County with the building blocks to create the future they want for themselves and their families, to build our local economy and provide jobs in our community, thereby sustaining our quality of life.

**STEVEN HAUGEN**

Republican

Did not respond