

KALKASKA COUNTY PROPOSALS

Commission on Aging Proposal

Shall the County of Kalkaska be authorized to renew the ¼ mill (\$.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) on all real and personal property within the County of Kalkaska for a five year period (2055, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 inclusive) for the purpose of financing operations, expenses and capital improvements in conjunction with providing Commission on

Aging Services for Kalkaska County residents (i.e.: transportation, information and assistance, congregate meals and home-delivered meals) which will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated \$144,368.00?

Operation and maintenance of county recycling program and animal control department proposal

This proposal will permit the

county to levy up to ¼ mill to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the county recycling program and the animal control department.

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the County of Kalkaska, State of Michigan, against taxable property in

the county be increased by up to one-fourth (¼) of a mill (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of two (2) years, 2004 through 2005 inclusive, for the sole purpose of operating and maintaining the county recycling program and the animal control department, including personnel and administrative costs, and shall the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for these

purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise and estimated \$144,368 for Kalkaska County in 2004.

TOWNSHIPS

EXCELSIOR

Proposal A: Fire and Rescue Protection Millage Proposal
Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation
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KALKASKA COUNTY

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Hygrade Food Products, 21 years.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?:

Don't harm the land and surroundings.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?:

For wetlands preservation and watershed management and habitat protection.

EDWARD REDWOOD

Democrat

AGE: 72

RESIDENCE: Kalkaska

EDUCATION:

Ford Trade High School, 2 years of drafting study.

POLITICAL CAREER: 8

years as drain commissioner; served 7 years on parks and recreation board.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Restoration and mold making for Detroit theaters, currently retired.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?: Watching out for wetlands and road endings to lakes.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: I am interested in the water quality and lake accesses for the public. Something has to be done about saving the wetlands.

SURVEYOR

EUGENE FARRIER

Republican

Did not respond



COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 1

RALPH KINGSLEY
Republican

DISTRICT 2

JAMES GREEN
Republican
Did not respond.

PHYLLIS SENSKE
Republican

AGE: Not available

RESIDENCE: Rapid City
EDUCATION: M.A., business and economics, Northern Michigan University; B.A., Michigan State University; Kalkaska Rural Agri School.
POLITICAL CAREER: None.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Employed as a secretary, teacher and in journalism.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?: For the past two years the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners has been heavily involved with resolving the court funding issue; and also with plans to generate a more balanced budget for the Kaliseum. These two issues need to be resolved.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: I will continue to devote time and energy to help the county resolve current and future issues, and as a conservationist, protect our natural resources and quality of life.

DISTRICT 3

MICHAEL COX
Republican
Did not respond

DISTRICT 4

ALAN McCULLEN

Democrat

Did not respond.

DISTRICT 5

CARROLL SEXTON
Republican
Did not respond.

DISTRICT 6

DIANA NEEDHAM
Republican
Did not respond.

LARRY WELLS

Republican

AGE: 68

RESIDENCE:

Kalkaska
EDUCATION: Kalkaska High School graduate

POLITICAL CAREER:

Appointed commissioner in 1993 and served through 1998.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: General Motors, 1954-1987.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?: To get the burden of the Kaliseum off the taxpayers' backs to where it should be. There must be a way to make it pay it's own way; that would free the money used for operation to be used on other services.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: I have five years experience as a commissioner, four years as chairman of personnel committee; two years as chairman of finance; five years on finance committee. My attendance was excellent. I am caring and honest.

DISTRICT 7

CRAIG WOOD

Republican

Did not respond

ROAD COMMISSION

GEORGE NICE
Democrat

AGE: 59

RESIDENCE: Kalkaska

EDUCATION:

Kalkaska-Antrim
Community Education, GED

POLITICAL CAREER:

Kalkaska
County Commissioner, five terms

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Truck driver, 40 years, Kalkaska County Road Commission for 20 years, retired

TOP ISSUE/WHY?: Establish a working relationship between the road commission, workers and public. Have the road commission accountable for the funding received and have our roads reflect the proper usage of these funds. Stop pointing fingers, get back to business and get the roads in the best condition possible.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: I have a proven record of dedication, fairness and honesty. My decisions are based on facts. I am not afraid to take a stand on an issue if I know it is right. I believe in accountability to the workers, townships, and people.

VERNON SMITH

Democrat

AGE: 53

RESIDENCE: Mancelona

EDUCATION: University of Idaho, forestry; Idaho State University, law enforcement; Central Michigan University, biology.

POLITICAL CAREER: currently a precinct delegate for the Democratic Party.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Laborer on a township road crew; driver/operator for a city's DPW; sub-station commander on a police department (served on a SWAT for 4 years and 2 years as the leader); water and waste water operator; currently sells pumps.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?: Roads. We need to do a better maintenance of blacktop and gravel roads. We've got to rid ourselves of being reactive. We need to do the type of work that keeps the potholes and the washboard gone. Currently our local roads ruin our vehicles.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Because I'll get the job done. We've got good people to do the work. I'll supply direction and leadership. I promise two things: each dollar spent brings the highest value possible, and I'll work hard for you until the last day.

DONALD VYVERBERG

Republican

Did not respond.

