

Resolution 12-24

Placing Proposed Millage Renewal for 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 undercover police 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; 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 continuation of funding for the operation of such a Drug Task Force.

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 general election of November 6, 2012, a proposition to renew the imposition of an addition not to exceed .2803 tenths (.0002803) of a mill 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 THE DRUG INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION TASK FORCE MILLAGE

Shall the current St. Clair County millage in excess of the constitutional tax limitation for the purpose of providing funds for the continuation of a Drug Task Force, comprised of personnel of and equipment from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department 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, be authorized in the amount of .2803 cents per one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars (.0002803 mill) of the taxable valuation of all taxable property in St. Clair County, for a period of four (4) years, 2012 through 2015, inclusive, which would be a renewal of the previously authorized millage as reduced pursuant to statute? If

approved this millage would raise estimated revenues of \$1,536,663 the first year it is levied and collected?

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 as a Committee of the Whole at a regular Judiciary/Public Safety Committee meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Clair, on the 12th day of July, 2012.

Dated: July 19, 2012

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