

ADVISORY TAX LIMITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 2024 – 12:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

Members Present: Kimberly Ludlow
Burt Francisco
Justin Gluesing
Abraham Bruski
Kevin Ginter
Ken Lobert

Others Present: County Administrator Jesse Osmer
Board Chairman John Kozlowski
Clerk Keri Bertrand
Attorney Tim Perrone

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Burt Francisco called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Francisco asked for introductions and who each person is representing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ADOPT AGENDA

Chair Francisco presented the agenda for approval. Motion by Justin Gluesing and supported by Ken Lobert to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Francisco read aloud the Resolution to Alter the Fixed Separate Tax Limitation for Alpena County.

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**ALPENA COUNTY ADVISORY TAX LIMITATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION TO ALTER THE FIXED SEPARATE TAX LIMITATION
FOR ALPENA COUNTY**

The following are the members of the Alpena County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
County Treasurer	Kim Ludlow
Chair of Finance, Board of Commissioners	Burt Francisco
Intermediate Superintendent	Justin Gluesing
Probate Judge Appointment	Abraham Bruski
County Board Appointment	Kevin Ginter
Township Supervisor	Ken Lobert

WHEREAS, Clerk Keri Bertrand was duly elected to act as the Secretary of the Alpena County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee for its special meeting on August 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Property Tax Limitation Act, being Public Act 62 of the Public Acts of 1933 as amended (MCL 211.201 *et seq*), (“Public Act 62”) allows for separate tax limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Alpena County voters approved such a separate limitation in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the 3 separate millage limitations have been substantially reduced by State rollback provisions from the levels approved by Alpena County voters on August 3rd, 1976; and

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners has the authority to initiate a review and vote of the electorate as to the appropriateness of altering the current fixed millage limitations pursuant to Section 5k of Public Act 62 (being MCL 211.205k); and

WHEREAS, that upon resolving to alter the fixed millage limitation, the Board of Commissioners is to then notify persons and bodies having appointive powers under Public Act 62 of the resolution so that a “county advisory tax limitation committee” can be created to review and provide a recommendation as to the County fixed millage limitation; and

WHEREAS, the Alpena County Board of Commissioners resolved to initiate the statutory procedure to consider altering the existing Alpena County fixed mill separate tax limitations of the county and the townships and the intermediate school district in the county; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2024 the Alpena County Board of Commissioners resolved that a Alpena County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee be created composed of the following:

- a. The County Treasurer.
- b. The Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee of the County Board of Commissioners.
- c. The Intermediate School District Superintendent or his representative.
- d. A resident of a municipality within the county having more than a population of 10,000, who shall be selected by the probate judge of the county.
- e. A member not officially connected with or employed by any local or county unit, who shall be selected by the Board of County Commissioners.
- f. A member who shall be a township supervisor and who shall be selected by a majority of the township supervisors in the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as required by statute, the County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee is meeting within 10 days of its selection to prepare separate tax limitations for the county and the townships and the intermediate school district in the county, aggregating not more than 7.02 mills that the majority of the committee considers will provide for the financial needs of the county, townships, and the intermediate school district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the separate tax limitations were promptly transmitted to the County Board of Commissioners by the Alpena County Advisory Tax Limitations Committee and the functions of the Alpena County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee have now ceased.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners will now propose a resolution submitting the question of adopting the separate tax limitations prepared by the County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee to a vote of the registered and qualified electors of Alpena County at the general election on November 5, 2024.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

The foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Advisory Tax Limitation Committee at a special meeting held on August 12, 2024, notice of which was given pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976.

Clerk Keri Bertrand, Acting Secretary
Alpena County,
Advisory Tax Limitation Committee

Motion was made by Kimberly Ludlow and supported by Kevin Ginter adopt the Alpena County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee Resolution to Alter the Fixed Separate Tax Limitation for Alpena County as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Kimberly Ludlow, Justin Gluesing, Abraham Bruski, Kevin Ginter, Ken Lobert, and Burt Francisco. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Francisco read the ballot language that will go on the November 5th ballot:

Approval of Fixed Operational Millage

Shall separate tax limitations be established for a four-year time period, or until altered by the voters of Alpena County, for the County of Alpena, Townships and Intermediate School District within the County, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 7.02 mills as follows:

County of Alpena	5.4800 mills
Townships	1.2900 mills
Intermediate School District	0.2500 mills

Total	7.02 mills
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Yes

No

INFORMATION ITEM: Attorney Tim Perrone reported the statutory duties have been fulfilled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kimberly Ludlow and supported by Justin Gluesing. The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

**The Committee reconvened to approve the ballot language at 12:13 p.m. Motion was made by Abraham Bruski and supported by Kevin Ginter to approve the ballot language as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Kimberly Ludlow, Justin Gluesing, Abraham Bruski, Kevin Ginter, Ken Lobert, and Burt Francisco. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 12:14 p.m.

Keri Bertrand, Alpena County Clerk

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