

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2016 *AMENDED*

**RESOLUTION TO PLACE JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
MILLS ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. §§ 7-6-2512 & 2527, permit the governing body of a county to raise money by taxation for maintaining and operating health-care facilities and to provide 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 Public Health Board has requested the Jefferson County Commission place a public health mill levy on the November 2016 general election ballot to maintain the current ten (10) mill public health mill levy for the 2017 tax year and for five additional tax years thereafter. The mill levy will generated \$267,210.00 per year based on the estimated value of one (1) mill being \$26,721.00. The monies will be used by Jefferson County Public Health for the following:

1. Provide for two (2) full-time RN's (one (1) public health nurse and one (1) health nurse for the Jefferson County Public Schools, one (1) half-time RN, one (1) full-time clerk, and one (1) Sanitarian to provide public health services in Jefferson County;
2. Staff provided by this mill will provide public health services as required by Montana law for communicable disease control, prevention, investigation, follow-up, and intervention depending upon the nature of the disease, as well as control of population based diseases such and childhood preventable illnesses, tuberculosis, hepatitis B, and West Nile Virus;
3. One (1) health nurse provided by this mill would work within the Basin, Boulder, Cardwell, Clancy, Montana City, and Whitehall Elementary Schools, and the Jefferson and Whitehall High Schools to provide health nurse functions for each of these schools;
4. The staff provided by the mill would also work with the Sanitarian on environmental issues, as well as with the bio-terrorism leader for anthrax and biological threats;
5. Capital outlay for the purchase of equipment and adequate vehicle for transportation; and
6. Provide for the general operations and maintenance of the Health Department.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, the Jefferson County Commission, in accordance with Mont. Code Ann. §§ 7-5-2512 & 2527, declares there to be a financial need to maintain the public health mill levy and will place before the qualified electors a mill levy on the November 2016 general election ballot requesting ten (10) mills for the Jefferson County Health Department for the 2017 tax year and for five additional tax years thereafter, as follows:

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The proposed ballot measure would maintain tax liability for the 2017 tax year and for five (5) tax years thereafter, in the amount of ten (10) mills so as to generate approximately \$267,210.00 per year for use by Jefferson County Public Health during the Fiscal year 2017 and for five (5) additional fiscal years thereafter for the following:

1. Provide for two (2) full-time RN's, one (1) public health nurse and one (1) health nurse for the Jefferson County Public Schools, one (1) half-time RN, one (1) full-time clerk, and one (1) Sanitarian to provide public health services in Jefferson County;
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The tax impact of the election of ten (10) mills on a residence with a phase-in value of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) would be \$6.75 each year of the levy; One Hundred Thousand

Dollars (\$100,000) would be approximately \$13.50 each year of the levy; on a residence with a phase-in value of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) would be approximately \$27.00 each year of the levy.

FOR authorizing an additional ten (10) mills for Jefferson County Public Health.

AGAINST authorizing an additional ten (10) mills for Jefferson County Public Health.

Dated this 9th August, 2016.

Jefferson County Commission

Bob Mullen, Chair

Leonard Wortman, Commissioner

Cory Kirsch, Commissioner

Attest:

Bonnie Ramey
Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder