

**HCDP SUPPORTS THESE 5 PROPOSALS APPEARING ON THE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025 ELECTION BALLOT FOR HOUGHTON COUNTY:**

1) BARAGA AREA SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy a millage rate of 17.9820 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 and renews millage that will expire with the 2025 tax levy.

“Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 17.9820 mills (\$17.9820 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Baraga Area Schools, Baraga and Houghton Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2026 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 17.9820 mills are levied in 2026 is approximately \$1,020,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2025 tax levy)?”

**2) TAX LIMITATION RENEWAL PROPOSITION FOR OPERATION OF THE CANAL VIEW ~
HOUGHTON COUNTY**

“Shall the previously voted levy of 2.25 mills (\$2.25 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value), reduced to 2.2105 mills (\$2.2105 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, against all taxable property in the County of Houghton, Michigan be renewed at the rate of 2.10 mills (\$2.10 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for 4 years beginning in 2026 through 2029 inclusive, to provide funds to assist in the operation of the Houghton County Medical Care Facility? Revenue from this proposal will be disbursed to Houghton County. It is estimated that \$2,769,529 will be collected in the first year that the proposed millage is authorized and levied. The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized millage.”

3) COUNTY JAIL AND COUNTY BUILDING IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL

“Shall the County of Houghton, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Thirty-Two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date of issuance of each series, for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs to acquire, construct, furnish and equip new county jail facilities, and remodel, re-construct, renovate, furnish and equip existing county buildings, including interests in land, site improvements, and parking improvements, together with rights-of-way, appurtenances and attachments thereto, and demolition of existing buildings?”

If approved, the estimated millage to be levied in the first year of the levy in 2026 is 1.60 mills (\$1.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.60 mills (\$1.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

4) COPPER COUNTRY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSAL

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2026 is 1.15 mills (\$1.15 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.00 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

“Shall Copper Country Intermediate School District, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Forty-Five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, in one or more series, for the purpose of: erecting, remodeling, including security improvements to, erecting additions to, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings and facilities; and equipping, developing, and improving playgrounds and sites?”

(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.)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

5) ELDER NUTRITION MILLAGE

“Shall the limitation on the total taxes which may be assessed against all property in the County of Houghton, Michigan, thus creating a new Elder Nutrition millage, be limited for the period of four (4) years (2025, 2026, 2027 and inclusive of 2028) and shall not exceed 1.0 mills which will result in an estimated tax revenue collection of \$1,237,399.25 in the first year the millage is levied for a period of four (4) years?”

Said revenue, of which will be specifically allocated to the Copper Shores Meals on Wheels program, will be used exclusively to support elder nutrition services including food purchases, meal preparation, delivery and established congregate meal sites serving elderly residents age sixty (60) years and older residing in Houghton County.