



**OTTAWA COUNTY  
OFFICIAL BALLOT PROPOSALS  
NOVEMBER 3, 2009 ELECTION**

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**CITY OF FERRYSBURG  
BALLOT PROPOSAL**

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against property in the City of Ferrysburg, Ottawa County, Michigan, as provided for by Section 6 Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, be increased up to the amount of \$1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation (1.00 mills) for a period of ten (10) years, 2010 through 2019, inclusive, to replace Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Services Department motorized equipment, and shall the City be authorized to levy said tax? The estimate of the additional taxes the City will collect if 1.00 mills is levied in 2010 is approximately \$162,309.

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**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**

[If electors approve the proposed Charter amendments, then ward voting for City Council members would be implemented as follows:

- A. By July 1, 2010, the City Council will establish four wards according to the requirements of Section 27a of the Michigan Home Rule City Act, Public Act 279 of 1909, MCL 117.27a;
- B. In 2011, one City Council member will be elected by electors who reside in Ward One established by the City Council, and one City Council member will be elected by City electors who reside in Ward Two established by the City Council;
- C. In 2013, one City Council member will be elected by electors who reside in Ward Three established by the City Council, and one City Council member will be elected by City electors who reside in Ward Four established by the City Council; and
- D. After 2013, each City Council member, other than the Mayor, will be elected by the electors of one of the four wards the City Council established.]

Shall Sections 1.3, 4.2, 4.10, and 13.7 of the City Charter be amended to provide that: (1) the City shall have four wards, apportioned according to a plan the City Council adopts, so that all wards are as compact and contiguous as possible, and have a population as nearly equal as possible, and (2) excluding the Mayor, one member of the City Council, who must be a resident of the ward he or she serves, shall be nominated and chosen by voters in each ward?

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**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP  
NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

Shall an expiring increase in the total amount of taxes which may be levied by Wright Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, against all property in the Township, as provided by Article IX, Sec.6 of the Michigan Constitution, of 0.25 mills (\$0.25 per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value), reduced to 0.2481 mills (\$.2481 per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 0.25 mills (\$0.25 per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value), and levied for four (4) years, 2009 through 2012, inclusive for the purpose of providing funds to be paid to the North Ottawa County Council on Aging pursuant to a contract between the Council on Aging and Wright Township for the purpose of providing funds for senior citizen activities and general senior services provided by the Council on Aging; and shall the Township be authorized to levy said tax?

[ESTIMATE OF REVENUE: If approved by the voters, the Township estimates that the North Ottawa County Council on Aging will receive \$27,450 of revenues from this millage renewal in 2009.]

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## **\*PROPOSALS IN THE CITY OF HOLLAND, ALLEGAN COUNTY PORTION**

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### **ALLEGAN COUNTY 911 OPERATING SURCHARGE**

For the period beginning on January 1, 2010 and continuing through the month of December in the year 2014, shall Allegan County be authorized to assess a monthly surcharge of up to and not to exceed \$2.80 in the monthly billings of landline, wireless and VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) service suppliers within the geographic boundaries of Allegan County to be used exclusively for the funding of 911 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Allegan County, including facilities, equipment and operations?

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### **HAMILTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL**

Shall Hamilton Community Schools, Allegan County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eighteen Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$18,490,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for purposes of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and partially remodeling, refurbishing and equipping school district buildings; acquiring and installing educational technology improvements and energy conservation improvements; purchasing school buses and acquiring, developing and improving playgrounds, athletic fields, facilities and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2010 is 4.77 mills (\$4.77 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a net increase in the debt levy over 2009 of -0- mills. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-one (21) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.06 mills (\$2.06 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

If the school district borrows from the State to pay debt service on the bonds, the school district may be required to continue to levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State.

(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.)