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As Genesee County voters are aware, new millage rates were voted in at the November 4<sup>th</sup> election for Genesee County Parks and Animal Control. These rates were approved by the voters to be levied for the 2014 tax year. With that being said, there are certain requirements that must be met in order for the levy to be legally placed on the 2014 winter tax bills. This timeline does not happen often, and we understand your concerns regarding timely delivery of winter tax bills to taxpayers so we are hopeful voters and taxpayers understand the importance of proper procedures being followed by Genesee County government.

First – **the election results must be certified** by the Board of County Canvassers who are working diligently to complete this process.

Second – The Genesee County Board of Commissioners **must hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing**. This legal requirement has three (3) components to it.

- 1- It is anticipated the Board of Commissioners will take action at the November 19, 2014 meeting to approve “proposed millage rates” and set a date and time for the statutorily required Truth in Taxation Hearing. It is anticipated that the hearing will be scheduled for December 3, 2014, to commence no earlier than 9:20 a.m.
- 2- The Notice of Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation must be published in the newspaper. This publication must occur at least 6 days prior to the public hearing. The notice is anticipated to be published in the Flint Journal on November 23, 2014
- 3- The Truth in Taxation Hearing is held on December 3, 2014.

Third and finally -- Following the hearing, the **Board of Commissioners will take action to approve the millage rates** to be levied by Genesee County for 2014.

It is within the discretion of the Board of Commissioners to levy at a rate up to that approved by the electorate. It is not anticipated that the Board will levy at a rate other than the rates approved for each of the new millage rates. However, because it is within the Board’s discretion, I cannot represent that changes will not occur.

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