

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

ROANE COUNTY COMMISSION REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Roane County Commission is seeking competitive bids for items, delivery, travel and labor required to upgrade cybersecurity at the Roane County Courthouse 200 Main Street Spencer, WV.

Detailed specifications can be obtained at www.roanewv.com under Bidding Information.

Sealed bids must be clearly marked as "Cybersecurity Upgrades" and must be received by November 14, 2024 at 10:00am where they will be publicly open and read. Mail or drop off bids to 200 Main Street, Spencer, WV 25276. Email to jenrand@com-mission.state.wv.us or bring with you to the meeting.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality therein. All bids must be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening.
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NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD EXCESS LEVY ISSUE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 TO THE VOTERS OF ROANE COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That at a duly held meeting, The Board of Education of the County of Roane adopted and entered of record the following Excess Levy Order:

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Roane [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 Roane County, West Virginia, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029, 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 Roane County at a general election to be held on November 5, 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. \$480,000 annually to support reduced class sizes below required student-to-staff ratios, employ school nurses and counselors, and perform facility maintenance and related activities at all Roane County schools not provided within the State Aid formula;

b. \$243,500 annually to support classroom technology, advanced coursework, and co-curricular and extra-curricular programs, including but not limited to Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses, academic competitions, band, choir and/or theater, Career and Technical Education programs and student organizations, Future Farmers of America, and Future Business Leaders of America, student transportation to and from extra-curricular programs, and related equipment;

c. \$125,000 annually to provide for after-school and summer programs at all Roane County schools;

d. \$100,412 annually to support improved safety and security measures at all Roane County schools, including but not limited to safety personnel, equipment, and training;

e. \$50,000 annually to provide assistance to Roane County Public Libraries and WVU Extension Service for student related services.

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 \$4,992,790 or the average sum of \$998,912 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 Roane 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 Roane 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 Roane County for the assessment year ending June 30, 2024 is as follows:

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| Class I Property | \$0 |
| Class II Property | \$343,100,622 |
| Class III Property | \$303,901,212 |
| Class IV Property | \$58,494,673 |
| TOTAL | \$705,496,507 |

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, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029, is as follows:

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| Class I Property | 4.87 cents |
| Class II Property | 9.74 cents |
| Class III Property | 19.48 cents |
| Class IV Property | 19.48 cents |

9. That the proposed years to which the additional levies shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029.

10. That the question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote at a primary election to be held in Roane County, West Virginia on the 5th day of November, 2024.

11. That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order for said election in *The Times Record and Roane County Reporter*, newspapers of general circulation in the Roane 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 Roane Adopted and Entered on August 22, 2024

Special election to authorize additional levies (the "Excess Levy") for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029, in the approximate average amount of \$998,558 annually, for the purpose of the payment of the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Roane (the "Board"), including for the purposes hereinafter set forth; all according to the Order of the Board entered on the 22nd day of August, 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:

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The additional levy, in cents per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property, shall be on Class I property **4.87 cents**; on Class II property **9.74 cents**; on Class III property **19.48 cents**; on Class IV property **19.48 cents**.

That the proposed years to which the additional rate of levies shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029.

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS:

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

o FOR THE LEVIES
o AGAINST THE LEVIES

END OF FORM OF BALLOT

14. The Board will not issue excess levy 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 Roane, 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 Roane, 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 Roane County as the official registration list of the school district for this election.

[Signature page follows this page.]

Adopted and entered on this 22nd day of August, 2024.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE

Jeffrey Mace,
President

ATTEST:
Richard D. Duncan, Ph.D.

Superintendent and Secretary
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PUBLICATION FOR PROPOSED WV CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT – 2024 GENERAL

Class and Publication Info: Class I legal advertisement, must be placed in a newspaper in every WV county as soon as possible. There is 1 proposed Amendment, details below.

Information to be published, verbatim:

PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed Amendment to the WV Constitution to be on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 1: Protection of persons against medically assisted suicide."

Summary of Purpose: "The purpose of this amendment is to protect West Virginians against medically assisted suicide."

Full Text of the Amendment: §3-23. *Protection against medically assisted suicide.* No person, physician, or health care provider in the State of West Virginia shall participate in the practice of medically assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of a person. Nothing in this section prohibits the administration or prescription of medication for the purpose of alleviating pain or discomfort while the patient's condition follows its natural course; nor does anything in this section prohibit the withholding or withdrawing of life-sustaining treatment, as requested by the patient or the patient's decision-maker, in accordance with State law. Further, nothing in this section prevents the State from providing capital punishment.

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Other mothers

Over the weekend, Felix met his three other mothers.

Felix is our cat, and we adopted him from Mexico. We are now back in Mexico for the first time since we adopted him and, of course, Felix is with us.

When my husband, Peter, and I first discussed adopting a cat, I had in mind some needy little creature who would cuddle on my lap when I read. Instead, we got Felix.

Felix was a street cat for two years before he was scooped up by his foster mothers. He was very skinny when they found him. He is black and white, with silky fur and a sly grin, and he is not at all interested in sitting on anyone's lap. Instead, he likes to tear around the house like a maniac and play games with Peter and nibble my toes to show he cares. He's a good traveler, and he did not seem to mind either moving to the U.S. or getting in his backpack carrier and coming back to Mexico.

I had half-hoped there might be a mariachi band playing when we landed, congratulating Felix on his triumphant return. Instead, we were met by a customs official who made a photocopy of Felix's health records, took his temperature, and wished us all a pleasant visit.

Once we got to our little apartment surrounded by painted suns and got all our stuff back into the usual cupboards and cabinets, we contacted Felix's foster mother, Marcela, and told her we were back, and said we would love to have her over for cake.

Felix's foster mother works at the environmental preserve where Peter takes his long daily walk. She lives with her sister and her sister's daughter, and they all live with whatever animals they have collected and are caring for on that particular day. At present, there are two cats, four birds and eleven dogs.

"I think she spends all of her salary on animal food!" Marcela's boss told Peter. Marcela has a big heart. She was delighted to



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The Postscript

come with her sister and niece to our apartment for cake and to see how Felix was doing.

"Do you think they'll be surprised how big he is?" Peter asked.

"They'll think he's fat!" I said. I was a little nervous because I knew that having them over for cake would be a challenge. They speak almost no English, and Peter speaks no Spanish, so I am the one who is supposed to be translating for everyone, and I do not speak enough Spanish to be a translator.

But it really didn't matter because no one was there to listen to me. They were there to visit Felix.

"Oh! He's big." That's what they all said—and even Peter understood that.

"He is!" I agreed. "Do you think he's fat?" The two women and the young girl all looked at Felix very seriously while eating their carrot cake.

"No," they all said, after a moment's consideration. They did not think he was too fat.

"But he is a little spoiled, don't you think?" I asked.

All three of them laughed and said, no, he couldn't be spoiled because he was a precious cat, and he deserved the best—and even Felix understood that.

So we finished our carrot cake, and the young girl played with her bubble machine, which looked like a camera but shot out bubbles, which Felix thought was very exciting.

"He has found a good family," Marcela said.

"We are all Felix's family now," I told her. And everyone agreed—especially Felix.

Till next time,
Carrie

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