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**CHRONOLOGY OF MILL LEVY REFERENDUMS FOR KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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Date	Amount requested	Results	Comments	Ballot language
March 17, 1966	<p>1.0 mills, which was the minimum required by the Michigan Community College Act of 1966 to establish a community college.</p> <p>The millage was for operational expenses only. The State of Michigan provided funds for the construction of the buildings.</p>	<p>1,699 yes 1,270 no</p>	<p>This referendum, which legally established Kirtland Community College, was certified at about 11:00 A.M., March 17, 1966. Additional referendums on the same date elected the first Board of Trustees and established the required 1.00 mill levy. It is estimated the referendum was conducted on March 7, 1966.</p>	<p><i>Shall Act No. 188 of the Public Acts of 1955, as amended, being sections 390.871 to 390.883 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, be adopted and be effective in a community college district comprised of C.O.O.R Intermediate School District.</i></p>
March 14, 1972	<p>1.0Mills, for operational expenses which would have increased the total collected to 2.0 mills.</p>	<p>1,468 yes 2,209 no</p>	<p>The court house records for precinct vote tallies are incomplete for this referendum. Loss of records are presumed to be a result of a flood in the basement of the Roscommon Courthouse. Kirtland does not have a record of the vote tallies. However, the college maintains minutes of Board meetings from the beginning which provides reliable information about official actions or the Board.</p>	<p><i>Shall the maximum annual tax rate of not to exceed one mill (\$1.00 on each \$1000) of authorized to be levied by the Board of Trustees on the real and tangible personal property of Kirtland Community College, Michigan, be increased by one mill (\$1.00 per each \$1000) of assessed valuation, as equalized, of the property within the district, in the manner and for the purposes provided by Act 331 of the Public Acts of 1966, such rate, if subject to Article IX, Section 6of the Michigan Constitution, be effective as an increase in the constitutional tax rate limitation for a period of twenty (20) hears from 1972 to 1991, inclusive?</i></p>

September 12, 1972	.6 mills for operational expenses which would have increased the total collected to 1.6 mills.	1,165 yes 1,900 no	The court house records for precinct vote tallies are incomplete for this referendum. Loss of records are presumed to be a result of a flood in the basement of the Roscommon Courthouse. Kirtland does not have records on the vote tallies.	<i>Shall the maximum annual tax rate of not to exceed one mill (\$1.00 on each \$1000) of authorized to be levied by the Board of Trustees on the real and tangible personal property of Kirtland Community College, Michigan, be increased by six-tenths one mill (\$.60 per each \$1000) of assessed valuation, as equalized, of the property within the district, in the manner and for the purposes provided by Act 331 of the Public Acts of 1966, such rate, if subject to Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, be effective as an increase in the constitutional tax rate limitation for a period of twenty (20) years from 1972 to 1991, inclusive?</i>
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November 6, 1985	.5 mills for operational expenses which would have increased the total collected to 1.5 mills.	1,988 yes 3,292 no	The court house records for precinct vote tallies are incomplete for this referendum. Loss of records are presumed to be a result of a flood in the basement of the Roscommon Courthouse. Kirtland does not have records on the vote tallies.	<i>Shall the charter limitation on the annual property tax imposed on all taxable property in Kirtland Community College, Michigan, for the purposes and in the manner provided by law, except taxes imposed for the payment of outstanding indebtedness, which taxes are not subject to limitation, be increased by ½ mill, from a rate of 1 mill to a rate of 1 1/2 mills.</i>
March 13, 1987	1.0 mills for operational expenses which would have increased the total collected to 2.0 mills.	1,558 yes 2,067 no	The court house records for precinct vote tallies are incomplete for this referendum. Loss of records are presumed to be a result of a flood in the basement of the Roscommon Courthouse. Kirtland does not have records on the vote tallies.	<i>Shall the charter limitation on the annual property tax imposed on all taxable property in Kirtland Community College, Michigan, for the purposes and in the manner provided by law, except taxes imposed for the payment of outstanding indebtedness, which taxes are not subject to limitation, be increased by 1mil, from 1 mill to a rate of 2 mills.</i>
October 9, 1989	Referendum purpose was not mentioned in the minutes of the Trustees. It is known the minimum 1 mill passed in 1966 was insufficient to operate the college and keep competitive tuition rates. The amount of increase was proposed to be 1.5 mills. The millage was to be for a period of five years.	2,167 yes 2,854 no	The court house records for precinct vote tallies are incomplete for this referendum because of a flood in the basement in the courthouse. This information is taken from Kirtland records.	<i>Shall the charger limitation of one (1) mill on the annual property tax imposed on all taxable property in Kirtland Community College, Michigan, for the purposes and the manner provided by law, except for payment of outstanding indebtedness which taxes are not subject to limitation, be increased by 1 1/2 mill for period of five (5) years, 1990-1994 inclusive.</i>

January 23, 1990	The Board of Trustees, in 1989, believed that the North Central Association, the major accrediting body for the college would question the viability of the college's finances. The Association was planning on inspecting the college in approximately a year. The purpose of the referendum was to provide operational funds. The amount proposed was 1.5 mills for perpetuity. .	2,230 yes 2,845 no	This information is taken from minutes of the Board of Trustees. Precinct vote tallies are unavailable because of a loss of records at the Roscommon Courthouse and Kirtland does not have records on the vote tallies.	<i>Shall the charter tax rate limitation previously approved by the electors of Kirtland Community College, Michigan, be increased by 1 1/2 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation) for the year of 1990 and thereafter, to be used for all purposes authorized by law?</i>
September 13, 1991	1.5 mills for operational expenses which increased the total collected to 2.5 mills.	1,203 yes 466 no	This millage was later reduced by the "Head lee roll back" legislation.	<i>Shall the charter tax rate limitation previously approved by the electors of Kirtland Community College, Michigan, be increased by 11/2 mills (\$1.50 per \$1000 of state equalized valuation) for the year 1991 and thereafter, to be used for all purposes authorized by law.</i>
October 24, 1995	The millage rate varied depending on property tax values. In 2104, .12 mills were collected in 2014 which was needed to make payments on the \$4-million-dollar bond. The total amount collected in 2014 was about \$330,000.	3,949 yes 3,063 no	The construction bonds were sold for a term of 20 years and paid off in 2015.	<i>Shall Kirtland Community College, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping an addition or additions to and partially remodeling, refurbishing and reequipping existing</i>

	The construction/remodeling project was for 7.570 million dollars----\$2.770 million from a state grant, \$8 million from reserves, and \$4 million from the proposed millage.			<i>college facilities, in part, for allied health and criminal justice program purposes; acquiring and installing educational technology systems; and developing and improving sites.</i>
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<p>May 7, 2013</p>	<p>.20 mills to replace a 1995 millage about to expired in 2015. This was the same amount authorized by the voters in the 1995 referendum. The proposal would <u>not</u> have resulted in an increase in taxes beyond that which taxpayers were already paying. The proposal was to remodel the Student Center, to add student wellness facilities to the Student Center, and remodel other campus facilities for new programs.</p>	<p>2,131 yes 3,156 no</p>	<p>The strategic goal of the college was to create a modern residential campus attractive to more students and to recruit from a broader area in preparation for significant declines in the college age population.</p>	<p><i>Shall the charter tax rate limitation of .2 mill of Kirtland Community College Michigan be increased by .2 mill (\$0.20 on each \$1000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 20 years, 2013 to 2032 inclusive, to be used only for capital improvements and for paying the principal and interest on any outstanding bond indebtedness of the community college district; if approved, the estimate of the revenue the community college will collect in the first year of the levy is approximately \$581,917?</i></p>
<p>November 4, 2014</p>	<p>.12 mills which was the same amount collected in 2014 for college capital improvements. The purpose was to build a health sciences center along interstate 75 between Grayling and Roscommon. Citizens were informed of this new location in mass mailings to individual households.</p>	<p>12,122 yes 9,603 no</p>	<p>Before the referendum, Kirtland secured 188 acres of land from the Department of Natural Resources for a new more visible campus location that provided more students safe access to the college.</p>	<p><i>Shall Kirtland Community College, Michigan , borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$5,280,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: constructing, furnishing and equipping, a new Health Sciences Center; constructing, remodeling, furnishing, and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping building additions and facilities at the college's Roscommon Campus, including energy efficiency improvements and improvements to vocational education training facilities; and developing and improving sites and supporting infrastructure.</i></p> <p><i>He following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2016 is 0.12 mill (\$0.12 on each \$1000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- net increase in debt millage as compared to the debt millage of the prior tax year. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding on any single series exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-one (21) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 0.11 mill (\$0.11 mill on each \$1000 of taxable valuation). (Pursuant to state law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and</i></p>

				<i>the proceeds cannot be used for the repair or maintenance costs, instructor, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.</i>
Fall, 2017 to fall 2019	This is line item does not reference a millage referendum.		Kirtland received a 6.1-million-dollar allocation from the state of Michigan construct an addition to the Grayling campus. The purpose of the addition is to provide academic programs to support employment in the expanding wood products industry near Grayling.	
November 6, 2018	.98 mills The proposal was to combine two millages in Otsego County that would soon expire. The two millages, supported by voters in 1999 funded operations for M-TEC and the Otsego County University Center and the cost of construction for the University Center. The State of Michigan funded the construction of the M-TEC. The proposed millage resulted in a reduction in taxes from 1.21 mills to .98 mills. Kirtland maintains a contract with Otsego County to provide collegiate education funded by county tax revenue and student tuition and fees. The college also manages the University Center.	There were 19,120 registered voters of which 7269 voted, yes, 3783, no	This is a 10-year millage.	<i>For Informational Purposes Only: The millage proposal will allow Otsego County to levy .98 mills to provide funds for the combined operations of the Otsego County University Center and the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC)/ Kirtland Gaylord location. The proposed millage will replace two (2) current millage with one. The proposed millage for 0.98 mills is 19 percent less than the current 1.21 mills levied by the two (2) existing millages which expire in December 2019.</i>  <i>Ballot Question: Shall Otsego County be authorized to levy a millage on the taxable value of real property in Otsego County at a rate not to exceed .98 mills (\$.98 per \$1000 of taxable valuation) for a period of ten (10) years 2019-2029, both inclusive, to provide funds for he combined operations of (M-Tec/Kirtland Gaylord Location (such levy is estimated to provide revenues of approximately \$1,250,123 in 2020)?</i>