

Mason, for the August 6, 2024 primary election date a proposition for the Mason County voters providing for the 0.2979 mill maximum assessment for a period of six years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following proposition be certified to the County Clerk for submission to the electors of the County of Mason at the August 6, 2024 primary election:

SENIOR CITIZEN MILLAGE PROPOSAL RENEWAL

Shall the limitation on taxes which may be assessed against all property in the County of Mason, State of Michigan, be increased by and the Mason County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy an amount not to exceed .2979 of a mill (\$0.2979 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for the period of 6 years, 2024 to 2029, inclusively, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation, maintenance or renovation/expansion of Senior Centers and Senior Citizen programs in Mason County?

This levy will generate approximately \$739,783.00 in the 2024 calendar year.

The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to submit the propositions to the electors of the County at the August 6, 2024 primary election.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Moved for your approval.

Chair Andersen noted that the Senior Center Directors, the Senior Services Coordinator, and Administrator all wished to move forward with this millage.

Motion carried. (Signed) Andersen.

➤ Treasurer Kmetz noted the report was emailed. The 2023 Tax Settlement is complete. We have purchased \$2.52 million in delinquent taxes which is about 3% higher than last year. There were 8 parcels foreclosed. Six parcels were vacant lots. There were two homes, with one occupied as a rental house and the other vacant. We have 25 parcels on extension agreements that we will be working with the property owners to get caught up and connected with tax assistance programs. The Mason County Land Bank Authority was issued notice to proceed on the two projects we applied for blight elimination grants being the Scottville schoolhouse and St. Jerome’s Church. I will be meeting with our land bank consultant to put together the next steps for the projects and will be scheduling a Land Bank Authority meeting coming up to move forward on those projects. We were awarded the full \$500,000 towards these projects.

➤ Clerk Kelly noted that the Clerk’s report was emailed. She thanked the Board for the approval of the scanner. She noted that the Mason County Local Clerk’s Association, after much discussion, decided to move the Early Vote Site #2 to the Custer Townhall. The office is currently working on the August Primary. There will be four ballot proposals for voters to discuss on, one county-wide and three township.

➤ Deputy Administrator Szczypka informed the Board that she has been working on the Chill Grant Agreement and Housing opportunities.

➤ **Public Comment:** Rebecca Robinson, Branch, invited everyone to the Lincoln Day Dinner on May 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Stearns Ballroom.

➤ **Other business:** None.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR