

RESOLUTION 27 - 2023

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL EQUALIZATION
MILLS FERGUS COUNTY WILL LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated §§ 20-9-331, 20-9-333, and 20-9-360 state that counties shall levy a total of 95 mills for state school equalization aid; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 15-10-420 limits the revenue generated from mill levies to the amount of property taxes assessed in the prior year plus one-half of the average rate of inflation for the prior 3 years; and

WHEREAS, due to an increase in property valuation, the value of a mill in Fergus County has increased by \$9,293.93 over last fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Fergus County requested the Montana Department of Revenue provide the actual calculated mill levy authority for fiscal year 2023-24; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Revenue did not respond to Fergus County's request but informed Prairie County that the actual calculated mill levy authority for fiscal year 2023-24 is 77.9 mills; and

WHEREAS, the difference in the amount of taxes generated by 95 mills versus 77.9 mills is \$961,694 in Fergus County; and

WHEREAS, Fergus County has a charter form of government pursuant to Montana Code Annotated Title 7, Chapter 3, Part 7; and

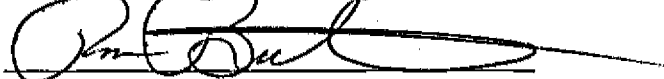
WHEREAS, the Fergus County Board of Commissioners is responsible for annually certifying the number of mills to be levied;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fergus County will levy 77.9 mills for state school equalization aid for fiscal year 2023-24 as follows:

1. § 20-9-331 County Elementary: 27 mills
2. § 20-9-333 County High School: 18 mills
3. § 20-9-360 State Equalization: 32.90 mills

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29 day of September 2023.

Board of Fergus County Commissioners



Ross Butcher

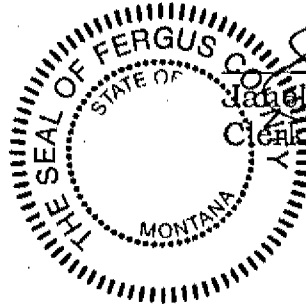


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