

2024 TACC Ballot Language

Shall the Transportation Authority of Calhoun County (TACC) levy a new tax for public transportation purposes of up to 2.66 mills (\$2.66 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all property) for a period of five (5) years 2024 through 2028, inclusive, to provide funds for all public transportation authority purposes permitted by law, including all capital and operating expenses necessary to provide fixed route, on-demand and other related transit services for the general public including seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities, and non-drivers within the TACC boundary or beyond, with disbursements to such other or fewer local units of government as required or determined by the TACC Board. If approved and levied, the requested millage would provide estimated revenues to the Transit Authority of \$5,023,197 when first levied in 2024.

THE FOLLOWING IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Expanded public transportation services may include, but not be limited to:

- Cities of Albion and Springfield: New and enhanced public transit opportunities;**
- Cities of Battle Creek and Marshall: Improved and increased public transit services and routes;**
- A fleet of at least 12 on-demand vehicles, mobile phone app, electronic fare payment, enhanced technology and same-day service; and**
- Services designed with the customer in mind so that they are easy to understand and use, affordable, safe, comfortable, and convenient.**

If approved and levied, this millage will provide more transportation options to get employees to jobs, patients to healthcare, students to education, and people to recreation and entertainment. Expanded transit opportunities will be implemented within the TACC boundary which currently includes the cities of Albion, Battle Creek, Marshall, and Springfield. Services may be expanded based on partnerships and contracts with entities outside the TACC boundary.

RESOLUTION 2024-14

A RESOLUTION FOR PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, SECTION 8, SUBSECTION (b) OF THE CITY OF ALBION CHARTER

Purpose and Finding: Section 10.8(b) of the City Charter currently sets the requirements for the meetings of the board of review. Section 10.8(b) requires that the board of review meet not less than twenty (20) hours during the first four days of its meeting. MCL 211.30, of the General Property Tax Act, sub-section (3) and (4) only require that a board of review meet for a total of twelve (12) hours during the week it meets. Our Assessor has indicated that part of the difficulty of getting people to serve and show up to board of review meetings is likely due, in part, to the excessive time commitment. This amendment would reduce the time commitment for the local board of review while remaining compliant with state law. Approval is recommended.

Council Member French moved, supported by Council Member Davis, to approve the following resolution.

RESOLVED, as follows:

1. that by a 3/5 vote of its members-elect, pursuant to the authority granted by Public Act 279 of 1909, MCL 117.21(1) as amended, propose that Section 10-8(b) of the Charter of the City of Albion be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10.8 – Meetings of the board of review

- (a) Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting of the board of review shall be published by the assessor not less than one week nor more than three (3) weeks prior thereto.
- (b) The board of review shall meet on the second Monday in March in each year at a place designated by the Albion City Council. The first meeting of the board of review in each year must start not earlier than 9 a.m. and not later than 3 p.m. and last for at least six (6) hours to hear protests. The board of review shall also meet for at least an additional six (6) hours during the remainder of the week to hear protests. The board of review shall convene at 9:00 a.m. on the third Monday in March in each year at a place designated by the council, or on such other date as may subsequently be required by law for the meeting of boards of review in cities, and shall continue in session from day to day for not less than four (4) days for the purpose of considering the assessment roll of the city. The board shall be in session for a total of not less than a total of twenty (20) hours during the first four (4) days of its meeting.
- (c) The board shall hear the complaints of all persons considering themselves aggrieved by assessments. If it shall appear that any person or property has

been wrongfully assessed or omitted from the roll, the board shall correct the roll in such manner as it deems just.

- (d) The board of review may examine on oath any person appearing before it respecting the assessment of property on the assessment roll. Any member of the board may administer the oath.
- (e) The assessor shall make a permanent record of all proceedings of the board and enter therein all resolutions and decisions of the board. Such record shall be filed with the clerk on or before the first day of September following the meeting of the board of review.

Provisions of the existing section 10.8(b) of the Charter of the City of Albion to be altered or abrogated by such proposal, if adopted, now reads as follows:

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 - (d) The board of review may examine on oath any person appearing before it respecting the assessment of property on the assessment roll. Any member of the board may administer the oath.
 - (e) The assessor shall make a permanent record of all proceedings of the board and enter therein all resolutions and decisions of the board. Such record shall be filed with the clerk on or before the first day of September following the meeting of the board of review.
2. The City Clerk shall transmit a copy of the proposed amendment to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval and transmit a copy of the

foregoing statement of purpose of such proposed amendment to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval by law.

3. The proposed charter amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this city an at election to be held in the City of Albion on November 5, 2024, and the City Clerk is directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration in the manner prescribed by law.
4. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the following format:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 10.8(b) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ALBION

Section 10.8(b) requires the board of review to meet the third Monday every March and meet for twenty (20) hours during the week of its meeting.

The amendment would: (1) change the meeting date to the second Monday of each March, (2) reduce the total meeting hours to twelve (12), with at least six (6) hours on the first day, and (3) have the first meeting day start not earlier than 9 a.m. and not later than 3 p.m.

Should this proposal be adopted?

[YES] [NO]

5. The proposed amendment shall be published in full together with the existing charter provision altered or abrogated by the amendment as part of the election notice not less than seven (7) days prior to the election.

Date: June 3, 2024

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Albion on June 3, 2024.



Jill Domingo
City Clerk

New Millage for roads

Shall Clarence township initiate a new levy of .5 mills (\$0.50 per \$1000.00) on taxable value of property located in Clarence Township for six years, beginning with the 2024 tax year through the 2029 tax year, (inclusive), which is estimated to raise revenue of (45,877.00) in the first year, to be used for township road improvement and repair purposes?

Yes

No

FREDONIA TOWNSHIP ROAD CONSTRUCTION & IMPROVEMENT
MILLAGE RENEWAL BALLOT LANGUAGE

“Shall the expiring previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Fredonia Township, of 1 mill(\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to .9458 mills (\$.9458 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for seven (7) years, 2025-2031 inclusive, for Township road construction and improvement purposes, raising an estimated \$87,714 in the first year the millage is levied?”

Yes

No

MARENGO TOWNSHIP FIRE VEHICLE MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall Marengo Township impose a renewal of previously authorized 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for seven years, 2026 through 2032, inclusive, for purchase of fire protection motor vehicles; apparatus and equipment for said new vehicles, and housing, which one mill increase will raise an estimated \$134,000.00 in the first year of the millage renewal is levied?

Shall Tekonsha Township impose an increase of up to .1133 mills (\$.1133 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for five (5) years, 2024 through 2028 inclusive, to support the general operations of the Township, which .1133 mill increase will raise an estimated \$7,673.02 in the first year the millage is levied?

Shall Tekonsha Township impose an increase of up to .0026 mills (\$.0026 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for six (6) years, 2024 through 2029 inclusive, for the provision of fire protection services in the Township, which .0026 mill increase will raise an estimated \$176.08 in the first year the millage is levied?

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS

SINKING FUND MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the building and site sinking fund millage that expires with the 2025 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate of 3 mills (\$3.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Athens Area Schools, Calhoun, Branch, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2026 to 2030, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2026 is approximately \$600,000 (this is renewal of millage that will expire with the 2025 tax levy)?

I.

**MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Marshall Public Schools, Calhoun and Jackson Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fifty-Three Million One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$53,180,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new elementary school building within the territory of the former Albion Public Schools school district; erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school buildings, including a secure vestibule addition at Hughes Elementary School; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings, including adding air conditioning to Gordon Elementary School and Marshall Middle School; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2025, under current law, is 2.30 mills (\$2.30 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.87 mills (\$1.87 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$36,800,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

If both Proposal I and Proposal II are approved by the voters, the school district expects to borrow from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program to pay debt service on the bonds. The estimated total principal amount of that borrowing is \$6,777,367 and the estimated total interest to be paid thereon is \$2,328,422. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 11 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 7 mills (for Marshall taxpayers not within the territory of the former Albion Public Schools school district). The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

II.

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Marshall Public Schools, Calhoun and Jackson Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Seven Million Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$37,065,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to Marshall High School; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; erecting, furnishing, and equipping an FFA barn and structures; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for Marshall High School and the FFA barn; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping athletic fields, athletic facilities, and the High School site?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2025, under current law, is 1.65 mills (\$1.65 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.40 mills (\$1.40 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$36,800,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

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(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)