

The Branch County Equalization Director has provided us with our tax rate request form for 2026. County-wide taxable value has increased about \$182 million, from \$2,227,243,433 to \$2,409,209,435. Headlee comes into play again this year, lowering our millages a small amount to a combined total of 1.0787 for 2026.

The taxable value increase multiplied by our reduced millage makes our estimated revenue for the next budget cycle go up by a little more than \$100,000 over this year's budget estimates.

Additionally, this year the county is requesting that BDL Board Officers sign off on the fact that we are in compliance with [Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act](#) (MCL 141.436).

Additionally, I have talked with the County Equalization Director, Lyndsey Shembarger, and confirmed that noting that our budget schedule falls outside of the typical Oct.-Sep. fiscal year will satisfy the County.

The County's form and the L-4029 are below.

Submitted by John Rucker

!!ATTENTION!!

THIS FORM IS MANDATORY TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT. FAILURE TO RETURN THIS FORM COULD RESULT IN THE BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOT APPROVING YOUR MILLAGE RATES FOR TAX COLLECTION

BRANCH COUNTY

CHECK LIST FOR 2026 COUNTY APPORTIONMENT

** Form must be returned to the County Equalization Department signed and completed with L-4029 form*

Our Tax Authority has completed the following steps as required by M.C.L. 211.24e ((Truth-in-Taxation)):

A Separate Truth-in-Taxation hearing is NOT necessary. Our Tax Authority complies with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act.

Enter date your public hearing to adopt your budget was held October 20, 2025

Our Tax Authority is exempt from M.C.L. 211.24e because we levied 1 mill or less in the concluding tax year for operating purposes

Our Board of Commission or Council or Authority has met and adopted a resolution proposing an additional operating millage rate and proposing a hearing date.

Enter date the said resolution was adopted _____

Our Board of Commission or Council or Authority has published a hearing notice containing the proposed additional millage rate and percentage increase in operating revenue which would be generated from permitted ad valorem tax levies at least 6 days before the hearing date.

Enter date hearing notice was published _____

Our Board of Commission or Council or Authority held a Truth in Taxation public hearing pursuant to the hearing notice.

Enter date of Truth in Taxation public hearing _____

Our Board of Commission or Council or Authority has adopted a resolution adopting additional operating millage which does not exceed that which appeared in the hearing notice published at least 10 days earlier.

Enter date the said resolution was adopted _____

BDL's fiscal year is the calendar year, with budget hearings each October. The notice in the Daily Reporter was published on October 10, 2025.

Branch District Library

Taxing Jurisdiction (city, township, etc.)

Clerk or Secretary Kimberly Langworthy

Chairperson President or Supervisor Benjamin Jewell

Dated this 18th day of May 2026

