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## Board of Trustees – Special Meeting Agenda November 28, 2023 5:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call/Conflict of Interest Check
- 3) Call for Public Comment on Agenda Items  
*Please state your name and address*  
*Limit comments to 3 minutes*  
*Note that the public comment period is not a question-and-answer period; any questions from the public will be answered at a later date. If you would like a response, please include your contact information on the sign-in sheet.*
- 4) Approval of Agenda
- 5) Action Items
  - a) Permission for supervisor to sign a letter of support for the Huron River Watershed Council
- 6) Discussion Items
  - a) Police millage and fire millage renewal ballot language discussion
- 7) Call for Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items
- 8) Adjournment



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November 27, 2023

Rebecca Esselman, Executive Director  
Huron River Watershed Council  
117 N. First Street #100  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Ms. Esselman:

Dexter Township is pleased to write this letter of support for the Huron River Watershed Council's application for funding to create a water and climate fund, including an ecosystem services market. Dexter Township is home to forests, wetlands, chains of lakes, and rivers that provide ecological services, including carbon storage, climate resilience, and water quality. Our strategic plan calls for the protection of these precious natural resources, as does our master plan. Last year, our voters approved a millage for land conservation, and we are closing on our first property – a mix of natural landscapes and farmland – this week.

Dexter Township residents have shown a deep interest in land preservation and the protection of ecosystem services, through their votes on the preservation millage and their responses to our recent master plan survey. Any tool that can help landowners understand the positive impacts of their land management activities would be welcome. A tool that makes these services more transparent, and sets the stage for creation of new funding sources for high quality land preservation, would be most welcome. Dexter Township has the capacity to engage stakeholders in this process through our Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board and through our Planning Committee.

On behalf of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees and Dexter Township landowners, we immensely support funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

Karen Sikkenga, Supervisor  
Dexter Township

**DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR  
POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL**

**DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2023**

Resolution adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI 48130, on December 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Resolution by Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_; supported by Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_.

**R E C I T A L S**

WHEREAS **previous to 2018**, the voters in Dexter Township approved an increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 on all taxable property in the Township in an amount not to exceed **1.4586** mill (**\$1.4586** per \$1,000 of taxable value) to fund police services, including but not limited to: Contracting for police services; hiring police officers and related staff; purchase and or lease of police vehicles and equipment; construction, purchase and or lease of facilities for police operations; contracting for dispatch services; and any and all other services related to police activities within Dexter Township (“Police Services Millage”); and

WHEREAS in 2018 voters approved a renewal of the Police Services Millage of up to 1.4199 mills (\$1.4199 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all taxable real and tangible personal property in the Township for a period of five (5) years, 2018 through 2023. This renewal millage is set to expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Township is authorized by Public Act 33 of 1951 (MCL 41.801 et seq.)(“Act 33”) and other applicable laws to provide for Police Services and may impose and levy ad valorem taxes to finance lawful public services as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to continue to provide police services to its residents, and it is therefore in the best interest of the Township to submit to the Township’s electors at the election to be held on February 27, 2024 a ballot proposal for renewal of the previously authorized Police Services millage in the amount not to exceed **1.4199** mills for a period of five (5) years, first to be levied in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the total Township millage rate in 2024 will be [REDACTED] mills less the Headlee rollback, and in the event the Township's electors approve the proposed millage, the total Township millage rate will not increase in 2024 as the proposed Police Services millage is a renewal, and the total Township millage will remain at a rate lower than surrounding cities in Washtenaw County.

## RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. A ballot proposal for renewal of the previously authorized Police Services Millage for years 2024 through 2029 in substantially the following form shall be submitted to the Township's electors at the election to be held on February 27, 2024.

### **Proposal to Renew Dexter Township Police Services Millage**

- Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan, be increased by \$1.4199 per \$1000 of taxable value (1.4199 mill) as a renewal of a previously voter authorized millage to provide funds for all lawful police services including personnel, equipment and facilities? It is estimated that 1.4199 mill would raise approximately \$ [REDACTED] when first levied in 2024.**
2. The Supervisor, the Clerk, and the Deputy Clerk in the Clerk's statutory absence, each is authorized and directed to execute and deliver such documents and do such further acts as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the foregoing resolution.
  3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

### **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

I certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Dexter Township Board of Trustees, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on December 1, 2023 that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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Karen Sikkenga, Township Supervisor

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Michelle Stamboulellis, Township Clerk

Dated: December 1, 2023

**DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Resolution by Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_; supported by Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_.

**R E C I T A L S**

WHEREAS, in 2018 the voters in Dexter Township approved an increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 on all taxable property in the Township in an amount not to exceed 2.4 mill (\$2.40 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2018 through 2023 inclusive, to provide funds for the provision of all lawful fire and emergency services including personnel, equipment and facilities (“Fire and Emergency Services Millage”). This millage is set to expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized by Public Act 33 of 1951 (MCL 41.801 et seq.)(“Act 33”) and other applicable laws to provide for Fire and Emergency Services and may impose and levy ad valorem taxes to finance lawful public services as authorized by the Michigan Constitution, the General Law Townships Act, MCL 41.1 et seq, Act 33, and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to continue to provide fire and emergency services to its residents, and it is therefore in the best interest of the Township to submit to the Township’s electors at the election to be held on February 27, 2024 a ballot proposal for renewal of the previously authorized Fire and Emergency Services Millage in the amount not to exceed **\$2.33** mills (**\$2.33** per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, first to be levied in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the total Township millage rate in 2024 will be \_\_\_\_\_ mills less the Headlee rollback, and in the event the Township’s electors approve the proposed millage, the total Township millage rate will not increase in 2024 as the proposed Fire and Emergency Services millage is a renewal and the total Township millage will remain at a rate lower than surrounding cities in Washtenaw County.

## RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

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### **Proposal to Renew Dexter Township Fire and Emergency Services Millage**

**Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan, be increased by \$2.33 per \$1000 of taxable value (2.33 mill) as a renewal of a previously voter authorized millage to provide funds for all lawful fire and emergency services including personnel, equipment and facilities? It is estimated that 2.33 mill would raise approximately \$ [REDACTED] when first levied in 2024.**

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Dated: December 1, 2023