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TO: Felicia Brabec, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Verna J. McDaniel
County Administrator

FROM: Robert L. Tetens, Director
Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: July 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Amended Parks Millage Renewal – November 4, 2014

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners amend their June 4, 2014 Resolution which directed the Washtenaw County Clerk to place on the November 4, 2014 ballot the question to renew the Parks & Recreation Millage that expires after December 1, 2016 for an additional ten (10) years, beginning with the levy to be made on December 1, 2017, for the purpose of acquiring, developing and maintaining parklands and operating recreation facilities for the benefit of Washtenaw County citizens and certified such ballot language to the County Clerk.

BACKGROUND:

On June 4, 2014, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution (14-0098) directing the Washtenaw County Clerk to place on the November 4, 2014 ballot, the question to renew the Parks & Recreation Millage that expires after December 1, 2016, and certifying such ballot language to the County Clerk. The term of the renewal is 10 years, and the amount of generated revenue for the first year was inadvertently left out of that resolution. Additionally, the renewal millage rate as reduced by the Headlee Amendment to the State Constitution, as required by MCLA 211.24f was also omitted.

DISCUSSION:

The resolution has now been amended to include the renewal millage rate, as reduced by Headlee as well as the estimated revenue for the first year of the renewed millage. That amount is approximately \$3.4 million.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

The approval of this amendment will have no impact on Human Resources.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The approval of this amendment will have no impact on the General Fund budget.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

The approval of this amendment will have no impact on Direct Costs.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

The approval of this amendment will have no impact on any other county department or outside agency.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This request is in conformance with all County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

An resolution seeking to amend resolution 14-0098, authorization from the Board of Commissioners to place the renewal of the 10-year, ¼ mill levy for operations of the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation system on the November 4, 2014 ballot, and certifying such ballot language to the Washtenaw County Clerk.

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ELECTORS A QUESTION OF WHETHER THE QUARTER MILL PRESENTLY IN EFFECT FOR PARKS AN RECREATION PURPOSES AS REDUCED BY THE HEADLEE AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE RENEWED FOR TEN YEARS, BEGINNING IN 2017 AND TERMINATING 2026 AND CERTIFYING THE BALLOT QUESTION FOR THIS PROPOSITION

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 9, 2014

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 261 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1965 as amended, this Board of Commissioners by resolution no. 73-0390 on August 1, 1973, established the County Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners on September 1, 1976, approved the submission to the voters of a one-quarter mill for ten years for the purpose of planning, acquiring, developing, operating and maintaining parks and recreation places and facilities in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the voters on November 2, 1976 approved said millage; and WHEREAS, the voters on November 6, 1984 renewed said millage; and WHEREAS, the voters on November 8, 1994 renewed said millage; and WHERAS, the voters on November 2, 2004 renewed said millage; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission had been successful in using said millage for the purpose of planning, acquiring, developing, operating and maintaining parks and recreation places and facilities in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, said millage expires in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has requested that the question of renewing the one-quarter mill for a ten (10) year period, beginning 2017 and terminating 2026, for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of parks, recreation places and facilities be submitted to the voters of the County of Washtenaw; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2014, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution #14-0098, authorizing the Washtenaw County Clerk to carry out all appropriate statutory duties and general election laws of the State of Michigan so the question of the renewal of the millage may be submitted to the voters on November 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners did not contain the estimated number of renewal mills as reduced by the Headlee Amendment to the State Constitution or the estimated amount of revenue

generated by the renewal millage in its first year as required by MCLA 211.24f; and

WHEREAS, this information was inadvertently omitted from the ballot language approved and certified by the Board of Commissioners on June 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution amends the earlier ballot language to add this information and to permit the Board of Commissioners to re-approve and re-certify the ballot language; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners deems it advisable that this question be placed on the ballot at the General Election to be held on November 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this matter had been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, Bond Counsel, Finance, County Administrator's Office and the Ways and Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners of the County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, as follows:

1. There shall be submitted to the electors of the County of Washtenaw at the general election to be held on the fourth (4th) day of November, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m. prevailing time, the following proposition:

" To renew the millage expiring after December 1, 2016, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Washtenaw County, Michigan be increased as provide in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the Board of Commissioners of the County be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one quarter of one mill (\$0.25 per \$1,000) **which has been presently reduced by the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution to \$0.2353** of state equalized valuation of such property for a period of ten years, beginning with the levy to be made on December 1, 2017, **(which will generate estimated revenues of \$3.4 million dollars in the first year of such renewal millage)** for the purpose of acquiring, developing and maintaining parklands and operating recreation facilities for the benefit of Washtenaw County citizens?"

YES _____

NO _____

2. The election shall be held in accordance with Chapter XXVII, the General Election Laws of the State of Michigan.

3. The Washtenaw County Clerk is hereby requested to carry out all appropriate statutory duties as set forth in this resolution and the general election laws of the State of Michigan so that the question of adoption may be submitted to the voters on November 4, 2014.

4. The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies to the County Clerk the following question as to the appropriate ballot wording for November 4, 2014, General Election for the aforesaid proposition:

PROPOSITION TO RENEW THE INCREASE IN THE TAX LIMITATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION for the purpose of planning, acquiring, developing, operating and maintaining parks and recreation places and facilities in Washtenaw County FOR THE BENEFIT OF WASHTENAW COUNTY CITIZENS

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YES _____

NO _____

Each city and township clerk shall give appropriate notice of the submission of the aforesaid proposition as provide by law which notice shall contain the statement of the Washtenaw County Treasurer as to previously voted tax limitation increases affecting property within Washtenaw County.