

## NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

Question: Under state law, the increase in the levy for St. Croix County for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2024, is limited to 2%, based on St. Croix County's best estimate, which results in a levy of \$46,002,438. Shall St. Croix County be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2025, **for the purpose of hiring two mental health co-responders, one youth justice early intervention specialist, two sheriff corrections deputies, one sheriff investigator, one district attorney investigator, and one deputy clerk of court; to address the County's most pressing public safety needs**, by a total of 1.96%, which results in a levy of \$46,898,438, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$896,000 each fiscal year going forward?

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AS TO THE QUESTION

A "Yes" vote means that you support additional personnel being hired to address the increasing public safety needs within St. Croix County at a cost of \$896,000 per year, added to the tax levy. The one-time increase creates a new authorized tax levy total amount going forward. The one-time increase is equivalent to \$5 per \$100,000 of property value.

A "No" vote means that you do not support additional public safety personnel being hired at a cost of \$896,000 per year, added to the tax levy.