The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session for the Truth in Taxation Hearing held on Tuesday, September 14, 1993 at 6:00 p.m.in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Angeli, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Braamse, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Minelli, Comm. Trudell, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Potvin. and Comm. Seppanen.

County Administrator Dennis Aloia distributed the Truth in Taxation resolution for increasing property taxes in Marquette County. It is required that the County Board first adopt the resolution before holding the Truth in Taxation Hearing.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board adopt the following resolution:

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION RESOLUTION
FOR INCREASING MARQUETTE COUNTY
PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of MCL 211.24e, as amended by PA75 of 1991, known as the Truth-In-Taxation legislation, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on September 14, 1993, on a proposed increase in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Act further requires that the property additional millage rate be established by a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the taxing unit before it conducts the public hearing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners proposes an increase of 0.5016 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1993.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 7.78% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson Corkin then opened the meeting for the public hearing on Truth in Taxation.

Finance Manager Gary Yoder distributed information regarding Truth in Taxation. The basic premise behind Truth in Taxation legislation is that a local government should not receive increased revenues from increased property values on existing property without first holding a public hearing. In Marquette County's case, the valuation increased so that a factor of .9247 applies to operating millages levied last year (7.3000 mills). If no hearing were held, the maximum County millage levy allowed is 6.7503. In addition, legislation requires that the County millage for Truth in Taxation purposes be reduced by the estimated amounts of the cigarette tax and the Cobo Hall/Liquor Tax payments made to the County by the State of Michigan. These amounts are .1363 and .1631 respectively. This reduces the County maximum millage without a hearing to 6.4509 mills. In dollars, this reduction would mean $724,540.

The Headlee limitation, which limits valuation increases to the rate of inflation, will impact millage rates this year. This reduction, which can only be changed by a vote of the people, applies a factor of .9524 to the

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County's maximum millage rate of 7.3 reducing it to 6.9525 mills. This reduction amounts to $296,523. In summary: If the County wishes to levy 6.9525 mills we must hold a Truth in Taxation hearing. Without a hearing we could only levy 6.4509 mills, a difference of .5016 mills, an increase of 7.78%.

A recap of the various millages amounts is as follows:

	12-1-92 LEVY	TRUTH IN TAXATION	MAXIMUM NO HEARING	MAXIMUM WITH HEARING	% INCREASE
County Operating	6.0000	0.9247	5.5482		
Less:					
Cigarette tax			0.1363		
Cobo Hall/Liquor Tax			0.1631		
Subtotal			5.2488	5.7144	8.87%
Marq-Tran Millage	0.3000	0.9247	0.2774	0.2857	3.00%
Rescue Safety	0.1200	0.9247	0.1110	0.1143	3.00%
Central Dispatch	0.5300	0.9247	0.4901	0.5048	3.00%
Commis. on Aging	0.3500	0.9247	0.3236	0.3333	3.00%
Totals:	7.3000		6.4509	6.9525	7.78%

NOTE: Debt Retirement millage levies are excluded from the truth in taxation formula. For 1992 this levy was 0.9200 mills, for the Medical Care Facility. For 1993 it will be the same.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board adopt the maximum millage levies allowed with a Truth in Taxation hearing as presented by staff. These millage levies will be certified along with the millage levies from the various taxing units in Marquette County at the annual meeting to be held Tuesday, October 12, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Truth in Taxation Hearing
Tuesday, September 14, 1993 6:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.

2. Review of purpose and rules of hearing by Chairperson.

3. Adoption of the Truth-In-Taxation Resolution.

4. Public Hearing

   a) Public Comment

   b) Staff Comment

   c) Discussion

5. Adoption of the millage rates to be levied in December 1993.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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