

OTSEGO COUNTY PROPOSALS

County Proposal A

This proposal will permit the County to restore the County's .6000 mills for operating the Otsego County Commission on Aging previously approved by the electors and expiring in 2004. The Headlee Amendment has reduced the millage to .5900 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing .5900 mills and restores the .0100 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment. Shall the 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 County of Otsego, State of Michigan, against taxable property in the County be increased by up to six tenths (61/10) of a mill (\$.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value for a period of five (5) years, 2005 through 2009, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating the Otsego County Commission on Aging, and shall the Otsego County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for the purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$818,938 for Otsego County in 2005.

County Proposal B

This proposal will permit the County to levy an additional .4000 mills for operating the Otsego County Commission on

Aging.

Shall the 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 County of Otsego, State of Michigan, against taxable property in the County be increased by up to four tenths (4/10) of a mill (\$.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2005 through 2009, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating the Otsego County Commission on Aging, and shall the Otsego County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for the purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$412,625 for Otsego County in 2005.

County Proposal C

This proposal will permit the County to levy up to 3/10 of a mill to provide funds for CONTINUANCE OF THE NO KILL OF ADOPTABLE PETS POLICY AND the operation and maintenance of the animal shelter. Shall the 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 County of Otsego, State of Michigan, against taxable property in the County be increased by up to three-tenths

(3/10) of a mill (\$.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2005 through 2009, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating the Otsego County Commission on Aging, and shall the Otsego County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for the purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$309,459 for Otsego County in 2004.

County Proposal D

This proposal will permit the County to restore the County's 1/16 (.0625) mill for maintaining the Otsego County parks previously approved by the electors and expiring in 2005. The Headlee Amendment has reduced the millage to .0032 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing .0593 mills and restores the .0100 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment. Shall the 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 County of Otsego, State of Michigan, against taxable property in the County be increased by up to one-sixteenth (1/16) of a mill (\$.0625 per \$1,000 of taxable value for a period of five (5) years, 2006 through 2010, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds

for operating and maintaining the Otsego County parks, and shall the Otsego County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for the purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$84,475 for Otsego Co. in 2006.

Otsego County Fire Department fire equipment purchase millage

Shall the tax limitation on the amount of taxes that may be assessed against certain property, more fully described below, in Otsego County be increased, as provided for in Article 9, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and the Otsego County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy a new tax not to exceed one mill (\$1.00 per thousand dollars) of taxable value of such property for a period of one (1) year beginning with the levy to be made on December 1, 2004, estimated to generate \$669,395.10 in the single year of the millage, for the purpose of purchasing firefighting equipment for the Otsego County Fire Department. The certain property in Otsego County is more fully described as follows:
All of Livingston Township. Sections 1-36. T31N R3W
All of Dover Township. Sections 1-36 T31N R2W
All of Bagley Township.

Sections 1-36. T30N R3W
All of the City of Gaylord. Hayes Township, Sections 1-36. T30N R4W
Hayes Township Sections 1-12. All of Section 13, lying North of Manceloan Rd. and Sections 14-16, T29N R4W.
Chester Township, the West 1/2 of Section 2 with Carpes Rd. as the division line. All of Sections 3-9, Sections 18-21, Sections 26-33 Y30N R2W
Sections 4-9 T29N R2W.

ELMIRA TOWNSHIP**Elmira-Warner Fire Authority Proposal**

This proposal will permit Elmira Township to levy 1 mill for the operation and maintenance of fire/rescue services. Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by Elmira Township, County of Otsego, State of Michigan, against taxable property in the County be increased by up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for (4) years, 2004 through 2007, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of fire/rescue services? If approved and levied in its entirety. It is estimated that the 1 mill would raise an estimated \$60,141 for the fire authority in 2004.

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FROM PAGE 37**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

Insurance agent for 25 years. **TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Managed growth.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am the best candidate to continue the process of managed growth and fiscal responsibility.

**DISTRICT 7
ALEXANDER GREFICZ**

Republican
AGE: 67
RESIDENCE: Gaylord
EDUCATION: Gaylord High School.
POLITICAL CAREER: No previous public office.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: U.S.



Navy during Korean Conflict; retired Teamster, Barton-Malow Inc.; retired Veterans' Affairs director; director of District 7 Otsego County Commission on Aging.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? The top issue for me is balancing the county budget. Increasing taxes of our hard-working citizens is not the answer. We need to work with the funds that we have and look for places to trim excess spending.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I have been in the community for 40+ years. I have witnessed the changes. If you have hopes and dreams for Gaylord like I do then vote for me. If you want someone who is willing to hold discussions and someone who can facilitate actual change, then vote for me.

DOUGLAS JOHNSON**Republican**

AGE: Not provided
RESIDENCE: Gaylord
EDUCATION: High school; Ferris State University.
POLITICAL CAREER: Served on Otsego County Board of Commissioners for last 24 years.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Chairman of the Membership Committee of Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for 7 years; vice president and trustee of the Michigan Counties Workers Compensation Fund; member of the board of directors for



First National Bank of Gaylord for 18 years.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? To develop a smart growth plan. Working with townships, the city, villages and property owners to plan for growth while protecting our resources. County funding and working with the budget to provide the best service with limited moneys.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I want to do the best job I can to represent the people. I feel everyone should have a chance to express his thoughts. I enjoy working to find solutions and improvements that benefit everyone. My past experience and relationships enable me to be a positive force on the board.

DISTRICT 8**MIKE HYDE****Republican**

Did not respond

DISTRICT 9**ALLAN R. BENTZ****Republican**

AGE: 54
RESIDENCE: Elmira
EDUCATION: Michigan State University, bachelor's degree.
POLITICAL CAREER: County commissioner, 8 eight years.
PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Self-employed businessman.
TOP ISSUE/WHY?: Update county plan. It is a growing and changing document that needs to be worked on regularly.
WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: Lifetime resident of the county who will bring a wealth of history of the area, and knowledge of the concerns of the locals. Will listen well to what people say.