TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the senior centers throughout Berrien County provide valued services for the senior citizens of Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, PA39 of 1976 authorized the County to submit a millage proposal to the electorate for services to older citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following proposal be placed on the ballot for consideration by the voters of Berrien County at the election to be held on August 4, 2020, and that the form of the proposal shall be as follows:

RENEWAL OF SENIOR CENTERS PROPOSAL

In accordance with PA39 of 1976 and in support of continued operation of the senior centers in Berrien County, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation of all property in Berrien County liable for taxation shall be set at thirty hundredths of one mill ($0.30 cents per each $1,000 of taxable valuation). The above said millage represents a renewal of the millage rate of thirty hundredths of one mill. The authorization to levy said millage is for a period of four (4) years being 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage rate in the first year of levy (2021) will be approximately $2,475,873.00.

Yes _________ No _________

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said election shall be held and conducted and the result of said election shall be canvassed in accordance with the provisions of the state law pertaining to the submission of such questions to the electors entitled to vote thereon and that the County Clerk shall do and perform all acts required by law for the calling and conducting of such election, and that the County Clerk shall, upon completion of the official canvass, file with the County Treasurer of Berrien County a certified copy of the official declaration of results of said election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the above proposal is approved by the voters, this Board of Commissioners will not levy any greater millage than is necessary, within the limits approved by the voters, to adequately provide funds for services and programs for the Senior Centers in this county, and that all revenues generated by this millage will be used solely for said purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
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