



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE A SPECIAL MILLAGE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners have made housing a priority and recognize that the lack of housing is a serious challenge in our community and that more resources are required to ensure that County residents have access to safe, affordable and supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County through the Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission has established programs to provide rental subsidies, permanent housing and related supportive services for the benefit of the citizens of the County of Kalamazoo during the past several years; and

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County was instrumental in creating the Kalamazoo County Land Bank in 2009 and has provided support to the Land Bank for the last decade enabling them to produce successful new affordable housing units such as the twenty four senior rental units at Prairie Gardens and 60 plus affordable homeownership units on previously blighted or abandoned parcels; and

WHEREAS, a series of community wide meetings occurred over this year to look the housing needs of the community. The following were represented at several of these meetings: City of Kalamazoo, City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission, Kalamazoo County Land Bank, FFE- City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency, ISAAC, Housing Resources, Inc., Open Doors Kalamazoo, LISC, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Housing Matters, Realtors, KC Ready 4s, Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services, United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region, and Kalamazoo Continuum of Care; and

WHEREAS, the housing programs for all are of substantial benefit to the citizens of the County of Kalamazoo; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the voters of Kalamazoo County approved a six-year millage for public housing programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Kalamazoo seeks to have the voters of the County determine whether or not they desire to continue to raise funds for the purpose of funding housing programs, by authorizing a millage of up to 0.75 mills (\$0.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of eight (8) years, 2021-2028 inclusive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Kalamazoo County at the election to be held on November 3, 2020.

HOUSING MILLAGE - BALLOT PROPOSAL

For the purpose of funding housing programs in Kalamazoo County, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Kalamazoo, Michigan, be increased in an amount up to but not to exceed 0.75 mills (\$0.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of eight (8) years (2021-2028 inclusive), to provide rental subsidies, permanent housing and related supportive services for residents of Kalamazoo County? If approved and levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated \$6,375,000.00 in the first calendar year of its levy based on taxable value.

YES _____

NO _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this question is hereby certified to the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to cause the proposal to be stated on the November 3, 2020 ballot and to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law.

DATED: August __, 2020

Tracy Hall, Chair
Kalamazoo County Board of
Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on August __, 2020.

Timothy A. Snow
County Clerk/Register