

Resolution 22-10

Placing Proposed Library System Millage on Ballot

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Clair recognizes the value provided by the St. Clair County Library System to residents;

Whereas, it is recognized the Library System provides services available to residents, including: (i) education concerning the use of technology; (ii) providing databases for information use at home and in the library branches; (iii) providing wireless internet access at facilities; (iv) providing a wide collection of library materials and resources available to patrons; and (v) offering various special and regular scheduled programming;

Whereas, revenues available to fund library services have decreased over the years, including, reductions in penal fine collections, reduced State Aid funding, increased expenses and tax reductions;

Whereas, Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that the fifteen (15) mill limitation on property taxes therein imposed may be altered by a vote of the majority of the qualified electors of the County;

Whereas, voters previously approved a millage levy that provided funds to support operations of the Library System, which expired in 2021; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to permit the electorate of the County to express its view on the question of funding for the St. Clair County Library System.

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved that:

The Clerk of the County of St. Clair is hereby directed to place on the ballot for the primary election of August 2, 2022, a proposition for the imposition of an addition not to exceed 1.2 mills to be used exclusively for library purposes and that the proposition shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

ST. CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MILLAGE

1. Shall St. County levy a new millage, for the exclusive purpose of supporting the St. Clair County Library System, in the amount of 1.2 mills for a period of ten (10) years, 2022 through 2031? This proposed millage replaces a previously authorized millage that supported the Library System and which expired in 2021. The St. Clair County Library System operates branches in the Village of Capac, the Townships of Clay, Ira, and Kimball, and the Cities of Algonac, Marine City, Marysville, Memphis, Port Huron, St. Clair, and Yale and funds from this millage will be used exclusively for library purposes allowed under the law. If approved and levied in full, this millage would raise approximately \$8,069,430 the first year levied.

2. Said election shall be held and conducted and the results of the 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 of St. Clair County and the Treasurer of St. Clair County shall do and perform all acts required by law for the calling and effecting of such election, and that the said Clerk shall within five (5) days of said election file with the County Treasurer for St. Clair County a certified copy of the official declaration of the results of said election.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Clair, on the 21st day of April, 2022.

Dated:

Reviewed and Approved by:



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