

Notice of Special Referendum Election and Sample Ballot

October 6, 2009

OFFICE OF THE GREEN COUNTY CLERK TO THE ELECTORS OF GREEN COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a special referendum election to be held in Green County, on the 6th day of October, 2009, at which the question specified below shall be decided. The question submitted to a vote, for a referendum, which has been certified to or filed in this office, is given in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO ELECTORS

Upon entering the polling place, an elector shall give his or her name and address before being permitted to vote. Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that an elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

On referendum questions where **optical scan** voting is used, the elector shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. If the elector spoils an **optical scan** ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in casting his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

After casting his or her vote, the elector shall leave the voting booth, insert the **optical scan** ballot in the voting device and leave the polling place promptly.

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that he or she is

unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:



Michael J. Doyle
Green County Clerk

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR SPECIAL REFERENDUM

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY 2 ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote on a question, completely darken the oval to the LEFT of "YES" if in favor of the question, or completely darken the oval to the LEFT of "NO" if opposed to the question.

REFERENDUM

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Green for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2010, is limited to 5.48%, which results in a levy of \$12,005,340. Shall the County of Green be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next five fiscal years, 2010 through 2014, by up to \$890,000 per year (which for 2010 equals an additional 7.82% for a total increase of 13.3%) which results in a levy of \$12,895,340 for 2010, which sum does not include exempt library services or other exemptions from the levy limit, for the exclusive purpose of paying for a portion of the cost of operating Pleasant View Nursing Home?

- YES
 NO

GREEN COUNTY POLLING PLACES

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

**ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 a.m.
AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 p.m.**

TOWNSHIP	ADDRESS
Adams	Town Hall, N5705 Biggs Road, Argyle, WI 53504
Albany	Town Hall, N6065 County E, Albany, WI 53502
Brooklyn	Town Hall, 400 Main Street, Brooklyn, WI 53521
Cadiz	Town Hall, W8445 County B, Browntown, WI 53522
Clarno	Town Hall, W6126 County B, Monroe, WI 53566
Decatur	Town Hall, 1408 14th Street, Brodhead, WI 53520
Exeter	Town Hall, W2998 Highway 92, Belleville, WI 53508
Jefferson	Juda Community Center, W2895 County KS, Juda, WI 53550
Jordan	Town Hall, W8495 Highway 81, Argyle, WI 53504
Monroe	Town Hall, N3302 Monroe Road, Monroe, WI 53566
Mt. Pleasant	American Legion Hall, 316 E. Coates Ave., Monticello, WI 53570
New Glarus	Town Hall, 1101 Highway 69, New Glarus, WI 53574
Spring Grove	Town Hall, N2475 Highway GG, Brodhead, WI 53520
Sylvester	Town Hall, N4505 Highway 59, Albany, WI 53502
Washington	Town Hall, W6113 County C, Monticello, WI 53570
York	Town Hall, N8105 Postville Road, Blanchardville, WI 53516
VILLAGE	
Albany	Village Hall, 206 N. Water Street, Albany, WI 53502
Belleville	Village Hall, 130 S. Vine, Belleville, WI 53508
Brooklyn	Village Hall, 102 N. Rutland, Brooklyn, WI 53521
Browntown	Village Hall, 110 S. Mill Street, Browntown, WI 53522
Monticello	Village Hall, 140 N. Main Street, Monticello, WI 53570
New Glarus	Village Hall, 319 2nd Street, New Glarus, WI 53574
CITY	
Brodhead	City Hall, 1111 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520
Monroe	Community Center, 1110 18th Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566

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COUNTY OF GREEN REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special referendum election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the County of Green, on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, the following Resolution of the County Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION 8-2-09

Resolution Authorizing a Referendum to Exceed State Imposed Tax Levy Limits in 2010 through 2014 and Authorizing a Fund Transfer for Referendum Election Expenses

WHEREAS, the Green County Board of Supervisors does proclaim its continuing support for county ownership and operation of Pleasant View Nursing Home for so long as it is practical for the county to do so; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies for 2010 under Wis. Stat. section 66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. section 66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes limits the increase in 2010 to the local property tax levy to no more than 3% of last year's levy; and

WHEREAS, the current state budget as adopted allows a 3% increase (\$341,459) plus a "carryover" base increase of \$281,919 for a total increase of 5.48%; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee has determined that it may be necessary to levy up to an additional \$890,000 above the levy limit for each of the next five years for the financial well being and stability of Pleasant View Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS, Section 66.0602(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes allows a political subdivision to exceed the levy limit if the governing body adopts a resolution to that effect and if the resolution is approved in a referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee has determined that it is desirable and in the best interest of Green County to conduct a county-wide special referendum to determine whether the Green County taxpayers support the county exceeding the levy limit under Section 66.0602, or any successor thereto, for the next five fiscal years, in recognition that Section 66.0602 may be amended or renewed in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that a special referendum election shall be held on October 6, 2009, and that the following question, modified as necessary to conform to any directives from the Department of Revenue or changes in the law, be placed on the ballot as a binding special referendum question:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Green for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2010, is limited to 5.48%, which results in a levy of \$12,005,340. Shall the County of Green be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next five fiscal years, 2010 through 2014, by up to \$890,000 per year (which for 2010 equals an additional 7.82% for a total increase of 13.3%) which results in a levy of \$12,895,340 for 2010, which sum does not include exempt library services or other exemptions from the levy limit, for the exclusive purpose of paying for a portion of the cost of operating Pleasant View Nursing Home?

YES _____ NO _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green County Board of Supervisors supports an increase in the county tax levy to exceed the state levy limit for the next five years, 2010 through 2014 up to \$890,000 per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Green County Board of Supervisors approves a fund transfer of up to \$20,000 from the General Fund to the County Clerk Election budget for the costs of the special referendum election.

SIGNED: THE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Green for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2010, is limited to 5.48%, which results in a levy of \$12,005,340. Shall the County of Green be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next five fiscal years, 2010 through 2014, by up to \$890,000 per year (which for 2010 equals an additional 7.82% for a total increase of 13.3%) which results in a levy of \$12,895,340 for 2010, which sum does not include exempt library services or other exemptions from the levy limit, for the exclusive purpose of paying for a portion of the cost of operating Pleasant View Nursing Home?

YES _____ NO _____

EXPLANATION

The October 6, 2009 special referendum ballot asks the county electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum question above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote in favor of authorizing Green County to exceed the levy limit imposed under s. 66.0602, Wisconsin Statutes, by an amount between \$0 to \$890,000 for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. These amounts are intended to be used exclusively and for no other purpose than the operation of Green County's Pleasant View Nursing Home.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote against authorizing Green County to exceed the levy limit imposed under s. 66.0602, Wisconsin Statutes, by an amount between \$0 to \$890,000 for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. These amounts are intended to be used exclusively and for no other purpose than the operation of Green County's Pleasant View Nursing Home.

In the event a majority of the electors vote "yes" to the question, Green County would be authorized to exceed the levy limit imposed under s. 66.0602, Wisconsin Statutes, by an amount between \$0 to \$890,000 for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. It is the intention of the County Board that any amounts levied under the authority of this referendum be used exclusively for the purpose of operating Green County's Pleasant View Nursing Home.

In the event a majority of electors vote "no" to the question, Green County's Pleasant View Nursing Home may have to be closed or sold. If closing the facility becomes necessary, residents will be relocated to other facilities. Necessary expenses incurred in Green County's operation of Pleasant View Nursing Home will result in a reduction of the operating budgets of other county departments. Green County will eliminate job positions, programs, and reduce services as necessary.

DONE in the city of Monroe,
this 30th day of September, 2009.



Michael J. Doyle
Green County Clerk