

Benzie County/Townships Millage, November 2026

In 1982 millage rates were put in place by voters and they have “rolled back” each year since (to make sure they were not collecting too much tax because of inflationary values on property). Currently Benzie is *one of only three counties* that have not over-ridden and up-dated this millage situation.

Two years ago, Benzie County voters decided to eliminate the word ‘indefinitely’ from this millage language. This means it will now come up to a vote every two years; **THIS IS THE TWO-YEAR VOTE ON THE OPERATING MILLAGE WE AGREED TO IN 2024.** It is not a new millage. There is a small increase for the County (.6 mills for a total maximum of 3.77 mills) and the rates listed on the ballot are the **MAXIMUM** that could be levied during the next two years. Individual townships may not even levy the full amount (1.0 mills) that is state mandated to be included in this ballot proposal (check with your local township).

This proposal is for your County and Township Operating Funds.

If it passes, Benzie County retains their operating funds with a modest increase; if it fails, their operating funds will be at ZERO, and the Townships will lose their operating funds as well.

It is listed on the ballot as: *Separate Tax Limitation Proposal*

A YES VOTE = Benzie County retains their operating millage funds with a modest increase.

A NO VOTE = Benzie County operating millage funds will be at ZERO.

A YES VOTE = Townships will be able to levy *up to* 1.0 mills.

A NO VOTE = Township operating millage funds will be at ZERO.