

VOTER GUIDE

PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUG 5

Information for this Guide was compiled by the League of Women Voters, Mt Pleasant Area.* Questionnaires were mailed to all candidates in contested races who had filed with the Isabella County Clerk's Office. Candidates were allowed 50 words to summarize their background and experience and 75 words to respond to questions.

Responses were edited by the League ONLY for spelling, punctuation and adherence to word limits. "Material not available" indicates responses were not received from the candidate.

The following Isabella County offices are not contested in the Primary Election. The responses of candidates for these offices will be printed in a General Election Voter Guide.

County Clerk; County Treasurer; Register of Deeds; Prosecuting Attorney; Road Commissioner, 4 year term; County Commissioner, Districts 4 and 7; Union Township Trustee

Partisan Section of the ballot: There are two party sections on the ballot: Republican Party and Democratic Party. Select the party section of your choice. YOU MAY VOTE IN ONE PARTY SECTION ONLY, YOU CANNOT "SPLIT YOUR TICKET".

Be sure to vote for the ballot proposals!

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CANDIDATES FOR ISABELLA COUNTY SHERIFF

Vote for one

Question One: What changes or initiatives, if any, would you make in the operation of the Sheriff's Department?

Question Two: Do you see a shift in the types of crimes in Isabella County? If so, what are your plans to address this?

CANDIDATE	BACKGROUND/ EXPERIENCE	QUESTION ONE	QUESTION TWO
<p>Kevin Dush Republican</p> <p>2497 N. Crawford Rd Rosebush Age: 50</p> <p>Occupation: Road Patrol Deputy</p> <p>Education: Mt Pleasant High School, Oakland University Police Academy, Many schools and trainings related to police work</p>	<p>Over 22 years of local experience beginning in 1986 as a Reserve Police Officer to my current position as Road Patrol Deputy for a local law enforcement agency. BAYANET Detective DARE/YSU Officer Firearms Instructor Accident Investigator. Thousands of hours and miles patrolled Hundreds of felony and misdemeanor arrests made</p>	<p>Re-deployment of manpower and resources to target high crime areas is crucial. I believe in being flexible in patrols rather than using rigid shifts and patrol areas. Seeking and utilizing private and public grant funds for equipment and programs needed to enhance the effectiveness of the Sheriff Department without being a direct burden on taxpayer dollars is also one of my primary goals.</p>	<p>Scrap metal and other thefts are increasing. We will utilize traffic cars to increase patrols in targeted areas in an effort to stop and identify suspects and educate the public on ways to protect themselves. There is an increase in property crimes and a serious rise in narcotics trafficking. I will implement a real K9 program to help solve such crimes.</p>

<p>Leo Mioduszewski Republican</p> <p>5115 E. Valley Rd Mt Pleasant Age: 49</p> <p>Occupation: Sheriff, Isabella County</p> <p>Education: Masters Degree in Public Administration, Bachelor of Applied Arts in Business Administration and Broadcasting. Graduate of FBI National Academy. Numerous Executive Leadership Institutes for Sheriffs and Police Chiefs</p>	<p>Full time, certified law enforcement officer for the past 23 years. I oversee a budget of \$4.2 million, supervise over 60 employees and have extensive administrative, supervisory, budgeting, grant-writing and human resource management experience. I am also a trained K-9 Handler and Hostage Negotiator.</p>	<p>Partner with the Commission on Aging to implement “Project Lifesaver” which readily locates Alzheimer and dementia patients who walk away from their homes. Continue to partner with townships and villages in Isabella County to make sure their needs are being addressed. Deputies will work closely with schools to implement the STOPPED program. (Sheriffs Telling our Parents and Providing Educated Drivers). The STOPPED program notifies parents when their teenage driver is pulled over by a Sheriff’s Deputy.</p>	<p>As a result of a very difficult economy, we are seeing increases in breaking & enterings and larcenies. We have implemented an initiative to help combat those types of crimes: Detectives from the Sheriff’s Department are working very closely with local police departments to share information and coordinate investigations. We are working with local police departments to conduct surveillance in areas that have been targeted by thieves.</p>
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CANDIDATES FOR ROAD COMMISSION 6 YEAR TERM

Vote for one

QUESTION ONE: What unique experience qualifies you to hold this office?

QUESTION TWO: Given scarce resources, how would you maintain safe conditions for ALL county roads?

CANDIDATE	BACKGROUND/ EXPERIENCE	QUESTION ONE	QUESTION TWO
<p>BOB CURTISS REPUBLICAN</p> <p>2734 N Winn Rd Mt Pleasant Age 67</p> <p>Occupation: Retired/Isabella County Road Commissioner</p> <p>Education: Shepherd High School graduate</p>	<p>I worked for the Isabella County Road Commission for 24 years, rising to the level of General Superintendent. I have been an Isabella County Road Commissioner for the past 6 years.</p>	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Isabella County, a former employee of the Road Commission and a current Road Commissioner. In the past 6 years I have attended many meetings, seminars and conferences that are related to issues of roads, safety, maintenance and funding. I have prepared budgets for projects and for maintenance. In the past I have had to set schedules for construction and maintenance projects.</p>	<p>I believe that all county roads must be maintained even though we are going through a period of limited resources. Construction will have to be limited so that we can continue to maintain over 1,370 miles of Isabella County roads.</p>
<p>WILLIAM B. RUDELL REPUBLICAN</p> <p>610 Apricot Lane Mt Pleasant Age: 68</p> <p>Occupation: Retired</p> <p>Education: BS in Engineering (civil) Michigan Technological University</p>	<p>Born and raised in Flint (Genesee County); County resident since 1970; married Joan (Murray) of Shepherd in 1964; raised 2 daughters and 2 sons in Shepherd. Profession is land surveyor and engineer. Owned and operated engineering and land surveying company for 23 years.</p>	<p>State licensed professional engineer (civil) and professional land surveyor; prior president of the Village of Shepherd; prior member of Isabella County Planning Commission. Served as interim engineer for the Isabella County Road Commission and an interim engineer for the City of Mt Pleasant. Served as engineer-land surveyor for Lake Isabella, Village of Shepherd, Union Township, Isabella, Ionia, Gratiot, and Barry County drain commissioners. Experienced in municipal finance and bond issues.</p>	<p>Drivability or smoothness of roads relates directly to safety. Grading of gravel roads and patching or repaving of paved roads creates smoother, safer, roads. Signing and lane indicators should be visible; clear vision areas provided at intersections. Safety includes pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Improvement of roads shall take into account proposed future conditions-what long term plans do the municipalities have for the area. Try to increase resources.</p>

<p>WILLIAM SCOTT MOSS DEMOCRAT</p> <p>627 W. Deerfield Rd Mt Pleasant Age 48 Occupation: Farmer Education: High School Graduate</p>	<p>I have been on Isabella Co. Farm Bureau Board; volunteer at Isabella Co. Fair; baseball coach. I have the ability to get along well with others, which would make me a great candidate for the job.</p>	<p>I have lived in Isabella County my whole life (48 years). I farm here in Isabella County and have traveled most of the roads here. I feel that by being self-employed I know what it means to live within a budget and to make ends meet with the income and expenses you have.</p>	<p>I, along with other Board members will put the safety of the people that travel our roads first, but because of limited funding by the state we must find ways to make our dollars go as far as they can. Thank you.</p>
<p>MARGIE WILLIAMS DEMOCRAT</p> <p>1104 E. Michigan Mt Pleasant Age 53 Occupation: Education: BS degree in Education; completing Masters degree in Interpersonal Communication</p>	<p>Long time County resident; active member Democratic party; Church Council; Co-chair of Church and Society; member 2 church choirs</p> <p>Past involvement: founding member, treasurer, board chair Community Soup Kitchen; County co-coordinator, treasurer of County CROPWalk; Wesley Foundation board member, personnel Chair; Mt Pleasant 2000 Social Services Committee; PTO board member</p>	<p>As an active volunteer and leader in various community activities, I've been involved in making the community a better place. My research on the Isabella Road Commission reveals a need for change to become the model of an open, honest and transparent entity. Closed door personnel decisions must be kept to a minimum and road and building priorities must be drawn up and posted for the public to see and discuss. We must do better.</p>	<p>In tight times we have to work smarter and use our scarce resources wisely. Priorities must be drawn up and publicly posted and there can be no pet projects. Because we can no longer have "sacred cows", everything must be open to discussion, from the amount of supervisory personnel to the salaries of the Road Commissioners themselves. Zero-based budgeting may be called for and cooperation with other government entities can leverage limited resources.</p>

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QUESTION ONE: What unique experience qualifies you to hold this office?

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<p>JOSEPH SOWMICK REPUBLICAN</p> <p>505 S. Leaton Rd Mt Pleasant Age 48</p> <p>Occupation: Public Relations Director, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan</p> <p>Education: Associates Degree in Media Technology from Lansing Community College; Bachelor of Arts Degree in Telecommunications from Michigan State University</p>	<p>Serve by appointment of Gov. Granholm on Michigan Community Service Commission; serving third term on Board of Directors for Central Michigan Community Hospital; served under nine Tribal Council administrations as Public Relations Director dealing with township, city, county, state and federal government issues.</p>	<p>As a life-long resident of Isabella County and a taxpayer in Chippewa Township, I am well aware of the fiscal challenges local units of government face. My contacts and networking abilities will be an asset to the Isabella County Road Commission. I am noted and respected as a coalition builder at all levels of government.</p>	<p>The challenge exists in servicing those rural roads and bridges in need of repair. With scarce economic resources, coordination needs to happen with townships, city, county, tribal, state and federal government to ensure consistent planning and prohibit duplication of effort. I will be that advocate that will bring dollars to Isabella County and will endeavor to provide safe roads and bridges for emergency vehicles and school buses for all of Isabella County.</p>

<p>TERRY TURNWALD, REPUBLICAN</p> <p>5434 East Millbrook Rd Shepherd</p> <p>Age 56</p> <p>Occupation: Farm Owner/Operator Education: Shepherd Public Schools MI Dept. Agriculture (licensing/cert); Training seminars & classes at MSU; National/MI Soil Conservation Districts; Strategic Marketing Services, Inc.</p>	<p>Current: Isabella County Soil Conservation District Chair; Lincoln Township Board of Review; Knights of Columbus. Former: Isabella County Zoning Board of Appeals; Commercial Nat'l Bank Advisory Board; Charter Township of Union East DDA; St. Vincent DePaul School Board; St Vincent DePaul Parish Council; MI Pork Producers Assoc (vice-chair Mid-Mich)</p>	<p>Understands the competing needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •owns farmland in three townships; •owned business, Union Township DDA <p>Represented diverse groups on variety of boards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •rural and developing townships •school families and bank stockholders •farmers and environmentalists <p>Experienced solving problems through inter-governmental cooperation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ICSCD works with federal, state, and county; makes land use decisions affecting entire county <p>Committed to long-term planning and knows first-hand impact of short-term decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Zoning Board •Farm Owner 	<p>The Board should be responsible for gathering information, developing a strategic plan, setting priorities and ensuring professionals can get the job done.</p> <p>We should: Divide the budget between construction, repair and maintenance. Know where development will happen and plan for future construction. Have an inventory of road conditions; spend repair dollars on the worse roads first. Update traffic counts; spend maintenance dollars where they are needed most. Search for new revenue. Invest in energy savings.</p>
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CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Vote for one

Question One: Most voters know nothing about the job of drain commissioner. Explain why the job of drain commissioner is significant.

Question Two: As drain commissioner, how would you balance the power to tax people against concern for the limited resources of individual citizens?

CANDIDATE	BACKGROUND/ EXPERIENCE	QUESTION ONE	QUESTION TWO
<p>Russ Alwood Republican</p> <p>2435 O'Connor Drive, Mt. Pleasant Age: 62</p> <p>Occupation: Landscaping</p> <p>Education: High school graduate, USMC Vietnam Veteran</p>	<p>Construction work: Operating Engineers Local 324 underground construction and ditch digging. Builder 25 years. Nursery and landscape operations manager 20 years. Isabella County Commissioner, Union Township trustee 8 years. Planning and Zoning Boards.</p>	<p>It's a very important job because you raise people's taxes. You must be able to justify the tax increase in order to reconstruct a county drain or build a new one. There are 400 county drains as well as all lake dams under the office of drains in the county to be inspected. Drains are very important in new development such as was seen the past few years. The cleaner drains we have, the less chance of flooding.</p>	<p>A smart drain commissioner will try to find alternate sources of funding. If there are big developments in the area, the drain office can put the responsibility on the developer to enlarge the drains, saving the taxpayer money. Also spreading the tax drain district assessment over a larger area reduces cost to each owner. Keeping the drains clear of sediment, brush and trees will enhance their longevity. Proper drain construction and sizing will also keep costs down.</p>
<p>Frank Engler Republican</p> <p>1798 West River Road, Mt. Pleasant Age 50</p> <p>Occupation: Self-employed farmer</p> <p>Education: Beal City High School, MSU Agricultural Technology Program</p>	<p>4th generation farmer; Michigan Distinguished Young Farmer of the Year; Isabella County Drain Board of Determination; Farm Bureau Board; Local MMPA Board President, 24 years; Isabella County Conservation District Chairman, 15 years; Greenstone Farm Credit Services Board of Directors, 15 years; Chamber of Commerce Member; Michigan Certified for Weed Control</p>	<p>In 1956, when the Drain Code was created, its main purpose was to make land more productive for the agricultural industry. Back then, as now, agriculture was important to the State of Michigan. Agriculture ranks #2 in Michigan's economy. Today the Drain Commissioner also deals with water quality and soil erosion. Water will be one of Michigan's most valuable commodities in the next decade. Managing water is crucial to Michigan's future.</p>	<p>My reputation shows that I have the ability to work with the citizens of Isabella County in a fair manner. My work with the Soil District has proven that I believe cost shares and incentives are more productive than regulation. I've had vast experience in acquiring grants to make projects less expensive and would continue to aggressively seek funds for projects. My experience in teaming with various organizations would help decrease the cost to taxpayers.</p>

<p>Roger Hauck Republican</p> <p>1950 Plainfield Road Mt. Pleasant Age: 46</p> <p>Occupation: Delfield Employee</p> <p>Education: High school and 2 years of college (CMU)</p>	<p>Grew up on a farm—learned water management and soil conservation practices. Licensed Contractor—taught budgeting, water retention, storm drain easements, and drain setbacks. Delfield Employee—taught me listening and communication skills. Refereeing—taught me the ability to make sound decisions in stressful situations</p>	<p>Every time it rains the water has to flow somewhere. With over 900 miles of county drains to maintain the job of County Drain Commissioner becomes very important. With more economic development, people wanting to move to the country, and with state and federal revenue decreasing every year, it is vital to have elected officials that can balance our economic and environmental needs. That is why, if I am elected this will be my top priority.</p>	<p>The ability to tax individual citizens is the most important responsibility an elected official has. I feel it is essential to balance the benefit of the project against the tax burden of the citizens before considering a project. I will take this responsibility very seriously and treat every person's tax dollars as if they were my own personal finances</p>
<p>Bruce Starr Republican</p> <p>2891 East Jordan Rd. Mt. Pleasant</p>	<p>Material not available</p>	<p>Material not available</p>	<p>Material not available</p>
<p>Rick Jakubiec Democrat</p> <p>1658 East River Road Mt. Pleasant Age: 56</p> <p>Occupation: Electrical Contractor</p> <p>Education: Bachelor of Science, CMU</p>	<p>Thirty-year resident, former Isabella County employee in Resource Management, involved in the installation and servicing of the remedial water system, Isabella County landfill, and community water system at Lake Isabella. 25 years small business owner, active in county fair, Central Michigan Community Hospital, Red Cross, and Sacred Heart Parish and athletics.</p>	<p>The drain commissioner is responsible for the construction and maintenance of county drains; is the enforcing authority for the soil and sedimentation act; maintains and oversees the remedial water system at the county landfill and the Lake Isabella water system; and sits on the parks and recreation board. Is responsible for water management that is safe, environmentally sound, and benefits the county residents.</p>	<p>By engineering drains that solve the water problem in a cost effective manner involving all residents within the proposed drain district in the determination process. Secure an adequate number of project bids, both construction and bond, fair assessment for each person, calculate the optimum combination of annual payments and interest rate for the total apportionment of the district. The cost to the individual is addressed while ensuring the health and safety of the county.</p>

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

Vote for one

QUESTION ONE: Assuming a need to make substantial cuts in the County budget, what process or measures would you advocate to deal with a budget shortfall?

QUESTION TWO: What practices are in place or would you like to see in place to ensure the Commission adequately responds to the demands of County growth?

CANDIDATE	BACKGROUND/ EXPERIENCE	QUESTION ONE	QUESTION TWO
CHARLES PEPPER REPUBLICAN	material not available	material not available	material not available
RICHARD SWINDLEHURST REPUBLICAN	material not available	material not available	material not available
<p>JAMES S. MORENO DEMOCRAT</p> <p>1015 Andre Ave, Apt A Mt. Pleasant Age 60</p> <p>Occupation: Student Mid Michigan Community College pursuing degree in Computer Information Systems</p> <p>Education: BS from CMU, Health Promotion in a Corporate or Hospital Setting</p>	<p>Served 6 years on Mt. Pleasant City Commission 2001-2007. The City Hall moving into the Borden Building, the sale of old City Hall, the selection of a new city manager and finally the long awaited Owner Occupied Residential Incentive Program are fruits of that time.</p>	<p>I would suggest looking in each county department for places to make cuts, possibly using zero based budgeting as a way to get to leanest but most functional budget possible. I would also want an energy audit to be done so the county could possibly have an energy saving program like the School District does with the resultant savings. I would also see if the county could use biodiesel like they're doing in St. Johns.</p>	<p>I would encourage the county to develop an Entertainment Authority to put on musical and cultural events like a Riverfest or Isabella County Blues and Jazz Festival, similar to the Common Grounds Fest that they have in Lansing. This would provide another way for the County to generate revenue and stimulate the local economy and be fun. This would of necessity be a collaboration with other organizations in the community, always a good thing.</p>

<p>RON A ROBY DEMOCRAT</p> <p>201 E Bennett Mt Pleasant Age 53</p> <p>Occupation: Owner, Publisher, Researcher, and Writer, “Isabella County Reader”</p> <p>Education: Graduate of Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools; Associate of Arts, Kirtland Community College; Bachelor of Science in Education, Central Michigan University; Masters of Social Work, University of Michigan</p>	<p>Lived in rural and metropolitan areas, seeing good in both and importance of a balance. Lived here 30+ years, choosing it as my home. Work experience in education, social work, including with persons with developmental disabilities, hospice.</p> <p>Nine years Mt Pleasant City Commission Currently serving 6th year on County Commission</p>	<p>Current County Commission is proactively working to prevent substantial cuts, constantly reviewing. Recent example: consolidating bonds resulting in sizable savings. On-going building maintenance to prevent costly repairs later. Replace items when needed, with more energy-efficient ones. Continue improving technology allowing fewer persons to complete same work so all positions left open by retirement won’t have to be filled. Shared services with other agencies. Hold other entities responsible for cost of services provided.</p>	<p>County has planning, zoning in place; work with townships that have separate planning, zoning from County needs to continue and expand. Continued open communication needed between all governmental entities in county. Shared community services need to be in place when possible. Long range planning of roadways, water, recycling, waste management. Learn from other areas that have experienced growth. Support Farmland preservation to maintain farming industry and rural beauty of the County.</p>
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CANDIDATES FOR UNION TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Vote for one

Question One: What practices are in place or would you like to see in place to ensure the Board adequately responds to the demands of township growth?

Question Two: What is your position regarding the sharing of governmental services such as fire, police, parks and recreation, water and sewage treatment among local units of government?

CANDIDATE	BACKGROUND/ EXPERIENCE	QUESTION ONE	QUESTION TWO
<p>PAM STOVAK REPUBLICAN</p> <p>2196 McDonald Drive Mt. Pleasant Age: 57</p> <p>Occupation: Part time faculty member, CMU</p> <p>Education: BSBA and MBA</p>	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Isabella County with 25 years of business experience at CMU and Dow. I have managed resources; produced accurate, reliable reports; and created and implemented new concepts. I have worked successfully with professionals at all levels and can adapt to changing business environments.</p>	<p>I believe the Township Master Plan can fulfill the needs of the township if it is updated and followed based on input from the township residents. Our township has experienced enormous growth in the past, and can continue to grow if we can plan for and adapt to our changing environment.</p>	<p>The township must keep an open mind to sharing services, keeping township interest as a priority. My experiences working with a wide range of professionals both in private business and governmental agencies have given me the skills to work with all governmental units for the benefit of all.</p>
<p>DEBORAH SUPKA REPUBLICAN</p> <p>1139 Stoney Creek Land Mt. Pleasant Age: 51</p> <p>Occupation: Charter Township of Union, Treasurer Education: Associates Degree, Applied Science, State University of NY, Alfred</p>	<p>Resident Union Township, 14 years; Operated home based business, 18 years; Volunteer in community, school, and church activities; Secretary Mt. Pleasant Community Church Board of Trustees, 3 years; Township Election Inspector, 2 years; Treasurer, Union Township, 7years.</p>	<p>With growth, additional demands are placed on all township operations. Expansion of water and sewer systems, additional space at Jameson Hall for elections, upgrades to Township Hall phone system, computer network, mapping system and website were needed. I would like to get input from township residents regarding their priorities for the future of Union Township. A questionnaire to residents every 1-2 years would give the Board insight as to what residents' priorities are.</p>	<p>The Township has successfully shared fire service with the City of Mt. Pleasant for many years. Mt. Pleasant Mayor Joslin recently invited the Township board to meet with the City to discuss areas of mutual interest. I welcome the opportunity to open a dialog that would be beneficial to all parties.</p>

August 5 2008 Ballot Proposals

Isabella County

<p>Public Transportation Services Millage Proposal</p> <p>For the sole purpose of continuing to fund the capital and operational needs of the public transportation services of the Isabella County Transportation Commission (formerly Dial-A-Ride and Van Tran) and its successor within Isabella County at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 2004, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Isabella, Michigan, be renewed at 0.9929 of one (1) mill (\$0.9929 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years, 2008-2011, inclusive? (If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,585,259 for the County-wide public transportation services in the first calendar year of the levy. In accordance with State law, a portion of the millage may also be disbursed to the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Clare, Mt. Pleasant, and Union Township; the Local Development Finance Authority of the City of Clare; the Tax Increment Finance Authorities of the City of Mt. Pleasant; and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities of the City of Mt. Pleasant.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES NO</p>	<p>Renewal of Fixed Operational Millage</p> <p>Shall separate tax limitation be established for a four-year time period, or until altered by the voters of the County, for the County of Isabella, Townships and Intermediate School District within the County, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 7.89 mills as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">County of Isabella</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6.6100 mills</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Townships</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.0000 mills</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intermediate School District</td> <td style="text-align: right;">.2800 mills</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7.8900 mills</td> </tr> <tr> <td>YES NO</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	County of Isabella	6.6100 mills	Townships	1.0000 mills	Intermediate School District	.2800 mills			Total	7.8900 mills	YES NO	
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Mount Pleasant

Mount Pleasant City Charter Amendment Defining Qualified Elector and Registered Elector

Shall the City Charter be amended by adding a new Section 5 of Article I, and by amending Section 1 of Article IV, to define the terms “qualified elector” and “registered elector” as used in the Charter to specify that these terms are used interchangeably to mean all persons who have actually registered to vote in the City as City electors as provided by applicable laws and regulations?

YES NO

Mount Pleasant City Charter Amendment Setting Initiative and Referendum Petition Signature Requirements

Shall Section 3 of Article VI of the City Charter be amended to state that initiative and referendum petitions must be signed by qualified, registered electors of the City equal to not less than 18% of the number of votes cast for candidates for the office of Governor at the last preceding general election in the City?

YES NO

Chippewa River District Library

Chippewa River District Library Millage Proposal

Shall the Chippewa River District Library, County of Isabella, Michigan, levy an amount not to exceed 1.75 mills (\$1.75 on each \$1,000 dollars of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Chippewa River District Library District for a period of ten (10) years, 2009 to 2018, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating and equipping a library and for all District Library purposes authorized by law; and shall the District Library levy such new additional millage for said purpose; the estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Library in the 2009 calendar year is approximately \$1,684,914? A portion of the revenue may be required to be distributed to the City of Mt. Pleasant Downtown Development Authority, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and Local Development Finance Authority, and the Union Township Downtown Development Authorities.

YES NO