



Dear Families and Friends of Morrow DD,

The County Commissioners have approved a replacement levy request on the November 2023 ballot for Morrow County citizens with developmental disabilities. If passed, this replacement would bring the county's only levy for people with developmental disabilities to current property values. This levy was replaced almost 10 years ago, in 2014, and its effective value has declined over the years.

This replacement levy will cost taxpayers \$105 per year, or just \$8.75 per month (\$0.29 a day) for each \$100,000 of the county's appraised value. Replacing this levy is an increase of less than \$1.38 per month (5 cents per day) for every \$100,000 of the property's appraised value. Levies are needed to ensure the county can meet the lifelong needs of residents with developmental disabilities. Morrow County DD has had limited local funding since the loss of two 5-year term levies over 20 years ago. MorrowDD strives to ensure that efficiencies, transparency and accountability are integrated into everything we do. We have utilized one-time funding when available to address building and grounds maintenance, which allows us to maximize our local levy funding for the supports needed by county residents.

County Board Funding for Residential, Day and Transportation Service Providers

Levy funds are not just for county board operations, but are needed for all services that ensure the health and wellbeing of people with developmental disabilities. Direct Support Professionals help to prevent abuse, neglect and other tragedies and provide supports to ensure people have quality of life opportunities. County boards fund the required local match for Medicaid services provided by Residential, Day and Transportation Service providers.

County boards of developmental disabilities may provide information but are not permitted to directly seek the support of levy requests and must rely on volunteer groups. **Morrow Abilities Partners (MAP)** fulfills this role in our county. **MAP** is a group of volunteers who promote the social welfare of individuals in Morrow County with developmental disabilities and coordinate Morrow DD levy campaigns. For more information, you can visit their Facebook page.

The enclosed information provides more details regarding this levy and copies are included for sharing. If you have questions or want more information, please contact us. Information is also on our website, www.MorrowDD.com and you can help spread overall awareness of developmental disabilities by sharing our Facebook posts.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Foglesong".

Nancy Foglesong

Superintendent

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