

**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
NOVEMBER 3, 2009 ELECTION
CANDIDATES AND PROPOSALS**

CITY OF STURGIS - NON-PARTISAN

Commissioner - Precinct #1
1 to be elected

Caralee Mayer
1217 Constitution
Sturgis, MI 49091

David G. Smith
900 Madison
Sturgis, MI 49091

Commissioner - Precinct #2
1 to be elected

Karen B. Stephens
206 North Street
Sturgis, MI 49091

Commissioner - Precinct #3
1 to be elected

Kenneth Malone
1102 Meadowlane
Sturgis, MI 49091

Commissioner - Precinct #4
1 to be elected

Karl W. Littman
717 Friar Tuck
Sturgis, MI 49091

Commissioner - At-Large
1 to be elected

Michael Gay
1006 Lauri Lane
Sturgis, MI 49091

Steven R. Shevick
302 S. Lakeview Avenue
Sturgis, MI 49091

Michael Thyng
1321 Carlson Road
Sturgis, MI 49091

H. Keith Waltke
1300 S. Lakeview Avenue
Sturgis, MI 49091

**Proposal
Sturgis Hospital Transfer**

Shall the City of Sturgis transfer to Sturgis Hospital, Inc., a newly formed, locally controlled not-for-profit Michigan corporation, all of the assets, real estate and facilities of the entity now being operated under the name "Sturgis Hospital" except those assets financed by bonds issued by the City of Sturgis Building Authority ("Leased Assets") which would be leased to Sturgis Hospital, Inc. until such time as the bonds are paid in full?

The consideration for the transfer will be the assumption of all Sturgis Hospital liabilities by Sturgis Hospital, Inc. The City of Sturgis will retain a collateral interest in all assets to secure payment of the liabilities until the bonds are paid in full at which time the Leased Assets would be transferred to Sturgis Hospital, Inc. and the security interests would be discharged.

CITY OF THREE RIVERS - NON-PARTISAN

Mayor
1 to be elected
Allen J. Balog
507 Tulip Lane
Three Rivers, MI 49093

Commissioner - Precinct #1
1 to be elected
Judy Gilchrist
110 E. Adams
Three Rivers, MI 49093

George Ramsey
318 E. Hoffman
Three Rivers, MI 49093

Commissioner - Precinct #3
1 to be elected
Earl Stark
213 S. Douglas
Three Rivers, MI 49093

Commissioner - At-Large
1 to be elected
Jim Everett
131 Middle Street
Three Rivers, MI 49093

Wendy Shank
516 Spring Street
Three Rivers, MI 49093

COLON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Bonding Proposal

Shall Colon Community Schools, St. Joseph, Branch and Kalamazoo Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Three Million One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$23,105,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purposes of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and remodeling, refurnishing and re-equipping the middle/high school to accommodate a pre K-12 program; acquiring and installing educational technology improvements and developing and improving playgrounds and the site?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2010, under current law, is 7 mills (\$7.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 5.79 mills (\$5.79 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

If the school district borrows from the State to pay debt service on the bonds, the school district may be required to continue to levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will enable the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Constantine Public Schools, St. Joseph and Cass Counties, Michigan, be increased by 3 mills (\$3.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 7 years, 2009 to 2015, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2009 is approximately \$105,101 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?