

MANISTEE COUNTY PROPOSALS

County Proposition 1 Animal control operating millage

Shall the County of Manistee authorize and increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Manistee at .2000 mill (\$.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the five (5) year period of 2004 through 2008, inclu-

sive, for operational and building maintenance costs at the Manistee County Animal Control Facility, and shall the County of Manistee levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$167,754.

County Dial-A-Ride

Shall Manistee County increase the constitutional

limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed on all real and personal property in Manistee County as provided for in Article IX, Sec. 6, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, for all purposes by 0.3300 mill (\$.33 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) and levy .3300 mill for six years (2004 through 2009 inclusive)

for general operation of public transportation services (Dial-A-Ride) in Manistee County? If approved it is estimated that the revenue generated by this proposal in the first calendar year would be \$276,794.

County Council on Aging Millage Renewal

Shall the County of Manistee renew a previous voted

increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6, of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible property within the county of Manistee for a period of six (6) years, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, inclusive, by up to .30 mill (\$.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value), to be used for the supp-

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MANISTEE COUNTY

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AGE: Not provided

RESIDENCE: Arcadia

EDUCATION: Not provided.

POLITICAL CAREER: Arcadia Township supervisor, 2000-2004.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Taught early childhood development classes for Department of Defense schools in Europe; Worked for Ford Motor Co.; own my own small business.

TOP

ISSUE/WHY? To plan for our future with thoughtful consideration for the environment as well as industry. I feel passionate about creating jobs, head-of-household wages and still be sensitive to our environment. Manistee County needs to be more proactive in their approach to growth and development.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?

I'm enthusiastic, resourceful, reliable, responsible and I really want the job. The only promise I can make is that I will educate myself on each issues as it presents itself and I will listen to all views and make the best decisions I can on that basis.

DISTRICT 2

ALLAN O'SHEA

Democrat

AGE: 61

RESIDENCE: Copemish

EDUCATION: Three years as biology major at Alma

College.

POLITICAL CAREER: Current incumbent county commissioner; Marilla Township supervisor, 9 years; former ISD board member; Kaleva-Norman Dickson school board, 3 years.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

General sales manager, Thermolock Manufacturing; business owner and real estate developer; founder, American Wind Energy Association in 1970s.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? We need to preserve our precious environment, one of the main reasons so many visitors come to our region. I want to build strong and diverse partnerships to create jobs. We must preserve existing industrial base while developing new growth. We need to help local start-up companies.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?

Communities need both a short- and long-term vision along with a plan for our future energy consumption and energy growth in northern Michigan. I can and will provide the vision and leadership to make bold decisions necessary for planned and sustainable growth for Manistee County and northern Michigan.

DISTRICT 3

GLENN LOTTIE

Democrat

AGE: Not provided

RESIDENCE: Brethren

EDUCATION: B.S. in electrical engineering.

POLITICAL CAREER: Served on board of directors, Manistee

Conservation District and Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club; board of directors, Dickson School Cultural Center.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Project engineer for vehicle testing at Ford Motor Company (retired); Korean War veteran.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Manistee County is a beautiful, desirable destination with a commercial port — wonderful assets. As county commissioner I would promote them in order to bring in new businesses while being mindful that these assets need to be protected from irresponsible development. I would seek a sensible balance between industry and tourism.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? My background in engineering and project management will be an asset to the county. I can help it progress in adapting new technology thereby making this area more desirable for new business. Hopefully, I can improve the quality of life for the people in my district and throughout the county.

CARL MEZESKE

Republican

Did not respond

DISTRICT 4

ERVIN KOWALSKI SR.

Democrat

AGE: 77

RESIDENCE:

Manistee

EDUCATION:

Manistee High School, 1944; numerous busi-

ness seminars.

POLITICAL CAREER: Manistee County commissioner since 1995.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: CEO and founder of Kowalski Distributing Company, Inc., a long-distance trucking firm in Manistee since 1948.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Making Manistee County an affordable place to live, work and relax through fiscal responsibility in government.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am experienced, a life-long resident, conservative and community-minded. I am knowledgeable and responsive to the needs of business, industry and the constituency.

DISTRICT 5

EDWARD HAIK

Republican

Did not respond

DISTRICT 6

KATHY FENSTERMACHER

Democrat

Did not respond

ANDREW HUBER

Democrat

AGE: 39

RESIDENCE:

Manistee

EDUCATION:

Bachelor's

degree,

University of Michigan, 1987;

M.A. in sec-

ondary school administration, Central Michigan University, 2000.

POLITICAL CAREER: First public office sought.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Peace Corps forestry volunteer, Mauritania (West Africa) 1988-89. High school history and English teacher, 1993-2000 (1993-95 Beaverton, 1995-97 Gladwin, 1997-2000 Manistee). Assistant principal, Manistee High School, 2000-present.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Manistee, like much of northwestern Michigan, is an area that will be facing many choices about development. While I welcome continued growth, I want us to have a plan for controlled development that will allow us to retain our identity and strengths that I see as grounded in our natural resources and setting.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? My only agenda is to continue the fantastic quality of life that everyone enjoys in Northwestern Michigan. As a life-long resident of the state, I want to help ensure that my children and families in Michigan can have the same great experiences that I had growing up here. We love the Manistee area and plan on being community members for years.

LORRAINE CONWAY

Republican

Did not respond.

JOHN HAM

Republican

Did not respond

DISTRICT 7

CARL RUTSKE

Democrat

Did not respond

