

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL REQUEST

The County Road Commission Wants You to Know . . .

On the March 10, 2020 ballot, you will see a county millage **RENEWAL** request for .9769 mills for county road repairs and improvements. This is NOT the new millage that was requested in 2018. This millage has been on your tax bill since 1978. As the ballot language states, these funds are used for the repair and improvements of all public streets, roads and avenues in Van Buren County. These funds are also used by the Van Buren County Road Commission as the local match for grant funding received to make improvements to our roads. This ballot request is for a millage **RENEWAL**.

It should also be noted that the millage language also informs the public that part of the tax money collected by this millage goes to Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs), Local Development Finance Authorities (LDFAs), and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities. By law, any increase in millage money collected must go to the Tax Increment Financing Authorities (TIFs). This language has appeared on all millage requests for years; it is not new language.

If you have any questions regarding this millage **RENEWAL** request, please contact the Van Buren County Road Commission at (269) 674-8011, or via email at vbcrc@vbcrc.org.

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