

Upon motion of Dale Shobe, duly seconded by
Rhonda Tennant, the following Order was adopted:

ORDER

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Mason (the "Board"), being of the opinion that the maximum 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 the general current expenses of schools in Mason County, including certain 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 have ascertained that the amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by the Board, during each of said five (5) fiscal years, and that an election should be held to increase such levies, in conformity with applicable law, hereby ORDERS and DECLARES:

1. The purposes and approximate amounts for which such funds are needed annually are set forth as follows:

<u>PURPOSES FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED</u>	<u>ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE</u>
Professional and Service Salary Supplements, Personnel Taxes and Benefits – <i>Including, but not limited to, school nurse health services above state aid funding, supplemental salaries for dual credit courses, existing county supplements, salaries or personnel in excess of 200 days, supplemental co-curricular and extracurricular salaries (academic, arts, and athletic), FICA taxes, unemployment taxes, workers' compensation taxes, retirement, dental, and vision insurance.</i>	
	\$2,206,951
Textbooks, Supplies, and Equipment and Insurance – <i>Including, but not limited to, free textbooks and textbook-related materials, duplicating paper, computer paper, writing</i>	

<i>paper, notebook paper, instructional supplies and equipment, including library, office operating expenses, and accident insurance for all county students during school and school related activities.</i>	\$1,400,000
Extra and Co-Curricular activities – <i>Including, but not limited to, field trips, school competitions, and other extra and co-curricular expenses.</i>	\$245,000
Construction and Repair, Maintenance and Building Utilities – <i>Including, but not limited to, construction, building repairs, roof replacement, asbestos projects, structural repairs, fire code corrections, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, equipment maintenance, paving, safety and security systems, lawn maintenance, lease purchases and Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) payments, and all utilities and utility-related costs.</i>	\$2,750,000
Computer Technology – <i>Including, but not limited to, technician salaries and related benefits, computer purchases, repair, upgrades, software, and contracting.</i>	\$150,000
Student Transportation – <i>Including, but not limited to, maintenance of equipment, vehicle replacement, gasoline tanks, transportation equipment, fuel, and tools.</i>	\$633,121
Supplemental Support of the Following Agencies: Sheriff's Department – Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) \$125,000 Mason County Library \$37,500 WV Cooperative Extension \$25,000 Mason County Fair \$12,500	\$200,000
TOTALS	\$7,585,072

The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, 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 and/or facilities in the public schools of Mason County.

2. The approximate amount considered necessary for said purposes in said five (5) fiscal years is the sum of \$7,585,072 annually.

3. The total approximate amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making reasonable allowances for uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$37,925,360, or the sum of \$7,585,072 annually.

4. The separate and aggregate valuation of each class of taxable property within the Mason County School District (the "District"), as certified on March, 2022, is as follows:

CLASS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY	ASSESSED VALUATION
Class I	\$0
Class II	\$479,056,562
Class III	\$544,186,808
Class IV	\$103,782,975
AGGREGATE ASSESSED VALUATION	\$1,127,026,345

5. The proposed additional rate of levy in cents (per \$100 of assessed value) on each class of property within School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, is as follows:

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

6. The Board reserves unto itself, as the levying body, the right and authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy, should increased assessments produce funds beyond 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.

7. The years to which the additional levy shall apply, if authorized by the voters, are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.

8. The question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote in the School District, at the election to be held in Mason County on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

9. If a majority of the voters at the election to be held on November 8, 2022, approve the proposed additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, the Board will not issue bonds in connection with the proposed additional levies; provided, however, that the Board may use such levy funds to pay lease payments resulting from the prior or future issuance of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB), if any, and other lease payments as approved by the Board.

10. In the event the Board shall obtain additional money by grant or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source, for the purposes aforesaid, such additional money may be used either in substitution for, or in addition to, the sums obtained from such additional levies as the Board may from time to time determine.

11. The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy and one additional year, the surplus, if any, accruing during the term of this levy in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, for the enrichment, supplementation, and advancement of all education programs in Mason County, and other

purposes pertinent to the operation of the schools within the Mason County School District, as Board may determine from time to time, in its discretion.

12. 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; provided, further, that if any such reduction for one or more of the above-state purposes is necessary, the Board shall not reduce the funds allocated for **Professional and Service Salary Supplements, Personnel Taxes and Benefits**.

13. Notice of said election to authorize the renewal of such additional levies shall be given by publication of notice thereof at least once a week for two successive weeks within fourteen (14) consecutive days next preceding the election in the *River Cities Register*, the newspaper of general circulation in Mason County, as qualified by the West Virginia Secretary of State.

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

FORM OF BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**Election to Authorize Renewal of Additional Levies
According to the Order of the Board of Education
of the County of Mason Entered on July 26, 2022**

An election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, in the total amount of \$7,585,072, annually, for the purposes and approximate amounts for which such funds are needed, as follows:

<u>PURPOSES FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED</u>	<u>ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE</u>
Professional and Service Salary Supplements, Personnel Taxes and Benefits – <i>Including, but not limited to, school nurse health services above state aid funding, supplemental salaries for dual credit courses, existing county supplements, salaries or personnel in excess of 200 days, supplemental co-curricular and extracurricular salaries (academic, arts, and athletic), FICA taxes, unemployment taxes, workers' compensation taxes, retirement, dental, and vision insurance.</i>	\$2,206,951
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Sheriff's Department – Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) \$125,000	
Mason County Library \$37,500	
WV Cooperative Extension \$25,000	
Mason County Fair \$12,500	\$200,000
TOTALS	\$7,585,072

The Board of Education of Mason County (the "Board") is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above-state purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations for the enrichment, supplementation, operation, and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of Mason County.

The Board reserves unto itself, as the levying body, the right and authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy, should increased assessments produce funds beyond 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.

In the event the Board shall obtain additional money by grant or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source, for the purposes aforesaid, such additional money may be used either in substitution for, or in addition to, the sums obtained from such additional levies as said the Board may from time to time determine.

The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy and one additional year, the surplus, if any, accruing during the term of this levy in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, for the enrichment, supplementation, and advancement of all education programs in Mason County, and other purposes pertinent to the operation of the schools within the Mason County School District, as the 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; provided, further, that if any such reduction for one or more of the above-state purposes is necessary, the Board shall not reduce the funds allocated for **Professional and Service Salary Supplements, Personnel Taxes and Benefits**.

The additional levies in cents (per \$100 of assessed value) on each class of property within the Mason County School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, is as follows: On Class I property, 22.95 cents; on Class II property, 45.90 cents; on Class III property 91.80 cents; and on Class IV property 91.80 cents. The Board, may reduce the said levy rates in any given year or years during the term of the levy after determining the sufficiency of funds for school purposes for the next school year.

For the Levies ☐

Against the Levies ☐

INSTRUCTION TO VOTER

Those favoring the renewal of the additional levies shall mark after "For the Levies"; those against such levies shall mark after "Against the Levies".

END OF FORM OF BALLOT

15. The Secretary of the Board with the assistance of the Clerk of the County Commission of the County of Mason, 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 primary, special and general 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 Mason, and said Clerk is hereby appointed the agent for the Board to perform all duties relating to absentee ballots in a primary, special or general election.

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 Mason County as the official registration list of the School District for this election.

[Signature page follows this page.]


Adopted and entered on this 26th day of July 2022.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
COUNTY OF MASON



Ashley Cossin, President

ATTEST:



Dr. Keith R. Burdette, Secretary

Given under my hand this 26th day of July 2022.



Dr. Keith R. Burdette, Secretary