

## Resolution 24-04

### Placing Proposed Renewal of Millage for A Drug Task Force on Ballot

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Clair recognizes the imminent danger to the health and safety of the community, most specifically our children and young people, that the distribution of illegal controlled substance poses; and

**Whereas**, it is further recognized that the employment of a Drug Task Force comprised of police personnel, including undercover personnel, and personnel from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney can be an effective means of apprehending and removing from the community individuals involved in criminal activity; and

**Whereas**, such a Drug Task Force is a specialized unit created for a specific purpose and function not provided for within the structure of the County's law enforcement system; and

**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**, the voters previously authorized a millage to fund the operations of the Drug Task Force; 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 renewing a levy in the amount of .5598 mills to be used to fund the operations of a Drug Task Force in St. Clair County.

**Now, Therefore, be it resolved that:**

1. The Clerk of the County of St. Clair is hereby directed to place on the ballot for the primary election of August 6, 2024, a proposition to renew .5598 mill levy to be used primarily for funding the operation of a Drug Task Force for a four-year period, and that the proposition shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

Proposition \_\_\_\_\_  
**RENEWAL OF DRUG INVESTIGATION AND  
PROSECUTION TASK FORCE MILLAGE**

Shall a previously voter approved St. Clair County millage of .5598 mills (\$.5598 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in excess of constitutional limitations be renewed for a period of 4 years, from 2024 through 2027 inclusive, to be used for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of a Drug Task Force, comprised of personnel and equipment from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office and the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of St. Clair County, to investigate and prosecute individuals involved in the distribution of illegal controlled substances and related offenses? This proposed millage is a renewal of a


previously approved millage in the same amount. If approved and levied in full this millage would raise estimated revenues of \$4,234,752 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2024.

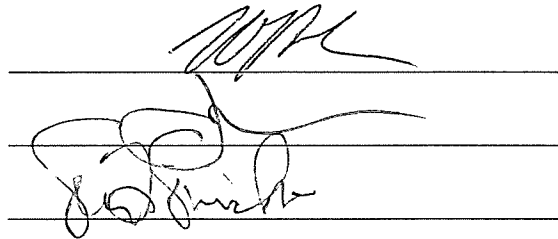
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