



FOREST COUNTY REFERENDUM **APRIL 2 2024**

The Forest County Board of Supervisors approved a referendum question on **April 2, 2024**, to increase the tax levy limit to cover increased operating costs and balance the county budget. **If passed**, the tax impact for a resident with a property value of \$100,000 would be **less than \$10 per month**.

This referendum is a **last resort** to provide a stable funding source that will allow the county to keep providing core services like public safety, highway maintenance, and social services that our residents expect. These funds will also help cover operating costs that have increased due to inflation and the rising cost of goods and services.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS QUESTION FAILS?

If the referendum fails, we must evaluate non-mandated services for potential reductions starting in 2025. Mandatory county services may also need to be scaled back as ongoing staffing shortages and other budgetary shortfalls may impact them.

SERVICES AT RISK OF REDUCTIONS

The following are **some** of the non-mandated services that could be reduced

- **UW Extension**
 - 4H Program
 - Training and other services
- **Forest County Fair**
- **Economic Development Efforts**
 - Partnership funding, matching grants, etc.
- **Elderly Support Services**
 - Meal sites
 - Transportation for the elderly

MANDATORY COUNTY SERVICES

The following are **some** of the mandated services that could be scaled back

- **Public Safety**
 - Sheriff's Department, jail, etc.
- **Highway Maintenance**
 - County and State highway/road repairs, plowing, etc.
- **Social Services**
 - Child and Adult Protective Services and Juvenile Justice
 - Economic Services: support and screening
- **Courthouse Services**
 - Zoning, Register of Deeds, Veteran services, Treasurer's Office, County Clerk, Child Support, etc.
- **Health Department**
 - Clinic services and health fairs

Forest County is unique from other counties because about 17% of the county land supports 100% of the county's operations

83% of the county land is owned by government entities such as the US Forest Service and is therefore not taxable

HOW TO VOTE

VOTE ABSENTEE: IN PERSON OR BY MAIL ♦ VOTE IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY, APRIL 2

The **first day** to vote absentee in person is **March 19**. To vote absentee by mail, visit **myvote.wi.gov** or contact your municipal or city clerk's office.

The **last day** to request an absentee ballot is **March 31**.

Election Day Polling Locations

Polls are open on **April 2** from **7am-8pm**

WARD	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Alvin	Townhall	16942 State Hwy 55 Alvin, WI
Argonne: Wards 1 and 2	Townhall	8842 Black Bear Ave Argonne, WI
Armstrong Creek	Community Center	7860 Old 101 Rd. Armstrong Creek, WI
Blackwell	Townhall	3696 Flanner Lane Blackwell, WI
Caswell/Cavour	Townhall	4045 Village Rd. Cavour, WI
Town of Crandon: Wards 1 and 2	Townhall	5474 County Rd S. Crandon, WI
Freedom	Townhall	918 Macarthur Trl. Freedom, WI
Hiles	Townhall	9193 N. Main St. Hiles, WI
Laona: Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4	Townhall	5146 Linden St. Laona, WI
Lincoln: Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5	Townhall	5376 County Rd W. Crandon, WI
Nashville: Wards 1, 2, and 3	Townhall	4265 State Hwy 55 Crandon, WI
Nashville: Wards 4 and 5	Community Center & Town Offices	1038 County Rd. Q Pickerel, WI
Popple River	Townhall	11690 Old 139 Rd. Long Lake, WI
Ross	Townhall	10170 Cypress Street Newald, WI
Wabeno: Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4	Townhall	4473 N. Branch St. Wabeno, WI
City of Crandon: Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4	Community Building	601 W. Washington St. Crandon, WI