

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS
OF

COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Primary Election will be held in said Township/City on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of ALMENA TOWNSHIP, ANTWERP TOWNSHIP, BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP, CITY OF GOBLES, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, PAW PAW TOWNSHIP, PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP, PORTER TOWNSHIP, AND WAVERLY TOWNSHIP

who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City or Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City or Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.express.SOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, July 20, 2026.**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the local clerk's office (addresses and hours listed below). Please call your local clerk to determine their availability. Appointments may be necessary.

ALMENA TOWNSHIP

Almena Twp. Hall
27625 CR 375, Paw Paw
Sandra Rickli, Twp Clerk
M-W-Th 9 am – 4 pm
Sat 8/1 7 am – 3 pm

ANTWERP TOWNSHIP

Antwerp Township Hall
24821 Front St., Mattawan
Chantel Reyna, Twp Clerk
M-Th 7 am – 5 pm
Sat 8/1 8 am – 4 pm .

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP

Bloomingtondale Twp Hall
Bloomingtondale, MI
Melanie Kelly, Twp Clerk
Mon – Thur 9 am – 2 pm
Sat 8/1 9 am – 5 pm

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

Lawrence Twp Hall
411 N Paw Paw St
Lawrence
Tracie Rindfield, Twp Clerk
M – Fri 8 am – 3 pm
Sat 8/1 10 am – 2 pm
Sun 8/2 10 am – 2 pm

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP

Paw Paw Twp Hall
114 North Gremps St.
Paw Paw
Rebecca Payne, Twp Clerk
Mon – Wed 8 am – 3 pm
Thurs 8 am – 11 am
Sat 8/1 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP

Pine Grove Twp Hall
26520 CR 388 Gobles
Michelle Meert, Twp. Clerk
M, Tues, Th 9 am – 12 noon
Sat 8/1 7 am – 3 pm

PORTER TOWNSHIP

Porter Township Hall
88040 M-40 Hwy Lawton
Heather Smith, Twp Clerk
Mon – Fri By Appt
Sat 8/1 9 am – 5 pm

WAVERLY TOWNSHIP

Waverly Township Hall
42114 M-43 Hwy
Starr Houston, Twp Clerk
M-W 9 am – 12 am
Sat 8/1 9 am – 5 pm

CITY OF GOBLES

Gobles City Hall
105 E Main St
Paula Sipes, City Clerk
Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sat 8/1 8 am – 4 pm

All clerks will be open 7 am – 8 pm on Tuesday, August 4, 2026

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the election will be conducted in the townships and city listed for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

STATE - Governor
CONGRESSIONAL - Representative in Congress
LEGISLATIVE – State Senator
Representative in State Legislature
COUNTY – Surveyor – Partial Term Ending 12/31/2028
DELEGATE -Delegate to County Convention

And for voting on the following millage proposals:

COUNTY PROPOSALS

Townships - Alma, Almena, Antwerp, Bloomingdale, Lawrence, Paw Paw, Pine Grove, Porter, Waverly & Gobles City

AMBULANCE MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow Van Buren County to levy 0.9353 mill, which was previously approved by the electors to fund ambulance services, but which will expire with the 2026 levy.

Shall Van Buren County levy 0.9353 mill (0.9353 per thousand dollars of taxable value), for a period of four (4) years, 2027 - 2030, inclusive, for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for ambulance services for the County? This is a renewal of previously authorized millage which will expire with the 2026 levy, the previously authorized millage of 0.9370 mills will decrease by 0.0017 mills to equal a total of 0.9353 mills. It is estimated that 0.9353 mill would raise approximately \$4,184,390 when first levied in 2027.

PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow Van Buren County to continue to levy 0.5332 mill, which was previously approved by the electors to fund drug enforcement and road patrol services, but will expire with the 2026 levy.

Shall Van Buren County levy 0.5332 mill (\$0.5332 per thousand dollars of taxable value), for a period of four (4) years, 2027 to 2030, inclusive, for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office for Drug Enforcement and Road Patrol? This is a renewal of previously authorized millage which will expire with the 2026 levy. It is estimated that 0.5332 mill would raise approximately \$2,380,982 when first levied in 2027.

VAN BUREN CONSERVATION DISTRICT MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow Van Buren County to continue to fund conservation programs at 0.0989 mill which represents the previously-approved 0.10 mill with the required Headlee Rollbacks factored in. As a renewal of previously authorized millage which expired with the 2025 levy, the question presented in this ballot proposal is - Shall the expired previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Van Buren County, Michigan, of 0.1000 mill (\$0.10 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value), reduced to 0.0989 mills (\$0.0989 per \$1,000 taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at up to 0.0989 (\$0.0989 per \$1,000 taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035 inclusive, for the sole purpose of funding Van Buren Conservation District programs including assisting landowners in the protection, enhancement, and restoration of natural resources, assist agricultural producers in the protection of soil and water and implementation of best management practices on farmland, increase household hazardous waste and recycling collection opportunities, and continue water quality initiatives, within the boundaries of Van Buren County?

A portion of the revenue collected may be required to be distributed to the Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities established in Van Buren County, City of South Haven, Bangor City, Hartford City, Keeler Township, Villages of Lawrence, Lawton, Paw Paw and Mattawan.

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$442,463.54 for Van Buren Conservation District services in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. The estimated cost to a household owning a \$100,000 (SEV \$50,000) home would be \$4.945 per year.

ADDITIONAL MILLAGE PROPOSALS (Specific to Townships/City Listed)

PAW PAW DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE – RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Township Specific Library Millage - Almena Twp - Pct 1, Antwerp Twp - Pct 1,2,3, Lawrence Twp, Paw Paw Twp – Pct 1,2, Waverly Twp

Shall the Paw Paw District Library, County of Van Buren, be authorized to levy a millage annually in an amount not to exceed .9571 mill (\$.9571 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which is a renewal of the millage rate that expires in 2026, against all taxable property within the Paw Paw District Library district for a period of twenty (20) years, 2027 through 2046, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Paw Paw District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Paw Paw District Library in the first year (2027) is approximately \$636,000. By law, a portion of the revenue from the millage may be subject to capture by the County of Van Buren Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Senior Services

ANTWERP TOWNSHIP – SENIOR SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall Antwerp Township, Van Buren County Michigan impose a renewal of up to .50 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 in taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Antwerp Township, Van Buren County Michigan, for a 4-year period of 2026 through 2029 inclusive for the purpose of appropriating funds for activities and/or services for older persons, meaning individuals over the age of sixty (60) years, pursuant to Public Act 39 of 1976. The Township of Antwerp would contract to provide services. The .50 mill will raise an estimated \$296,775 in the first calendar year of the levy.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP - SENIOR SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, of 0.5000 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.4963 mills (\$.4963 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required Headlee Amendment rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 0.5000 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for 6 years, 2026 through 2031 inclusive, for the purpose of providing senior services within Lawrence Township?

It is estimated that the revenue the Township will collect in the first year of levy (2026) is approximately \$88,305.47.

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP- SENIOR SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the previously voted millage of .50 mil in tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes and Public Act 39 of 1976, within the Township of Paw Paw be renewed at 0.4889 mill (\$.4889 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the 4 year period of 2026 through 2029 inclusive (2026, 2027,2028,2029) for the purpose of providing activities and general senior services pursuant to Public Act 39 of 1976 for individuals 60 years of age or older? A portion of the revenue collection may be required to be distributed to the Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities established in Van Buren County, Village of Paw Paw. It is estimated that the revenue generated on this proposal will be \$163,619.16 in the first year of the levy.

Road Millages

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP NEW LEVY OF ROAD MILLAGE

Shall Bloomingdale Township impose a millage of 2.9 mills (\$2.90 per \$1,000 taxable value on real and personal property), subject to the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, for a period of four years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for the purpose of road maintenance, improvements, repair, and construction? It is estimated the revenue collected by Bloomingdale Township as a result of this proposal will be \$404,469.45 in the first year the millage is levied based on the most recent taxable value.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP - ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, of 2.0000 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.9854 mills (\$1.9854 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required Headlee Amendment rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 2.0000 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for 6 years, 2026 through 2031 inclusive, for the purpose of repairing, improving, and maintaining township roads?

It is estimated that the revenue the Township will collect in the first year of levy (2026) is approximately \$353,221.89.

PAW PAW TWP – EXTRA -VOTED OPERATING MILLAGE

Shall Paw Paw Township impose an increase of up to .2203 mills (\$.2203 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for twenty (20) years, 2026 through 2045 (inclusive), to support the general operations of the Township, which .2203 mills increase will raise an estimated \$73,448.80 in the first year the millage is levied?