

**COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
NOTICE OF ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023
SPECIAL ELECTION**

To the qualified electors of the following Townships and Cities:

The Townships of: Adams, Calumet, Chassell, Duncan, Elm River, Franklin, Hancock, Laird, Osceola, Portage, Quincy, Schoolcraft, Stanton, Torch Lake and the Cities of Hancock and Houghton.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION:

COUNTYWIDE PROPOSALS:

RENEWAL OF COUNTY ROAD MILLAGE

Shall the ad valorem tax rate of Houghton County for roads, streets and highways on real property assessed therein be renewed and continued in the amount of 1.3690 mills (\$1.3690 per \$1,000.00 of the taxable value) during each of the years 2024 – 2033, inclusive? This renewal will produce tax revenue of an estimated \$1,464,740.63 for 2024. All revenue will be used solely for the purpose of paying the general operating and maintenance expenses of the Houghton County Road Commission and the incorporated cities and villages of the County of Houghton in maintaining roads, streets and highways. The money derived from the renewed millage shall be allocated, distributed, and spent according to Act No. 133 of the Public Acts of 1968.

Township Proposals:

Calumet Township:

**RENEWAL OF BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE MILLAGE
IN CALUMET TOWNSHIP**

This proposal will permit Calumet Township to restore the Township's authority to levy up to 1.5 mills for building and maintenance previously approved by the electors for the years 2016 -2023. The Headlee Amendment previously reduced this millage to 1.4766 mills. This ballot proposal renews the existing 1.4766 mills and restores the 0.0234 mills previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation of the total amount of taxes which may be levied against all property in the unincorporated areas in the Charter Township of Calumet be increased to 1 ½ mills (\$1.50 per thousand of Taxable Value) for eight (8) years (2024,2025,2026,2027,2028,2029,2030,2031) and the taxes so raised be used for maintenance of Township owned buildings, parks, recreation, public areas and grounds within its jurisdiction raising in its first year an estimated \$119,000?

Chassell Township:

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION MILLAGE

Shall Chassell Township be authorized to levy the Recreation millage of (.5) mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 5 years, from 2024 to 2028 inclusive, to be levied on January 1, 2024, for the implementation, operation and maintenance of the recreational projects and activities adopted in the Chassell Township, Recreation Plan and shall the Township be authorized to levy the millage during each of these years? The estimated amount of revenue Chassell Township will collect if the millage is approved in the 2024 calendar year is approximately \$35,257.

Duncan Township:

VOTED OPERATING

Shall the expiring previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Duncan Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.8943 mills (\$0.89 mills per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at 0.8943 mills for 5 years, 2023 through 2027 inclusive, for general township operating purposes, raising an estimated \$13,478 in the first year the millage is levied?

VOTED FIRE

Shall the expiring previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Duncan Township, of 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.7889 mills (\$1.79 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at 1.7889 mills and levied for 5 years, 2023 through 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of fire protection, purchasing and housing fire motor vehicles, apparatus, and equipment, and for the building, maintenance and operation of the same, raising an estimated \$26,961 in the first year the millage is levied?

VOTED AMBULANCE

Shall the expiring previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Duncan Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.9432 mills (\$0.94 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at 0.9432 mills and levied for 5 years, 2023 through 2027 inclusive, for the operation of Sonco and Bay Ambulance Companies, raising an estimated \$14,215 in the first year the millage is levied?

VOTED FIRE TRUCK

Shall the expiring previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Duncan Township, of 0.5 mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.4715 mills (\$0.47 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at 0.4715 mills (\$0.47 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 5 years, 2023 through 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of fire protection, purchasing, housing and maintaining fire trucks apparatus and fire hall updates, upgrades and operation, raising an estimated \$7,106 in the first year the millage is levied?

Franklin Township:

Precinct No. 1, Quincy/Franklin

PRECINCT 1 FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND

Shall the tax increase of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) which has been in effect previously in Franklin Township Precinct No. 1 (one) Quincy/Franklin/Boston, and designated as "QUINCY/FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND" be continued for the ensuing 4 (four) years, namely: 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$34,150.32?

Precinct No. 2, Ripley

PRECINCT 2 FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND

Shall the tax increase of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) which has been in effect previously in Franklin Township Precinct No. 2 (two) Ripley, and designated as "RIPLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND" be continued for the ensuing 4 (four) years, namely: 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$12,064.90?

Precincts 1 and 2

MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR FIRE APPARATUS

Shall Franklin Township impose an increase of .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levy it for 4 (four) years namely: 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 inclusive for Purchase of Fire Truck and other Firefighting Apparatus for the Township, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$11,553.80?

MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR ROADS

Shall Franklin Township impose an increase of 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which had been in effect previously, and levy it for 4 (four) years namely: 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 inclusive for Improvements to Public Roads within the Township, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$92,430.43?

Stanton Township:

STANTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitations under Article IX, Sec. 6, of the Michigan Constitution in Stanton Township of 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.9828 mills (\$1.98 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 5 years 2024 through 2028 inclusive, for general township road improvement, raising an estimated \$134,702 in the first year the millage is levied?

Torch Lake Township:

ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Shall the previously voted increase in millage allowed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, in Torch Lake Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) reduced to 0.9715 mills (\$0.9715 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks be renewed at up to 0.9715 mills (\$0.9715 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for five (5) years, 2023 through 2027, both inclusive, to provide revenue for the maintenance, rehabilitation, repair, reconstruction and improvement of public roads within the Township as prioritized by the Torch Lake Township Board? The estimated revenue the Township will collect in the first year, if this millage is approved and levied, is \$107,793.65.

VILLAGE PROPOSALS:

Laurium Village:

**VILLAGE OF LAURIUM
HEADLEE OVERRIDE GENERAL OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall a “Headlee Override” be adopted so that the current limitation on the amount of Village taxes that may be levied against all taxable property in the Village of Laurium, Houghton County, Michigan be increased

- Up to the original 12.50 mills from the Headlee rollback reduced millage rate of 9.1058 mills (\$12.50 from approximately \$9.1058 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for each year for a period of 10 years, 2023 through 2032 inclusive, for all Village general operating expenses?

If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$85,000 for the Village, beginning in 2023, by allowing the Village to restore the 3.3942 mills (\$3.3942 per \$1,000 of taxable value) previously

rolled back by the Headlee amendment and allow the Village to levy its maximum millage rate of 12.50 mills previously authorized by the Village Charter and State law.

Shall the ballot proposal be adopted for the purpose of restoring and levying this millage?

SCHOOL PROPOSALS:

Chassell:

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW
20 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS**

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Chassell Township Schools, 41585 U.S. Highway 41, Chassell, Michigan 49916-0140, telephone: (906) 483-2132.

VOTING INFORMATION:

Sample ballots may be viewed at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local City or Township clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot or to be placed on a permanent absentee voter list upon request of the voter. Ballots are able to be dropped off in the appropriate drop boxes. To view the status of your absentee ballot, please visit: www.mi.gov/vote.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Township or City Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

**VOTING SHALL BE AT THE FOLLOWING PRECINCT LOCATIONS
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

ADAMS TOWNSHIP

1 – Adams Twp. Hall-Baltic
Debra Pindral, Clerk

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

1 – Calumet Township Office
2 – Calumet Colosseum
5 – Calumet Village Hall
9 – Laurium Village Hall
Robin Hicks, Clerk

CHASSELL TOWNSHIP

1 – Chassell Fire Hall
Lynn Gierke, Clerk

DUNCAN TOWNSHIP

1 – Kenton Town Hall
2 – Sidnaw Community Center
Kathy Allen, Clerk

ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP

1 – Peterson Recreation Building

OSCEOLA TOWNSHIP

1 – Tamarack City Fire Hall
2 – Dollar Bay Fire Hall
4 – Harvest Church of the Keweenaw-US 41
Christa Gardner, Clerk

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP

2 & 4-Hurontown Fire Hall
Amy Skewes, Clerk

QUINCY TOWNSHIP

1-Franklin Township Hall
Beth Helminen, Clerk

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP

1-Township Hall-Lake Linden
Betty Anttila, Clerk

STANTON TOWNSHIP

1 –Township Hall (Canal Road)
2 – Toivola Recreation Center

Sherri Brandt, Clerk

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

1 – Franklin Township Hall
2 – Ripley Fire Hall
Tara Dulong, Clerk

HANCOCK TOWNSHIP

1 – Hancock Township Office & Fire Hall
Amy Jo Maki, Clerk

LAIRD TOWNSHIP

1 – Laird Twp. Hall
Robin Henry, Clerk

Kara Heinonen, Clerk

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

1 & 2-Hubbell VFW
Mary Isola, Clerk

CITY OF HANCOCK

1 - City Hall
2 - Hancock Fire Hall
3 - Lakeview Manor
Linda Kalinec, Clerk

CITY OF HOUGHTON

1 - Houghton Fire Hall
2 - Dee Stadium
Ann Vollrath, Clerk

Submitted on behalf of the City and Township Clerks of Houghton County.

Jennifer Kelly

Houghton County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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