VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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COUNTY ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL

THE ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

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RELEASE:

On the August 6th Presidential Primary Election Ballot voters will see the County Road Millage RENEWAL request for 0.9721 mills for repairs and improvements to public streets, roads and avenues in Van Buren County. The citizens of Van Buren County have supported the road millage since <u>1978</u> when it was first approved. This is a testament to the voters' long-standing commitment to invest in Van Buren County's roads. The millage was last renewed in 2020.

The County Road Millage Renewal will help not only the Road Commission, but also the cities and villages within Van Buren County to provide a well-developed road network to travel safely to and from work, school, shopping, and entertainment centers. The financial impact of the millage cannot be over-stressed as the Road Commission, and the cities/villages of Bangor, Bloomingdale, Breedsville, Decatur, Gobles, Hartford, Lawrence, Lawton, Mattawan, Paw Paw and South Haven all receive critical road funding through the County Road Millage. In addition, the Road Commission donates a portion of its distribution to each of the 18 Townships for use on their selected road improvement projects.

If passed, the County Road Millage RENEWAL will cost the average homeowner approximately \$100.00 annually. That is an average of approximately \$8.33 per month! (Based on a home with a \$200,000 market value - \$100,000 taxable value).

For more information to better assist you in making an informed decision at the August Presidential Primary Election we urge you to contact the Van Buren County Road Commission by phone at 269-674-8011, or by email at vbcrc@vbcrc.org. In addition, information regarding the County Road Millage Renewal is available on the Road Commission's website at https://www.vbcrc.org/millage.

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