

**Board of Canvassers' Certificate of Votes Cast  
for Board of Education Levy Election**

Office of County Commission  
Lewis County, West Virginia.

To: Lewis County Board of Education

The Board of Canvassers of the County of Lewis, State of West Virginia, having carefully and impartially examined the returns of the Election held in said county in each district thereof, on the 8th day of February, 2020, do hereby certify that in said County for the election of the **LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION LEVY**

**FOR Received One Thousand Four Hundred Nine (1,409) Votes**

**AGAINST Received Six Hundred Seventy-Two (672) Votes**

Given under our hands this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

  
COMMISSIONER

  
BOARD MEMBER

  
COMMISSIONER

  
BOARD MEMBER

*Not present*  
COMMISSIONER

  
BOARD MEMBER

  
BOARD MEMBER

*Not present*  
BOARD MEMBER

  
ATTEST: CLERK OF THE LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSION



**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
COUNTY OF LEWIS DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO  
THE VOTERS OF LEWIS COUNTY AT A SPECIAL  
ELECTION TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2020 ALL  
QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE ADDITIONAL  
LEVIES TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY THE  
GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSES OF SAID BOARD**

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Lewis (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 (the “Code”), will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the general current expenses of the school board, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter set forth, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020; July 1, 2021; July 1, 2022; July 1, 2023 and July 1, 2024, and that a special election should be held on February 8, 2020 to increase such levies under the provisions of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code, it is hereby ORDERED AND DECLARED:

1. That the purposes for which additional funds are needed and the approximate average annual amount considered necessary for each purpose, subject to variation from year to year as provided herein, is set forth as follows:

<b>PURPOSE FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED</b>	<b>AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT</b>
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II. Provide for technology instruction, technology materials and equipment for students in grades Pre-K - 12, and	\$ 30,000
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IV. Provide for the purchase of equipment and supplies to supplement the music, band and/or creative arts programs for students in grades Pre-K - 12, and	\$ 35,000
V. Provide for the support of extra-curricular, curricular and/or academic transportation for students in grades Pre-K - 12, and	\$ 80,000
VI. Assist in providing personnel for improvements in curriculum programs and/or development for students in grades Pre-K - 12, to include at least:  Five (5) classroom personnel for students, and Four (4) personnel for student mental health and counseling support, and One (1) technology systems specialist, and	\$ 821,329

One (1) maintenance personnel for school facilities, and  
 Three (3) secretarial personnel for schools, and

VII.	Supplement the professional personnel salaries and supplement the service personnel salaries to include the amounts required by WV code related to the 1984 salary adjustments and support extended employment for personnel to provide services to students and programs, and	\$ 633,540
VIII.	Provide for the operation of and/or improvements to the transportation system of Lewis County Schools, and	\$ 100,000
IX.	Assist personnel employed by Lewis County Schools with the cost of family health expenditures as per procedures developed by Lewis County Schools, and	\$ 168,720
X.	Build, maintain, improve and/or correct environmental, structural and/or security factors for any or all Lewis County Schools facilities to ensure adequate protection against fire hazards and/or health hazards in an effort to provide a safe, positive atmosphere conducive to learning, and	\$ 500,000
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XII.	Provide free admission for students of Lewis County Schools, Lewis County senior citizens and veterans to attend regular season school athletic home games and/or academic performances, and	\$ 25,000
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	Lewis County Extension Service and/or related programs such as, but not limited to, 4-H and Energy Express, and	\$ 30,000
	Lewis County Emergency Ambulance Service Authority to provide agreed upon services for the Lewis County Schools to include medical coverage for all contact sports events, musical events and graduation ceremonies. Units would be staffed by a State Certified EMT-B and driver. Services provided would be emergency care, pre-hospital medical support and transport to the local emergency room, and	\$ 30,000
	Louis Bennett Public Library and/or related programs, and	\$ 30,000

Lewis County Health Department and/or related programs. \$ 30,000

**Total: \$ 2,978,589**

As noted above and in Section 2 hereof, the amounts set forth above are the average annual amounts for each purpose. The actual amounts for each purpose will likely 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 uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$14,892,945 or the average sum of \$2,978,589 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 Lewis 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 amount shall be carried over and spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.

3. The question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at a special election to be held on the 8th day of February 2020.

4. The proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the five (5) fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020; July 1, 2021; July 1, 2022; July 1, 2023 and July 1, 2024.

5. If additional funds are made available for any of the above purposes by some form of matching funds from either the state or federal government, the amount herein set forth may be used, on a matching basis, to secure said additional funds.

6. If additional State, Federal, private or other special funds become available to provide funding for any of the above-stated purposes, then the Board shall be authorized and empowered to expend at the end of each fiscal year, during the term of the levies, the surplus (if any) in excess of the amount needed for any of the above-stated purposes for the enrichment, supplementation and advancement of all educational programs in the Lewis County School District, and other purposes pertinent to the operation of Lewis County Schools, in the discretion of the Board. Such additional or surplus funds may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the funds obtained from the excess levy.

7. Any additional revenue accruing during the term of this levy, in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes, will be expended for the enrichment, supplementation and advancement of the education system of Lewis County Schools; provided, that levy item number III as listed above, shall receive twenty percent (20%) of any additional revenue accruing during the term of this levy to be expended as outlined, and provided further, that levy item number X as listed above shall receive eighty percent (80%) of any additional revenue accruing during the term of this levy to be expended as outlined.

8. If the actual amount collected is less than the approximate annual amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, then (i) for any shortfall less than or equal to \$200,000 in any fiscal year, (a) twenty percent (20%) of any such shortfall shall be allocated to levy item number III (as listed above) and (b) eighty percent (80%) of any such shortfall shall be allocated to levy item number X (as listed above); and (ii) for any shortfall amounts in excess of \$200,000 for any fiscal year, then the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine in its discretion (a) which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year and (b) the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, however, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall for any applicable fiscal year.

9. The Board will not issue bonds in connection with the approval of the proposed increased levy.

10. The separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within Lewis County is:

<b>Class I</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Class II</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>321,478,962</b>
<b>Class III</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>537,532,548</b>
<b>Class IV</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>76,762,744</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>935,774,254</u></b>

11. The proposed additional rate of levies in cents for each \$100 of value on each class of property within Lewis County for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024 is as follows:

<b>Class I Property</b>	<b>10.32 cents</b>
<b>Class II Property</b>	<b>20.64 cents</b>
<b>Class III Property</b>	<b>41.28 cents</b>
<b>Class IV Property</b>	<b>41.28 cents</b>

12. The approximate annual amount to be raised for said purposes after making allowances for tax discounts, delinquencies, exonerations and uncollectable taxes is \$2,978,589 and that the total amount needed for said purposes during the five (5) year term of the excess levy is \$14,892,945.

13. The special election shall be conducted by paper ballots in accordance with applicable law. All other provisions of the laws concerning excess levies and/or special elections shall apply as far as they are applicable. The costs of such special election shall be borne by the Board. Accordingly, the Secretary of The Board is hereby authorized and directed to acquire and furnish to election officials all proper election supplies, and attend to the publication requirements of Section 14 of this Order, and to do all things necessary to present the question proposed by this Order to the voters in the Lewis County School District at the above-referenced special election.

14. Notice calling for the special election shall be given by the publication of this Order in *The Weston Democrat*, a newspaper of general circulation in Lewis County, West Virginia, as qualified by the West Virginia Secretary of State, in accordance with applicable law.

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

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
 Special Election on February 8, 2020 to Authorize  
 Additional Levies According to the Order of  
 The Board of Education of the County of Lewis  
 Adopted and Entered on November 12, 2019

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

**Those favoring the renewal of the additional levies shall darken the oval after “FOR THE LEVIES”. Those against such levies shall darken the oval after “AGAINST THE LEVIES”.**

**VOTE BELOW**

**FOR THE LEVIES**



**AGAINST THE LEVIES**



**\*\*\*\*\*END OF FORM OF BALLOT\*\*\*\*\***

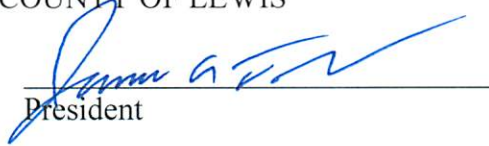
16. Absentee ballots shall be applied for, obtained from and returned to the Clerk of the County Commission of the County of Lewis, and said Clerk is hereby appointed the agent for the Board to perform all duties relating to absentee ballots in the special election.

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 Lewis County as the official registration list of the school district for this special election.


[Signature page follows this page.]

Adopted and entered on this 12th day of November 2019.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
THE COUNTY OF LEWIS

By:   
President

Attest:

By:   
Secretary

# OFFICIAL BALLOT

## Special Election on February 8, 2020 to Authorize Additional Levies According to the Order of The Board of Education of the County of Lewis Adopted and Entered on November 12, 2019

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**FOR THE LEVIES**     

**AGAINST THE LEVIES**     

We, the undersigned Ballot Commissioners of Lewis County, West Virginia, hereby certify the foregoing is a Sample Official Ballot for the February 8, 2020, Board of Education Levy Election, as ordered by the Lewis County Commission as provided by law.

Given under our hands.  
Tamera Wooten | Vonda C. Dye