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TAX ALLOCATION BOARD

*Al Boggs, Mark Haag, John Kuschell,
Harvey Schmidt, Ralph Tillotson, Marilyn Woods*

MEETING LOCATION

*Chambers, 2nd Floor
Old Courthouse, 301 N. Main Street, Adrian, MI*

MINUTES: MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 – 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Ralph Tillotson, Al Boggs, Mark Haag, John Kuschell, Harvey Schmidt, and Marilyn Woods

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Bob Knoblauch and Jim Driskill, Martin Marshall, Dan Bork (Dover Township), Sue Whitehead and Bob Platt (Franklin Township), Gary Griewahn and Harold Gregg (Madison Charter Township), Richard Marks (Ogden Township), Gerald Coulter (Tecumseh Township), Lee Wagner (Macon Township), Deb Keller (Fairfield Township), Marcy Griffin (Hudson Township), David Panian (The Daily Telegram), Rebecca Borton, and Kim Murphy

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Al Boggs, seconded by John Kuschell, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

II. PRESENTATIONS

Budgets from the various townships in the County were distributed for review.

Fairfield Township: Deb Keller noted that Fairfield Township has gone over budget the past couple of years. They are experiencing rising expenses as well as new expenses such as addressing blighted properties.

Cambridge Township: Rich Richardson noted that the Cambridge Township general fund budget is about 3/10th of a mill lower due to millage reductions and that if the township were able to collect on their full 1 mill it would provide monies for other areas such as roads.

Franklin Township: Bob Platt asked for the purpose of the Tax Allocation Board's inquiry into the Township budgets. He expressed concerns of the County cutting township portions.

Marty Marshall, serving as staff to the board, reviewed the purpose of the Tax Allocation Board and its responsibilities. The Board is to review the current tax limitations and determine if any changes are needed. He assured the audience that there has been no interest in decreasing township allocations.

Hudson Township: Marcy Griffin stated Hudson Township has been diligent to remain within budget and added that a tax increase would not be beneficial for the Hudson Township area residents. She also expressed concerns regarding the county's interest in the township budgets.

Marty Marshall noted that the Tax Allocation Board is statutorily required to review all budgets to understand local financial standings.

Rome Township: Al Boggs pointed out that Rome Township, like many of the townships, must have additions funds on hand to see the township through cash flow shortages early in the fiscal year. He noted that township revenues have been recuperating and are nearly back to where they were in the early 2000s.

Madison Charter Township: Gary Griewahn noted that Madison Charter Township is also feeling the impact of diminishing revenues and will be asking their voters for support for their police department in the future.

Harvey Schmidt asked how many townships have sought a road millage in the past few years. Jim Driskill offered to obtain that information for the Tax Allocation Board.

Martin Marshall noted that if anyone has any further information that they would like the Tax Allocation Board to consider, to please forward it to the Administrator's Office prior to May 15th.

Dover Township: Dan Bork agreed with today's discussions, but is concerned with the number of millages that are currently being supported.

Mr. Marshall noted that authorization to levy is not a requirement to levy. Townships will review how much is needed and determine any necessary funding.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Tax Allocation Board thanked the audience members for taking time to participate in today's discussion and welcomed everyone to attend the May 15th meeting.

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IV. UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS

The next meet is set for:

- Monday, May 15th at 1:30 p.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Harvey Schmidt, seconded by Al Boggs, to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m. Motion carried.

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