

CRAWFORD COUNTY PROPOSALS

■ COUNTY E911 EMERGENCY SERVICE PROPOSAL

For the purpose of equipping, operating and maintaining E911 emergency service and central dispatch costs, shall there be a monthly assessment by the County of Crawford of no more than an additional 16 percent of the highest monthly flat rate charged by a telephone service supplier for the single party access line (not to exceed \$3.20) upon telephone service users within the Crawford County 911 service district for a period not to exceed four years, starting Oct. 1, 2004 and ending Sept. 30, 2008

■ COUNTY LIBRARY OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year under the Michigan Constitution be increased in the County of Crawford, Michigan by 0.45 mill (which is equal to \$0.45 per \$1,000 of taxable value for all such property) for a period of 8 years, 2004 through 2011, inclusive, for the purpose of operating county library facilities located in the city of Grayling and the townships of Beaver Creek, Frederic and Lovells? The amount of revenue the county will collect if that millage is approved and levied by the county in the first calendar year is estimated

to be \$219,768. The proposed millage is the authorization of new additional millage.

TOWNSHIPS

FREDERIC

This proposal will permit the township to restore the township's 2 mills for the housing, maintenance and purchase of fire department equipment and for the operation of the Frederic Township Fire Department. This millage was previously approved by the electors and has now expired. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced this millage to 1.9932 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing 1.9932 mills and restore the .0068 mill previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the 15-mills tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be renewed at two (2) mills (\$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2005 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the housing, maintenance and purchase of fire department equipment and for the operation of the Frederic Township Fire Department? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 2 mills would

raise an estimated \$97,151.90 for the township when first levied in 2005.

GRAYLING

Should Grayling Township add an annual user-fee of \$43 to the property tax bill of every improved property within the township (Improved properties are those which are not vacant), to cover the cost of a refuse disposal permit at the Grayling Township Compactor? The \$43 annual fee will not include the disposal of large items such as furniture, appliances, metal, etc. This fee will first appear on the December 2004 tax bills for refuse disposal during the calendar year of 2005, and will be repeated each successive year for a period of four consecutive years. This fee will raise approximately \$157,000 per year. All money raised from this fee will be used to operate, maintain, repair and improve the Grayling Township Compactor/Recycling Center located at 4670 North Down River Road, Grayling.

LOVELLS

This proposal will permit the Township to restore the Township's 1 mill for operating expenses that is fixed by law. The Headlee Amendment has reduced this millage to .8845 mill. This ballot proposal restores the .1155 mill previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment. Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes

which may be levied by the Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by .1155 dollars (\$.1155) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) (.1155 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the township for four (4) years, 2004 through 2007 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating expenses? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the .1155 mill would raise an estimated \$4,867 for the township when first levied in 2004.

MAPLE FOREST

Frederic Township charges 2 mills for emergency services (fire and ambulance). Maple Forest Township will pay one mill of this charge from the Township Improvement Fund. Question:

Shall the Township of Maple Forest, located in Crawford County, Michigan, levy an ad valorem tax of 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of four years from 2004 through 2008 inclusive for the purpose of providing Emergency Services (fire and ambulance)?

SOUTH BRANCH

■ Proposal A This proposal will permit the township to restore the township's original 1 (one) mill for operating expenses that is fixed by law. The Headlee Amendment has reduced this millage to .8775 mill. This ballot proposal restores the .1225

mill previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment. Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within South Branch Township be renewed at 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2004 through 2024 inclusive for general township operating expenses; and shall the township levy such a renewal millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$9,239.75?

■ Proposal B

This proposal will permit the township to restore the township's original 1 (one) mill for operating expenses that is fixed by law. The Headlee Amendment has reduced this millage to .8775 mill. This ballot proposal restores the .1225 mill previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment. Shall the minimum tax rate imposed under the Property Tax Limitation Act, P.A. 1933, No. 62, as amended, on general ad valorem taxes within South Branch Township and allocated to South Branch Township by the County tax allocation board be restored to 1 (one) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2004 through 2024 inclusive for general township operating expenses; and shall the Township levy such millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$9,239.75?

EMMET COUNTY

PROSECUTOR

MICHAEL BUCKINGHAM
Republican
AGE: 53
RESIDENCE: Petoskey
EDUCATION: B.A., psychology, Marshall University; J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School.
POLITICAL CAREER: None.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Research attorney for Hon. Robert Holmes Bell, 1 year; assistant prosecutor Bay County, 4 years; represented

clients in various court systems including U.S. District Court Eastern and Western Division, 17 years; recently appointed to the State Bar of Michigan Discipline Board as a panel member.
TOP ISSUE/WHY? To elect a prosecutor who has experience and success in the court-



room. In last five years the Emmet County Prosecutor's office has won 50 percent or less of its Circuit Court jury trials resulting in a loss of faith in the office.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I have an 89 percent jury conviction rate while in the prosecutor's office. I have represented clients in numerous court systems throughout Michigan. I want to hold town meetings to allow citizens to tell us what's working. I will be firm, aggres-

sive and yet compassionate while always seeking the truth.

JAMES LINDERMAN
Republican
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RESIDENCE: Harbor Springs
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