

RESOLUTION 7-2008

CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO RAISE UP TO 2.5 MILLS LEVIES FOR THE MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD AND MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Madison County Public Health Board and Public Health Department have requested to have a two and one half (2.5) mill levy placed on the June 2008 Primary Election Ballot in accord with 15-10-425 MCA, and

WHEREAS, the high cost of health care has increased the need for Public Health Department Services, and

WHEREAS, numerous young children and senior citizens in Madison County rely on Public Health services more than ever before, and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Public Health Board and Public Health Department wish to eliminate the funding from the General Fund (approximately 1 mill per year) to the Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, Homeland Security grant funds that are currently supporting a majority of the Public Health Department are substantially decreasing over the next two years, making the funds to the Public Health Department inadequate to continue providing the current level of health services to Madison County, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Board and Public Health Department will only request the amount of mills needed on a year to year basis, and

WHEREAS, in accord with 15-10-425 (5) MCA a governing body may reduce an approved levy in any fiscal year without losing the authority to impose in a subsequent fiscal year up to the maximum amount or number of mills approved in the election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there shall be placed on said June 2008 Primary Election Ballot the question in the following form:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County be authorized to impose a levy of 2.5 mills per year to raise approximately \$132,650 on a continual basis for the purpose of maintaining current Public Health services and implementing more health related services in Madison County? This levy would replace current funding from the General Fund and diminishing Grant funds. If this levy passes, property taxes for a home valued at \$100,000 would increase by approximately \$4.97 per year and property taxes for a home valued at \$200,000 would increase by approximately \$9.94 per year.

- FOR the Commissioners of Madison County to be authorized to impose a levy of 2.5 mills per year to raise approximately \$132,650 on a continual basis for the purpose of maintaining current Public Health services and implementing more health related services in Madison County.

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- AGAINST the Commissioners of Madison County to be authorized to impose a levy of 2.5 mills per year to raise approximately \$132,650 on a continual basis for the purpose of maintaining current Public Health services and implementing more health related services in Madison County.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2008.

DAVID SCHULZ, CHAIRMAN

MARILYN ROSS

JAMES P. HART

ATTEST: _____
Peggy Kaatz
Clerk and Recorder