ORDER

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMERS DIRECTING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE SUMMERS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT A PROPOSITION FOR AN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL LEVY FOR GENERAL EXPENSES OF OPERATING THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Summers (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 Summers County, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, and has ascertained that the approximate average amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by the Board during each of said four (4) fiscal years, and that the question of increase of such levies ("Excess Levy") should be submitted to the voters of Summers County at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026, 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 four-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:

PURPOSE FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED	**ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE**
a. To provide supplemental funds for the hiring of teachers and school level service personnel for student support and academic services.	$500,000
b. To provide funds for curricular and extracurricular trip support.	$75,000
c. To provide funds for playground renovations at Talcott Elementary School, Hinton Area Elementary, and Jumping Branch Elementary School which includes but not limited to equipment, fencing, ground surfacing.	$100,000
d. To provide funds for a safe school entrance at Jumping Branch Elementary School.	$100,000

e. To provide a yearly salary and fixed cost such as retirement, insurance, social security and workers compensation (all required for employment) for a School Resource Officer at Summers County Comprehensive High School for a 9-month contract while school is in session.	$65,000
f. To provide funds for facilities improvements, preventative maintenance, additions, equipment, and/or renovations at various Summers County Schools and/or the Transportation Garage.	$221,835
g. To provide funds to update the transportation and maintenance vehicles to better serve the county.	$40,000
h. To provide funds for security window treatments and related improvements at various Summers County Schools as an additional safety measure.	$15,000
i. To provide funds for exterior lighting and related improvements at Summers County Comprehensive High School.	$25,000

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 four fiscal years, after making reasonable allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is $4,567,340, or the average sum of $1,141,835 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 Summers 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. To the extent permitted by then-existing law, 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 Summers County, West Virginia, including, without limitation, student instructional supplies, materials, equipment, facility improvements and/or capital projects, 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 Summers County, West Virginia for the assessment year ending June 30, 2027, is as follows:

Class I Property	**$0**
Class II Property	**$365,060,254**
Class III Property	**$404,012,696**
Class IV Property	**$74,505,598**
TOTAL	**$843,578,548**

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, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, is as follows:

Class I Property	**4.84 cents**
Class II Property	**9.68 cents**
Class III Property	**19.36 cents**
Class IV Property	**19.36 cents**

9. That the proposed years to which the additional levies shall apply are the fiscal years beginning **July 1, 2027; July 1, 2028; July 1, 2029; and July 1, 2030.**

10. That the question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote at the general election to be held in Summers County, West Virginia on the 3rd day of November 2026.

11. That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order for said election as a Class II-O legal advertisement, for two successive weeks, in The Hinton News, a newspaper of general circulation in the Summers County School District, as qualified by the West Virginia Secretary of State, in accordance with the West Virginia Code. All the provisions of the laws concerning elections shall apply as far as they are applicable.

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 Summers Adopted and Entered on July 28, 2026

Special election to authorize additional levies (the "Excess Levy") for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, in the approximate average amount of $1,141,835 annually, for the purpose of the payment of the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Summers (the "Board"), including for the purposes hereinafter set forth; all according to the Order of the Board entered on the 28th day of July, 2026, and as more particularly described below.

The purposes for which additional funds are needed during the term of this four-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:

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To the extent permitted by then-existing law, 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.

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the enrichment, supplementation, operation, and improvement of educational services, schools and/or facilities in the public schools of Summers County, West Virginia, including, without limitation, student instructional supplies, materials, equipment, facility improvements and/or capital projects, 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 **4.84 cents**; on Class II property **9.68 cents**; on Class III property **19.36** cents; on Class IV property **19.36 cents**.

That the proposed years to which the additional rate of levies shall apply are the fiscal years beginning **July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030.**

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

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13. The Board will not issue bonds, as provided in West Virginia Code §11-8-16, in connection with the approval of the proposed additional levies.

14. The Secretary of the Board with the assistance of the Clerk of the County Commission of the County of Summers, 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.

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

16. 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 Summers County as the official registration list of the school district for this election.

[*Signature page follows this page.*]

Adopted and entered on this 28th day of July 2026.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
COUNTY OF SUMMERS

Gregory R. Argall
President

ATTEST:

Linda D. Knott
Secretary and Superintendent