

**RESOLUTION 2018-0410
OPPOSING 3 MILLS REQUESTED BY
VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION AND
APPROVED BY VAN BUREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

TOWNSHIP of ANTWERP, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Van Buren County Road Commission New Road Millage Request

WHEREAS, Van Buren County Road Commission has requested to levy 3 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), on taxable value of real property located in Van Buren County for twelve (12) years, 2018 through 2029 inclusive, for maintenance, repair and reconstruction of public streets, public highways avenues and roads in Van Buren County. It is estimated that the revenue generated by this proposal will be \$10,432,956 in the first year of levy.

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 224.20b provides for County Boards of Commissioners to submit, by proper resolution, to the electorate the question of a tax levy for roads and bridges. Notwithstanding, the current .9769 mills which Antwerp Township Board of Trustees has opposed current distribution methods and believes them to be fundamentally flawed and has requested Van Buren County Road Commission to establish new distribution methods which better serve and are more equitable to the taxpayers and residents of Antwerp Township.

WHEREAS, the State Government has allocated increased funding specifically for road preservation and construction of \$668,157 to Van Buren County for 2018 with increases of 8% for fiscal year 2019, 7.5% for fiscal year 2020 and 11% for fiscal year 2021 as estimated by MDOT. Whereas, the Van Buren County Road Commission has decided to use funds from the recent allocation as follows "10 additional miles of primary road seal coat, several culvert replacements and on-going non-federal aid projects currently underway."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Antwerp Township Board of Trustees that this Board hereby opposes the current ballot proposal for an additional 3 mill tax levy as requested by the Van Buren County Road Commission and approved by the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners until changes occur to better serve the residents of Antwerp Township along with Van Buren County residents and further that the Road Commission review its policies for expenditures and allocation methods that are better represented by each of the municipality's contributions.

Moved by **Mitchell** and seconded by **Derhammer**.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: **Ruzick, Mitchell, Osborne, Derhammer, Cutting**

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Resolution declared adopted this Tuesday, April 10, 2018.



Heather Mitchell
Antwerp Township Clerk