

Levy Call

January 6, 2020

Order

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GRAND TOTAL:

YEARLY TOTAL: \$2,228,458.40

FIVE YEAR TOTAL: \$11,142,292.00

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<p>Athletic Passes: <i>All Grant County residents will have free admission to ALL Grant County Schools Athletic Contests</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Grant County Residents - \$500,000 – total - (\$100,000.00 yearly) • Per Year - \$100,000.00 • Five Year Total - \$500,000.00
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**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF GRANT
DIRECTING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL TAX
LEVIES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, JULY 1, 2021, JULY 1,
2022, JULY 1, 2023, AND JULY 1, 2024**

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF GRANT:

After full consideration, The Board of Education of the County of Grant, 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 Grant County, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020; July 1, 2021; July 1, 2022; July 1, 2023; and July 1, 2024, and has ascertained that the amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by The Board of Education of Grant during each of said five (5) fiscal years, and that an election should be held to increase such levies, in conformity with the law, hereby ORDERS and DECLARES:

1. That the purposes for which funds are needed are to maintain and improve the instructional programs and the operation of school services in Grant County including, but not limited to:

- a. **General Maintenance, improvements, and Equipment:** Including, but not limited to, bathroom partitions, floor tile replacement, window repairs and replacements, inside/outside light upgrades, fire equipment upgrades, building and grounds maintenance, repairs and upgrades, HVAC upgrades and replacements, boiler upgrades and replacements, geothermal HVAC at UEC, other upgrades and emergency repairs, paving at all schools, speed zone light replacements at all schools, county vehicle repairs and replacements, equipment repairs and replacements, and other related expenses.

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$1,653,466

- b. **Safety and Security:** Including, but not limited to, security cameras and upgrades, keyless door entry upgrades and replacements, door core replacements, outside lightning installations, phones and intercom upgrades, vaping/bullying sensors at PHS and UEC, alternative communication devices, parking lot gates with security hardware, software, supplies, aides on ALL school buses, window tint at ALL schools, asbestos abatement / floor tile, Safe School entrances at PHS, School Resource Officers (2) with benefits, and other related expenses.

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$249,994

c. **Athletic Passes:** All Grant County residents will have free admission to *ALL* Grant County Schools Athletic Contests.

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$100,000

d. **Class Size Reduction:** Allow funding for up to two (2) professional educators and two (2) service educators with benefits to combat overages at county schools.

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$225,000

2. The approximate amount considered necessary for said purposes in said five (5) fiscal years is the sum of \$2,228,460 annually.
3. The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes is \$11,142,300 or the sum of \$2,228,460 annually.
4. That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within its jurisdiction is as follows:

Class I	\$0.00
Class II	\$269,923,210
Class III	\$767,304,186
Class IV	\$46,777,153
Aggregate	\$1,084,004,549

5. That the proposed maximum rate of levy in cents on each class of property per \$100.00 valuation within the Grant County School district shall be as follows:

Class I	6.18 cents
Class II	12.36 cents
Class III	24.72 cents
Class IV	24.72 cents

6. That the years to which the proposed levy shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.
7. That no issuance of bonds is proposed in connection with this levy.
8. That the Board of Education of the County of Grant is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations to enrich, supplement, and improve the educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of

Grant. In the event that the amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the aforementioned purposes, the Board of Education expenditures may be reduced in any particular category or categories, as may be required.

9. In the event the Board of Education of the County of Grant 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 Board of Education of the County of Grant may from time to time determine.
10. That should any item in the aforementioned purposes be declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, affected funds will be distributed among remaining unaffected items.
11. That the Board of Education of the County of Grant may, if the Board deems it to be in its best interests, reduce these said rates in any given year or years during the term of this levy after determining the sufficiency of funds for school purposes for the next ensuing taxable year.
12. That the question of such tax levies shall be submitted to a vote at an election to be held on May 12, 2020.
13. That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order once each week for two successive weeks before said election in two newspapers of opposite politics and of general circulation in the Grant County School District. All the provisions of the laws concerning general elections shall apply as far as they are practicable, with the exception of the provisions contained in Section 17, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the West Virginia Code, as last amended.
14. That the ballot to be used at such election shall be in form as follows:

OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOOL LEVY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
LEVY ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020

Election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024, and for the purposes of maintaining and improving the instructional programs and the operation of school services in Grant County, according to the Order of the Board of Education of the County of Grant entered on the 14th day of January 2020, including, but not limited to:

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TOTAL APPROXIMATE NET ANNUAL AMOUNT NEEDED AFTER
DUE ALLOWANCES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES, DISCOUNTS, AND
EXONERATIONS: \$2,228,460

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The approval on January 14, 2020, of an additional levy for each \$100.00 assessed valuation of property shall be 6.18 cents on Class I property; 12.36 cents on Class II property; 24.72 cents on Class III property; and 24.72 on Class IV property.

FOR THE LEVY

AGAINST THE LEVY

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place (X) in the square before "FOR THE LEVY", those against such levy place (X) in the square before "AGAINST THE LEVY".

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