

Traverse County Commission
Emergency Board Meeting
September 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Commission Chairman Kevin Leininger. Other Commissioners present included Dave Salberg, Tom Monson, Mark Gail, and Todd Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board held an emergency meeting to discuss the amendment of the resolution establishing a question to be on the 2018 general election ballot. The current ballot question is "Shall Traverse County demolish the existing Traverse county Courthouse and the 1974 addition, and then construct and equip a new Traverse County Courthouse and Government Center, and to bond for up to \$5.317 million for said purpose, which shall result in a property tax rate increase of approximately 3.2%."

K. Johnson explained to the Board that there are various taxes in each district; there is county tax, township tax, city tax, watershed tax, school tax, etc. The County tax rate in 2018 was 30.948%, this rate can be different for each township and city. When Springstead did our estimated annual tax impact they took the total annual levy increase for 2018 and divided it by the 2017/2018 net tax capacity and came up with a County tax rate increase of 2.3% for the lease revenue bonds. This is not the same as a property tax increase; this would increase our County tax rate from 30.948% to 33.248%, which would be approximately a 7.4% property tax rate increase but it will be different for each township and city. The County tax rate increase of 2.3% is misleading. The dollar amounts that Springstead have given us for the increases are the correct amounts based on 2018 taxes.

The Board agreed that it would be misleading to put the percentage of increase in property taxes since it would not be the same for everyone. The following resolution was amended on a motion by Monson, seconded by T. Johnson and approved unanimously.

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TRAVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
A Resolution Establishing a Question to be on the 2018 General Election Ballot

WHEREAS, the Traverse County Board of Commissioners have investigated the facts and does hereby find, determine, and declare that it is necessary and expedient to issue general obligation bonds to defray the expenses of the demolition of the existing Traverse County Courthouse and the 1974 addition, and then constructing and equipping a new Traverse County Courthouse and Government Center;

WHEREAS, the Traverse County Board of Commissioners have the authority to direct that a question be placed on the ballots to be used by the electorate in Traverse County;

WHEREAS, the Traverse County Board of Commissioners desires to exercise said authority to poll the electorate pertaining to the demolition of the existing Traverse County Courthouse and the 1974 addition, and then constructing and equipping a new Traverse County Courthouse and Government Center, and;

WHEREAS, the proposition of authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5.317 million general obligation bonds for said purpose shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Traverse County at the general election to be held on November 6, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traverse County Board of Commissioners directs the Traverse County Auditor-Treasurer to take the necessary steps to place the following question on the ballot to be used in the November 2018 general election:

**AUTHORIZING BONDING TO CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP
A NEW TRAVERSE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The Traverse County Board of Commissioners have authorized a bond referendum for the purpose of demolition of the existing Traverse County Courthouse and the 1974 addition, and then constructing and equipping a new Traverse County Courthouse and Government Center. The result of this referendum will inform the County Board as to the desires of the voters of the County with regards to the status of the Courthouse.

Shall Traverse County demolish the existing Traverse County Courthouse and the 1974 addition, and then construct and equip a new Traverse County Courthouse and Government Center, and to bond for up to \$5.317 million for said purpose.

Yes _____ No _____

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF TRAVERSE)

I, Lisa Siegel, County Coordinator, Traverse County, Minnesota hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the amended resolution of the County Board of said County with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office of Traverse County in Wheaton, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on September 7, 2018, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said amended resolution was duly passed by said Board at said meeting.

Dated: _____

Lisa Siegel

Leininger adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Lisa Siegel, County Coordinator

Kevin Leininger, Board Chairman