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TO: Rolland Sizemore Jr., Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Verna J. McDaniel
County Administrator

FROM: Kelly Belknap
Finance Director

DATE: May 16, 2012

SUBJECT: 2012 County Operating Millage Rate

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Adoption of the resolution setting the 2012 Washtenaw County Operating Millage Rate.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution setting the county's millage rate. In the past, this rate was set in the fall for use in the December tax levy and included all county related millages: General Operating, Drain Assessment, Parks, Natural Areas, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority taxes, and the Enhanced Emergency Communications System (EECS) 800 MHZ initiative. Due to the State of Michigan legislation shifting the county's general operating millage levy from December 1st to July 1st, it is now necessary for the Board of Commissioners to adopt the general operating millage earlier in the year for the local units of government to have the appropriate millage rate to include on the July 1st tax bills. In addition, the Board of Commissioners authorized two millages beginning in 2009 to provide revenue for the following years: Veteran's Relief and Public Act 88. These millages will be brought to the Board for consideration for the December 1, 2012 tax levy at a later date.

DISCUSSION:

The resolution establishes the 2012 Washtenaw County General Operating Millage Rate at 4.5493. This figure is based on the 2012 Taxable Value and will be used to levy property taxes for the County's 2012 General Fund fiscal year. The 2012 Millage Rate of 4.5493 is the same amount as applied in 2011. This is due to the county realizing a Headlee factor of 1.0 thereby retaining the same millage rate as in the prior year.

	<u>Original Millage</u>	<u>2011 Levy</u>	<u>2012 Levy</u>
Washtenaw County Operating	<u>5.5000</u>	<u>4.5493</u>	<u>4.5493</u>
Total General Fund	5.5000	4.5493	4.5493
Washtenaw County Parks	.2500	.2353	.2353
Washtenaw County Parks	.2500	.2367	.2367
Natural Areas	.2500	.2409	.2409
HCMA	.2500	.2146	.2146
EECS	<u>.2000</u>	<u>.2000</u>	<u>.2000</u>
Total Parks & HCMA	1.2000	1.1275	1.1275
 TOTAL COUNTY MILLAGE	 6.7000	 5.6768	 5.6768

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

None

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This action conforms to County policy.

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2012 WASHTENAW COUNTY MILLAGE RATE AT 5.6768

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 6, 2012

WHEREAS, the County Finance Office, Administration, Corporation Counsel, Equalization, and the Ways and Means Committee have reviewed this matter

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby sets the 2012 Washtenaw County Millage Rate at 5.6768 based on the 2012 Taxable Value, to be used to levy property taxes for the 2012 Fiscal year, as follows:

COUNTY MILLAGE

COUNTY OPERATING	4.5493

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	4.5493
COUNTY PARKS (tax expires December 2016)	0.2353
COUNTY PARKS (tax expires December 2019)	0.2367
NATURAL AREAS (tax expires December 2020)	0.2409
EECS (tax expires December 2015)	0.2000
H.C.M.A.	0.2146

TOTAL PARKS & HCMA	1.1275

TOTAL COUNTY MILLAGE	5.6768