

## GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROPOSALS

**Continued services to aged**  
This proposal will allow Grand Traverse County through its Commission on Aging to continue to provide services to persons aged 60 and older to help them live at home by renewing the previously approved .3 mills (rolled back to .2763 mills by the Headlee Amendment and adding .0237 mills to restore the previously approved millage.)

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes be increased and Grand Traverse County be authorized to levy up to .3 mills for a period up to six (6) years from 2005 until 2011 on all taxable property in Grand Traverse County for services to the aged to help them live at home? This would be an additional millage of 2.37 cents and a renewal millage of 27.63 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value. As an example of .3 mills, a house valued at \$100,000 with a taxable value of \$50,000 would be charged up to \$15.00 per year. If the maximum were levied in the first calendar year, this millage would raise an estimated \$921,574.

**Expanded services to the aged**  
This proposal will allow Grand Traverse County through its Commission on Aging to provide existing services to an expanding population and new

services such as respite care to persons aged 60 and older by levying an additional .2 mills. This proposal, if approved by the voters, will only be effective if the Continued Services to the Aged proposal also passes. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes be increased and Grand Traverse County be authorized to levy up to .2 mills for a period up to six (6) years from 2005 until 2011 on all taxable property in Grand Traverse County for services to the aged to help them live at home? This would be an increase of 20 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value. As an example, a house valued at \$100,000 with a taxable value of \$50,000 would be charged up to \$10.00 per year. If the maximum were levied in the first calendar year, this millage would raise an estimated \$614,383. This is an additional millage that will be levied only if both it and the Continued Services to the Aged millage pass.

#### TOWNSHIPS ACME

**Brackett road rezoning**  
The Acme Township Board of Trustees approved Acme Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment #125 on November 25, 2003. This amendment would rezone 9 parcels of land

totaling approximately 76 acres from an A-1 (Agricultural) zoning designation to an R-3 (Urban Residential District) zoning designation. The land is located approximately one-half mile east of US 31 North on the south side of Brackett Road. The Grand Traverse Resort Planned Unit Development surrounds it on the west, south and east. The Resort lands to the south and east are currently zoned R-3. The Resort lands to the west are currently zoned A-1 and contain the Wolverine Heights development. The lands to the north are currently zoned A-1. Should Acme Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment #125 be approved?

#### BLAIR

**Blair Township Complex**  
Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Blair Township imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, be increased for said Township up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property in the Township, for the period of 2004 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of construction and maintenance of a Community Center, Township Offices, and Branch Library structure; and shall the

Township levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year and estimated \$165,800.00.

#### LONG LAKE

**Fire and police services**  
This proposal will permit the township to levy up to one mill for the purpose of providing funds for equipping, operating, and maintaining fire and police services within the township in the years 2004-2008, inclusive. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Long Lake, County of Grand Traverse, State of Michigan, be increased by up to one dollar (\$1.00) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.) (1 mill) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the Township for five (5) years, 2004 through 2008 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for equipping, operating, and maintaining fire and police services within the Township? If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the one mill would raise an estimated \$296,600 in revenue for the Township when first levied in 2004.

#### PARADISE

**Ambulance and emergency medical service renewal millage**  
Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation

imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes which may be assessed against all property within Paradise Township, Grand Traverse County, be renewed at one (1) mill of the taxable valuation of all property in Paradise Township (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of three (3) years, 2005 through 2007, inclusive, for the purpose of providing ambulance and emergency medical services through the Kingsley Area Volunteer Ambulance Association; and shall the Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$84,880.56.

#### WHITEWATER

**Headlee proposal**  
Shall the previous voted fixed millage rate authorized in 1974 at 1.000 mill which has been reduced to .6259 mills due to the required Headlee reduction be increased by .3741 mills for levy on taxable value (\$.37 per \$1,000 of taxable value on real and tangible personal property) within Whitewater Township, Grand Traverse County in the years 2004 through 2011. Inclusive for general township operating purposes; which levy will raise in the first year of levy the sum of \$49,880.

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school teacher, presently works as the Grand Traverse Baykeeper.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Open and inclusive decision-making. Important issues are discussed and acted upon in meetings that are difficult to attend. Little is covered in our media. We need to work to actively involve the public early in the making of public policy.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I will bring a fresh, open and inclusive style to the office of Grand Traverse County commissioner. I will offer ideas, but more importantly, I will enlist the ideas of our community and facilitate consensus in their implementation.

#### PETER STROM Republican

**AGE:** 61

**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City  
**EDUCATION:** B.S., retailing, Central Michigan University, 1965; U.S. Peace Corps, Ethiopia, 1965-67; New York University, Institute of Retail Management, 1973.

**POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:**

Grand Traverse County commissioner, 1997-present, current chairman.  
**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** Sales representative, Alfie Embroidery; PK Strom Inc., president, 1992-2003; Hamilton



Clothing Co. owner, 1967-1992.  
**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Continued financial stability of Grand Traverse County. With funding from both state and national sources being reduced, combined with a rapidly growing population and an increased demand for services, the county must be a good steward of funds available to provide services county residences deserve.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** The citizens of Grand Traverse County need someone who has experience dealing with the diverse issues from public health to the environment to finance that affect our everyday lives. My proven track record demonstrates my ability to deal with all facets of county

government.

#### DISTRICT 8

#### VIRGINIA OLDS Republican

**AGE:** 72

**RESIDENCE:** Kingsley  
**POLITICAL CAREER:** Former Kingsley school board member; Grand Traverse County commissioner, 14 years.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Attendant nurse at former state hospital; farming.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Expand the district court and county jail. We need to give them more room. We have a wonderful workforce and county residents and we try to keep them happy.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I truly represent this area. I have

pushed this end of the county into Grand Traverse County. We do belong. We pay taxes.

#### DISTRICT 9

#### ADDISON WHELOCK JR. Republican

**AGE:** 48

**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City  
**POLITICAL CAREER:** 18 years on the Long Lake Township Board; 6 years on the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Public safety. I've been a firefighter and EMT for 30 years. I see a lot of accidents and people, and public safety is important to me.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I am dedicated and consistent. I represent the people who were born and raised here.