

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT

Wyoming County, WV

Primary Election

May 14, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

To vote you must darken the oval (●) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.

NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS

NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)

☐ HALEY BUNN Charleston Kanawha Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)

☐ CHARLES S. TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)

☐ MYCHAL S. SCHULZ Charleston Kanawha Co.

☐ ELGINE HECETA MCARDLE Wheeling Ohio Co.

☐ S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)

☐ H.C. "BUCK" LEWIS IV Welch McDowell Co.

☐ CLAYTON W. PATTERSON Ripa Sandy McDowell Co.

☐ RICK MURENSKY Welch McDowell Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)

☐ JOSH MILLER Martinsburg Wyoming Co.

☐ JOSHUA T. THOMPSON Sadsbury Wyoming Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 13TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)

☐ H. SUZANNE MCGRAW Beckley Raleigh Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 13TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)

☐ LEIGH LEFLER Beckley Raleigh Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS

NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 13TH FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT - DIVISION 3 (Vote for ONE)

☐ ERIC SHUCK Beckley Raleigh Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)

☐ ROGER "SNOWMAN" SNOW Pineville Wyoming Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)

☐ CRAIG COOK Smoots Wyoming Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 3 (Vote for ONE)

☐ JEFF BARLOW Jessup Wyoming Co.

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NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For Not More Than TWO) Maximum eligible to be elected from each district: Dist. 1 (1); Dist. 2 (1); Dist. 3 (1)

☐ N. ROBIN HALL Brandon Dist. 2

☐ RICHARD "RICHIE" WALKER Wyoming Dist. 2

☐ MICHAEL R. "MIKE" PRICHARD Glen Fork Dist. 1

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OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT

FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote for ONE)

☐ FRED HALSEY Oceana

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FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR - UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote for ONE)

☐ WILLIAM (BILL) COOK Oceana

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VOTE BOTH SIDES

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<p>Special Levy Election to Authorize the Additional Levies According to the Order of The Board of Education of the County of Wyoming Adopted and Entered on February 5, 2024</p>	<p>activities to support student learning opportunities.</p>	<p>INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS:</p>
<p>Special election to authorize additional levies (the Excess Levy) for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, in the approximate average amount of \$8,948,365 annually, for the purpose of the payment of the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Wyoming (the "Board"), including for the purposes hereinafter set forth, all according to the Order of the Board entered on the 6th day of February, 2024, and as more particularly described below.</p>	<p>The amounts set forth above are the anticipated average annual amounts for each purpose. The actual amounts for each purpose likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next. If any item in the above-stated purposes is declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, then any affected funds will be distributed among the remaining constitutional and valid itemized purposes.</p>	<p>Those favoring the additional levies, make a selection "FOR THE LEVIES"; and those against such additional levies, make a selection "AGAINST THE LEVIES".</p>
<p>The purposes for which additional funds are needed during the term of this five year levy, and the approximate average annual amount for such purposes after due allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exemptions, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, subject to variation from year to year, are as follows:</p>	<p>The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes over five fiscal years, after making reasonable allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exemptions, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$34,731,825 or the average sum of \$6,946,365 annually. The actual amounts budgeted, as well as the amounts spent, for each purpose and in aggregate, likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next depending on the realized tax collections and the needs of the Wyoming County School District, as determined by the Board with respect to each fiscal year. If the amounts budgeted by the Board for a specific purpose or purposes for a fiscal year are not able to be spent entirely in such fiscal year, then the unspent amounts shall be carried over and, in the Board's sole discretion, spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> FOR THE LEVIES <input type="radio"/> AGAINST THE LEVIES</p>
<p>a. \$1,425,000 annually to provide free textbooks and related instructional materials in grades Pre-K through 12, both print and electronic versions, as well as free electronic devices necessary to utilize such materials;</p>	<p>If additional State, Federal, private or other special funds are made available to the Board for any of the above-stated purposes, the amounts herein set forth may be used, solely or on a matching basis, to secure said additional funds or provide additional services. Additional funds received by grant, donation or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other public or private source, for the above-stated purposes, may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the funds obtained from this Excess Levy.</p>	<p>The Board reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority, in its discretion, to reduce the rates of the excess levy, should increased assessments produce funds in excess of projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with section six-g, article eight, chapter eleven, of the West Virginia Code.</p> <p>The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this Excess Levy and one additional year, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations for the enrichment, supplementation, operation, and improvement of educational services, schools and/or facilities in the public schools of Wyoming County, as Board may determine from time to time, in its discretion.</p> <p>In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine, in its discretion, which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year, and the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year.</p> <p>The additional levy, in cents per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property, shall be on Class I property 22.95 cents; on Class II property 45.90 cents; on Class III property 81.80 cents; on Class IV property 81.80 cents.</p> <p>That the proposed years to which the additional rate of levies shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.</p>
<p>b. \$100,000 annually to provide free school accident insurance policy for all students and the support of school bands, choral activities, and fine arts programs;</p>	<p>The Board reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority, in its discretion, to reduce the rates of the excess levy, should increased assessments produce funds in excess of projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with section six-g, article eight, chapter eleven, of the West Virginia Code.</p> <p>The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this Excess Levy and one additional year, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations for the enrichment, supplementation, operation, and improvement of educational services, schools and/or facilities in the public schools of Wyoming County, as Board may determine from time to time, in its discretion.</p> <p>In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine, in its discretion, which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year, and the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year.</p> <p>The additional levy, in cents per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property, shall be on Class I property 22.95 cents; on Class II property 45.90 cents; on Class III property 81.80 cents; on Class IV property 81.80 cents.</p> <p>That the proposed years to which the additional rate of levies shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.</p>	
<p>c. \$500,000 annually to provide necessary instructional supplies, materials, computers, and technology equipment to all schools and for providing technical support to maintain, repair, and upgrade computers, software, and other technology;</p>		
<p>d. \$655,000 annually to provide for Protection Resource Officers (PRO) at the two high schools, safety and security improvements and maintenance of safety equipment within schools;</p>		
<p>e. \$100,000 annually for the operation, repair, and installation of safety equipment on school buses;</p>		
<p>f. \$77,191 annually to provide support of the county public library system and \$50,000 annually for support of the WVU Extension Office and 4-H programs in the county;</p>		
<p>g. \$50,000 annually to provide assistance to the Wyoming County Health Department for immunization and health care needs of school age children;</p>		
<p>h. \$1,278,789 annually to provide for the employment and retention of qualified teachers not provided within the State Aid funding formula, salaries for athletic coaches, and other professional development needs;</p>		
<p>i. \$780,000 annually to provide support of schools through the employment of services personnel not provided within the State Aid funding formula;</p>		
<p>j. \$575,000 annually for continuing to provide dental, optical and medical reimbursement coverages for all employees;</p>		
<p>k. \$905,365 to provide for the general improvement, repair and/or maintenance of school facilities, including, without limitation, safety equipment, safety improvements, energy and water management, HVAC repair and renovations;</p>		
<p>l. \$250,000 annually to provide for the purchase and/or repair of school furniture, equipment, and playground equipment; and</p>		
<p>m. \$300,000 annually to provide for instructional support services, cultural, academic, attendance, extracurricular activities, and learning enrichment.</p>		

**CERTIFIED RETURNS OF PRIMARY ELECTION
MAY 14, 2024**

The Board of Canvassers of the County of Wyoming of West Virginia, having carefully and impartially examined the returns of the Primary Election held in said County on the 14th day of May of 2024, do hereby certify that in said County or District, at said election on the official ballot of the Non-Partisan party for the office of

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS – DIVISION 1

HALEY BUNN received
two thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven (2,777)

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS – DIVISION 2

CHARLES S. TRUMP IV received
two thousand seven hundred and two (2,702)

JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE CRT OF APPEALS

MYCHAL S. SCHULZ received
seven hundred and fourteen (714)

ELGINE HECETA MCARDLE received
two hundred and fifty-three (253)

S. RYAN WHITE received
one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five (1,985)

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 12TH CIRCUIT – DIVISION 1

H.C. "BUCK" LEWIS 1V received
one thousand four hundred and thirteen (1,413)

CLAYTON W. PATTERSON received
five hundred and twenty (520)

RICK MURENSKY received
one thousand two hundred and seventy-four (1,274)

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 12TH CIRCUIT – DIVISION 2

JOSH MILLER received
two thousand one hundred and eleven (2,111)

JOSHUA T. THOMPSON received
one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (1,895)

FAMILY COURT JUDGE – 13TH FAM CRT CIRCUIT – DIVISION 1

H. SUZANNE MCGRAW received
three thousand two hundred and ten (3,210)

FAMILY COURT JUDGE – 13TH FAM CRT CIRCUIT – DIVISION 2

LEIGH LEFLER received
two thousand eight hundred and eighty-two (2,882)

FAMILY COURT JUDGE – 13TH FAM CRT CIRCUIT – DIVISION 3

ERIC SHUCK received
two thousand eight hundred and seventy-two (2,872)

MAGISTRATE – DIVISION 1

ROGER "SNOWMAN" SNOW received
three thousand four hundred and sixty-three (3,463)

MAGISTRATE – DIVISION 2

CRAIG COOK received

three thousand four hundred and ten

(3,410)

MAGISTRATE – DIVISION 3

JEFF BARLOW received

three thousand four hundred and eight

(3,408)

NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

N. ROBIN HALL received

two thousand four hundred and sixty-three

(2,463)

RICHARD "RICHIE" WALKER received

one thousand six hundred and ninety-two

(1,692)

MICHAEL R. "MIKE" PRICHARD received

one thousand five hundred and sixty-two

(1,562)

CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

FRED HALSEY received

three thousand three hundred and fifty-five

(3,355)

CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR – UNEXP

WILLIAM (BILL) COOK received

three thousand two hundred and thirteen

(3,213)

WYOMING COUNTY SPECIAL LEVY ELECTION

FOR THE LEVIES received

two thousand seven hundred and eighty

(2,780)

AGAINST THE LEVIES received

six hundred and forty

(640)

TOWN OF OCEANA SPECIAL LEVY ELECTION OCEANA

FOR THE LEVIES received

one hundred and ninety-five

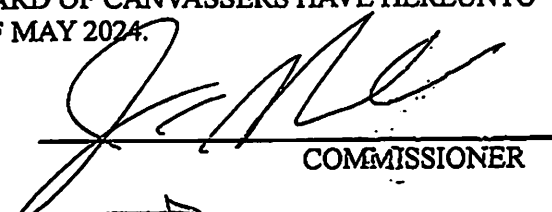
(195)


AGAINST THE LEVIES received

forty-two

(42)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, THE SAID BOARD OF CANVASSERS HAVE HEREUNTO
SIGNED OUR NAMES THIS 24th DAY OF MAY 2024.


COMMISSIONER


COMMISSIONER

James H. ...
CLERK

James H. ...
COMMISSIONER

SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LEVY RATES
WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 25th day of March 2024:

	Column E	Current Expense Levy	
	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	17.90	\$ -
Public Utilities	-		-
Total Class I	-		-
Class II			
Real Estate	106,313,070	35.80	380,601
Personal Property	5,733,838		20,527
Total Class II	112,046,908		401,128
Class III			
Real Estate	247,217,910	71.60	1,770,080
Personal Property	341,400,897		2,444,430
Public Utilities	261,289,508		1,870,833
Total Class III	849,908,315		6,085,343
Class IV			
Real Estate	24,974,570	71.60	178,818
Personal Property	23,378,784		167,392
Public Utilities	13,583,394		97,257
Total Class IV	61,936,748		443,467
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 1,023,891,971		\$ 6,929,938
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies		3.00%	(207,898)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		2.00%	(134,441)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)			-
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund			6,587,599
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		2.00%	(131,752)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected			\$ 6,455,847

Note: Copies of all approved excess and/or bond levy orders and certified copies of the canvass of votes must be on file with the State Auditor's Office and the State Department of Education before excess or bond levy rates can be approved.

SIGNED THIS 31st DAY OF May 2024, BY

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

Deirdre Cline

Deirdre A. Cline

Signature

SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LEVY RATES
WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 25th day of March 2024:

	Excess Levy		Permanent Improvement		Bond Levy	
	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I						
Personal Property	22.95	\$ -	1.50	\$ -	5.90	\$ -
Public Utilities		-		-		-
Total Class I		-		-		-
Class II						
Real Estate	45.90	487,977	3.00	31,894	11.80	125,449
Personal Property		26,318		1,720		6,768
Total Class II		514,295		33,614		132,215
Class III						
Real Estate	91.80	2,269,460	6.00	148,331	23.60	583,434
Personal Property		3,134,060		204,841		805,706
Public Utilities		2,398,638		156,774		616,643
Total Class III		7,802,158		509,946		2,005,783
Class IV						
Real Estate	91.80	229,267	-6.00	14,985	23.60	58,940
Personal Property		214,617		14,027		55,174
Public Utilities		124,698		8,150		32,057
Total Class IV		568,580		37,162		146,171
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections		\$ 8,885,033		\$ 680,722		\$ 2,284,169
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	3.00%	(266,551)	3.00%	(17,422)	9.14%	208,689
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	2.00%	(172,370)	2.00%	(11,266)		
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing				-		
See Worksheet P/I						
Net Projected Tax Collections before Assessor's Fund				552,034		
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund				(11,041)		
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected		\$ 8,446,112		\$ 640,993		\$ 2,075,600
Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies		\$ 14,901,959				

SIGNED THIS 31st DAY OF May 2024, BY

SECRETARY OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Deirdre A. Cline
 Signature

ORDER

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Wyoming [West Virginia] (the "Board"), being of the opinion that the levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of general current expenses of schools in Wyoming County, West Virginia, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, and having ascertained that the approximate average amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by the Board, subject to variations from year to year, during each of said five (5) fiscal years, and that the question of increase of such levies should be submitted to the voters of Wyoming County at a primary election to be held on May 14, 2024, in accordance with applicable law, it is hereby ORDERED and DECLARED that:

1. The purpose for which additional funds are needed during the term of this five year levy, and the approximate average annual amount for such purposes after due allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, subject to variation from year to year as set forth herein, are as follows:

- a. \$1,425,000 annually to provide free textbooks and related instructional materials in grades Pre-K through 12, both print and electronic versions, as well as free electronic devices necessary to utilize such materials;
- b. \$100,000 annually to provide free school accident insurance policy for all students and the support of school bands, choral activities, and fine arts programs;
- c. \$500,000 annually to provide necessary instructional supplies, materials, computers, and technology equipment to all schools and for providing technical support to maintain, repair, and upgrade computers, software, and other technology;
- d. \$555,000 annually to provide for Protection Resource Officers (PRO) at the two high schools, safety and security improvements and maintenance of safety equipment within schools;
- e. \$100,000 annually for the operation, repair, and installation of safety equipment on school buses;
- f. \$77,191 annually to provide support of the county public library system and \$50,000 annually for support of the WVU Extension Office and 4-H programs in the county;
- g. \$50,000 annually to provide assistance to the Wyoming County Health Department for immunization and health care needs of school age children;
- h. \$1,278,789 annually to provide for the employment and retention of qualified teachers not provided within the State Aid funding formula, salaries for athletic coaches, and other professional development needs;
- i. \$780,000 annually to provide support of schools through the employment of service personnel not provided within the State Aid funding formula;

- j. \$575,000 annually for continuing to provide dental, optical and medical reimbursement coverages for all employees;
- k. \$905,385 to provide for the general improvement, repair and/or maintenance of school facilities, including, without limitation, safety equipment, safety improvements, energy and water management, HVAC repair and renovations;
- l. \$250,000 annually to provide for the purchase and/or repair of school furniture, equipment, and playground equipment; and
- m. \$300,000 annually to provide for instructional support services, cultural, academic, attendance, extracurricular activities, and learning enrichment activities to support student learning opportunities.

The amounts set forth above are the anticipated average annual amounts for each purpose. The actual amounts for each purpose likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next. If any item in the above-stated purposes is declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, then any affected funds will be distributed among the remaining constitutional and valid itemized purposes.

2. The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes over five fiscal years, after making reasonable allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$34,731,825 or the average sum of \$6,946,365 annually. The actual amounts budgeted, as well as the amounts spent, for each purpose and in aggregate, likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next depending on the realized tax collections and the needs of the Wyoming County School District, as determined by the Board with respect to each fiscal year. If the amounts budgeted by the Board for a specific purpose or purposes for a fiscal year are not able to be spent entirely in such fiscal year, then the unspent amounts shall be carried over and, in the Board's sole discretion, spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.

3. If additional State, Federal, private or other special funds are made available to the Board for any of the above-stated purposes, the amounts herein set forth may be used, solely or on a matching basis, to secure said additional funds or provide additional services. Additional funds received by grant, donation or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other public or private source, for the above-stated purposes, may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the funds obtained from this Excess Levy.

4. The Board reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority, in its discretion, to reduce the rates of the excess levy, should increased assessments produce funds in excess of projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with section six-g, article eight, chapter eleven, of the West Virginia Code.

5. The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this Excess Levy and one additional year, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations for the enrichment, supplementation, operation, and improvement of educational services, schools and/or facilities in the public schools of Wyoming County, as Board may determine from time to time, in its discretion.

6. In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine, in its discretion, which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year, and the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year.

7. The separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the Wyoming County for the assessment year ending June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Class I Property	\$0
Class II Property	\$108,019,746
Class III Property	\$683,256,390
Class IV Property	\$58,741,215
TOTAL	\$850,017,351

8. That the proposed additional rate of levy, in cents per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028 is as follows:

Class I Property	22.95 cents
Class II Property	45.90 cents
Class III Property	91.80 cents
Class IV Property	91.80 cents

9. That the proposed years to which the additional levies shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.

10. That the question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote at a primary election to be held in Wyoming County, West Virginia on the 14th day of May, 2024.

11. That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order for said election in *The Independent Herald*, a newspaper of general circulation in the Wyoming County School District, as qualified by the West Virginia Secretary of State. All the provisions of the laws concerning elections shall apply as far as they are practicable.

12. The official ballot to be used in the election herein provided shall be in form as follows:

[See Form of Ballot on the following pages.]

FORM OF BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**Special Levy Election
to Authorize the Additional Levies
According to the Order of The Board of Education
of the County of Wyoming Adopted and Entered on February 5, 2024**

Special election to authorize additional levies (the "Excess Levy") for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, in the approximate average amount of \$6,946,365 annually, for the purpose of the payment of the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Wyoming (the "Board"), including for the purposes hereinafter set forth; all according to the Order of the Board entered on the 5th day of February, 2024, and as more particularly described below.

The purposes for which additional funds are needed during the term of this five year levy, and the approximate average annual amount for such purposes after due allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, subject to variation from year to year, are as follows:

- a. \$1,425,000 annually to provide free textbooks and related instructional materials in grades Pre-K through 12, both print and electronic versions, as well as free electronic devices necessary to utilize such materials;
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- k. \$905,385 to provide for the general improvement, repair and/or maintenance of school facilities, including, without limitation, safety equipment, safety improvements, energy and water management, HVAC repair and renovations;
- l. \$250,000 annually to provide for the purchase and/or repair of school furniture, equipment, and playground equipment; and
- m. \$300,000 annually to provide for instructional support services, cultural, academic, attendance, extracurricular activities, and learning enrichment activities to support student learning opportunities.

The amounts set forth above are the anticipated average annual amounts for each purpose. The actual amounts for each purpose likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next. If any item in the above-stated purposes is declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, then any affected funds will be distributed among the remaining constitutional and valid itemized purposes.

The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes over five fiscal years, after making reasonable allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$34,731,825 or the average sum of \$6,946,365 annually. The actual amounts budgeted, as well as the amounts spent, for each purpose and in aggregate, likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next depending on the realized tax collections and the needs of the Wyoming County School District, as determined by the Board with respect to each fiscal year. If the amounts budgeted by the Board for a specific purpose or purposes for a fiscal year are not able to be spent entirely in such fiscal year, then the unspent amounts shall be carried over and, in the Board's sole discretion, spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.

If additional State, Federal, private or other special funds are made available to the Board for any of the above-stated purposes, the amounts herein set forth may be used, solely or on a matching basis, to secure said additional funds or provide additional services. Additional funds received by grant, donation or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other public or private source, for the above-stated purposes, may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the funds obtained from this Excess Levy.

The Board reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority, in its discretion, to reduce the rates of the excess levy, should increased assessments produce funds in excess of projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with section six-g, article eight, chapter eleven, of the West Virginia Code.

The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this Excess Levy and one additional year, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations for the enrichment, supplementation, operation, and improvement of educational services, schools and/or facilities in the public schools of Wyoming County, as Board may determine from time to time, in its discretion.

In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine, in its discretion, which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year, and the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year.

The additional levy, in cents per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property, shall be on Class I property **22.95 cents**; on Class II property **45.90 cents**; on Class III property **91.80 cents**; on Class IV property **91.80 cents**.

That the proposed years to which the additional rate of levies shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS:

Those favoring the additional levies, mark in the square "FOR THE LEVIES"; and those against such additional levies, mark in square "AGAINST THE LEVIES".

☐ FOR THE LEVIES

☐ AGAINST THE LEVIES

END OF FORM OF BALLOT

14. The Board will not issue bonds in connection with the approval of the proposed additional levies.

15. The Secretary of the Board with the assistance of the Clerk of the County Commission of the County of Wyoming, which said Clerk is hereby designated and appointed as an agent of this Board for this election, are hereby authorized and directed to procure and furnish to the election commissioners at each voting precinct, insofar as practicable, the ballots, poll books, tally sheets and other things necessary for conducting the election, as provided by Section 11, Article 1, Chapter 13 of the Code, and perform all duties imposed by law upon clerks of the County Commission in relation to elections, and assist the County Commission, sitting as the board of canvassers, with canvassing the results of the election in accordance with Section 13, Article 1, Chapter 13 of the Code. The commissioners and clerks appointed and certified for the purpose of the election shall be the same commissioners and clerks designated, appointed and certified by the County Commission.

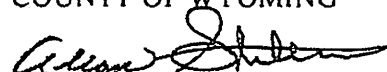
16. Absentee ballots shall be applied for, obtained from and returned to the Clerk of the County Commission of the County of Wyoming, and said Clerk is hereby appointed the agent for the Board to perform all duties relating to absentee ballots in elections.

17. The registration of voters and the use of the registration booths shall be governed by the permanent registration law of the State of West Virginia and the Board hereby adopts the registration list of Wyoming County as the official registration list of the school district for this election.

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Adopted and entered on this 5th day of February, 2024.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
COUNTY OF WYOMING



President

ATTEST:



Superintendent and Secretary