

## General Information

The citizens of Van Buren County have supported a road millage since 1978 when it was first approved. It was last renewed in 2016.

The road millage provides funds for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, and constructing public streets, avenues and roads in Van Buren County. In fact, the funds from the county-wide road millage are a substantial part of the annual road budget for the Road Commission, and for all cities, villages and townships located in the County.

In addition, because a major portion of the road work is completed by local contractors, this millage helps to keep jobs right here where we need them: in Van Buren County and the surrounding localities. Better roads and bridges save time, save lives, and save money.



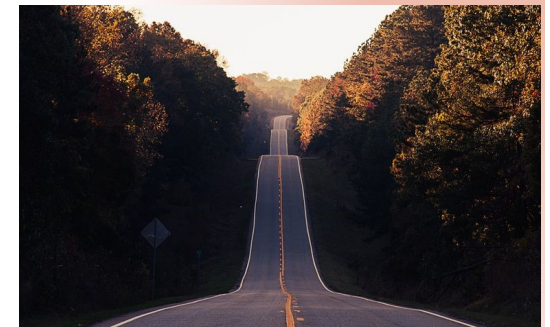
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## Van Buren County Road Millage Proposal 2020

**Vote March 10, 2020**



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*Better Highways:  
Save Lives, Save Time, Save Money.*





## Do You Know . . .

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The County-Wide Road Millage Proposal is to RENEW the expiring millage for roads. The Proposal seeks to renew a 0.9769-mill for four years. For a home with a taxable value of \$61,000 (\$122,000 market value), the mill would cost a homeowner approximately \$60.00 annually. These millage dollars are spent directly on repairing and constructing roads in Van Buren County. These millage funds are not spent on routine maintenance operations, such as snow removal, pothole filling, pavement marking, roadside mowing, tree removals, etc. as they are funded by fuel tax and vehicle registration fees.

By defining how these road millage dollars can be spent the Road Commission has been able to make improvements to the county-wide road network to help meet the needs of its citizens.

## The Road Millage is Vital to Van Buren County Roads

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It may come as a surprise to learn that road commissions receive almost all of their revenues from fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees through the State of Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). These funds are what the Road Commission utilizes in its routine operations to maintain the county road system which consists of 1,328 miles, including 66 bridges.

## How can I learn more about the proposed Road Millage renewal?

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The Van Buren County Road Commission is hosting Public Information Meetings regarding the road millage renewal proposal on the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Ballot. The meetings will be held at the Van Buren Conference Center, 490 South Paw Paw Street, Lawrence as follows:

Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 6 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6 PM

These meetings are being held in an effort to encourage a continued understanding of the county-wide road millage renewal proposal.

Road Commission staff and officials will host discussions on the proposed millage renewal, current road conditions, current available road funding, the intent of the millage renewal, and public input and questions.

For any specific information, or questions regarding this millage renewal request, please contact the Van Buren County Road Commission at 269-674-8011., or via email at [VBCRC@vbcrc.org](mailto:VBCRC@vbcrc.org).



## Vote on March 10, 2020

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The Van Buren County Road Commission, your Townships, and all of the Cities and Villages of Van Buren County urge you to get out and vote on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Our road network is vital to the social and economic welfare of the citizens of Van Buren County. Our economy is based heavily on agriculture, agri-business and tourism. In addition, thousands of children are transported daily over the county-wide road network. A well-developed road network enables all of us to travel safely to and from work and school, and to and from our shopping and entertainment centers.

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