

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-2016 \*AMENDED\***

**RESOLUTION TO PLACE EMERGENCY BROADCASTING SYSTEM MILLS  
ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

**WHEREAS**, Mont. Code Ann. § 7-6-2527, permits the governing body of a county to raise money by taxation for any public or governmental purpose not specifically prohibited by law, subject to the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 15-10-420; and

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson County Disaster and Emergency Services has requested the Jefferson County Commission place an Emergency Broadcasting System mill levy on the November 2016 general election ballot to increase the general fund levy by two (2) mills, based on the estimated value of one (1) mill being \$26,721.00. The funds will be used for the following:

1. An allocation of two (2) mills, or approximately \$53,442.00, to support the annual operations and maintenance of the Emergency Broadcasting System (EBS) and to fund the installation of seven (7) backup generators at all EBS transmitter sites.
  - A. One (1) mill, approximately \$26,721.00, will be allocated to the following operations and maintenance needs:
    - i. \$5,000.00 for annual maintenance of EBS equipment;
    - ii. \$7,500.00 for music listening and “DJ” service subscriptions;
    - iii. \$2,000.00 for utilities (electrical power);
    - iv. \$12,000.00 for professional services (Tele-Systems support fees and required FCC documentation and fees); and,
    - v. \$200.00 for internet service to the Elk Park transmitter site; and,
  - B. One (1) mill, approximately \$26,721.00, will be allocated to pay for the installation, start up maintenance, and operation of seven (7) backup generators at all EBS transmitter sites. The cost to install each generator is approximately \$4,100.00, and continued costs will be incurred for operation of the generators.

**THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, the Jefferson County Commission, in accordance with Mont. Code Ann. § 7-5-2527, declares there to be a financial need to seek an increase in the general fund levy by two (2) mills to fund the Emergency Broadcasting System and will place before the qualified electors a mill levy on the November 2016 general election ballot requesting two (2) mills for the Jefferson County Emergency Broadcasting System for a period not to exceed two (2) years and shall place the question as follows:

**EMERGENCY BROADCASTING SYSTEM MILL BALLOT**

The proposed ballot measure would increase tax liability for the 2017 tax year and for one tax year thereafter, in the amount of 2 mills so as to generate approximately \$55,766 per year for use by Jefferson County during the Fiscal year 2017 and for one additional fiscal year thereafter for the following:

- A. One (1) mill, approximately \$26,721.00, will be allocated to the following operations and maintenance needs:
  - i. \$5,000.00 for annual maintenance of EBS equipment;
  - ii. \$7,500.00 for music listening and “DJ” service subscriptions;
  - iii. \$2,000.00 for utilities (electrical power);
  - iv. \$12,000.00 for professional services (Tele-Systems support fees and required FCC documentation and fees); and,
  - v. \$200.00 for internet service to the Elk Park transmitter site; and,
  
- B. One (1) mill, approximately \$26,721.00, will be allocated to pay for the installation, start up maintenance, and operation of seven (7) backup generators at all EBS transmitter sites. The cost to install each generator is approximately \$4,100.00 and continued costs will be incurred for operation of the generators.

The tax impact of the election of two (2) mills on a residence with a phase-in value of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) would be \$1.35 each year of the levy; One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) would be approximately \$2.70 each year of the levy; on a residence with a phase-in value of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) would be approximately \$5.40 each year of the levy.

- FOR authorizing an additional two (2) mills for the Jefferson County Emergency Broadcasting System.
  
- AGAINST authorizing an additional two (2) mills for the Jefferson County Emergency Broadcasting System.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

**Jefferson County Commission**

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Bob Mullen, Chair

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Leonard Wortman, Commissioner

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Cory Kirsch, Commissioner

**Attest:**

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Bonnie Ramey  
Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder