

ORDER AND NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR AN SPECIAL EXCESS COUNTY LEVY TO THE VOTERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY

That at a **regular** meeting of the **County Commission** of the **County of Putnam**, State of West Virginia, held on the **30th day of August, 2022**, as provided by law, the following order was made and entered of record, to wit:

The **County Commission** of **Putnam County** being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11, of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of current expenses of **Putnam County** including expenditures for the purpose or purposes hereinafter set forth, and that an election should be held to increase such levies under the provisions of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code, as amended, it is hereby ordered:

1. That the purpose for which additional funds are needed to provide funding of operational and maintenance expenses for the following agencies:
 - a) Putnam County Emergency Medical Services; and
 - b) Putnam County Fire/Rescue Services.
2. The additional levy rate being requested is \$0.03 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Class I and following W.Va. Code §11-8-16 for the remaining classes.

Class I	\$0.03	Class III	\$0.12
Class II	\$0.06	Class IV	\$0.12

3. That the annual amount intended to be generated for collection as calculated for said purpose is to be approximately \$3,001,217.00, allowing for 7.5% delinquencies and 1.5% less tax discounts. The approximate funds to be distributed are:

- a) Putnam County Emergency Medical Service = \$1,200,486.80
- b) Putnam County Fire/Rescue Service = \$1,800,730.20

4. That the total approximate amount for said purposes during the term of the levy is \$15,006,085.00

5. That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the County is:

Class I	\$	0.00
Class II	\$1,927,648,812.00	
Class III	\$1,558,462,462.00	
Class IV	\$ 222,687,562.00	
Total	\$3,708,798,836.00	

6. That after passage of the special excess levy, that in the event the separate and aggregate assessed value of each class of taxable property within the County increases during the term of the special excess levy, the county levy rate will be adjusted so that the projected tax collection will not exceed \$3,500,000.00
7. That the aforesaid organizations will be funded for the proposed months set forth in this order and the Putnam County Commission will provide quarterly the amount allocated for each organization for each of the five fiscal years of the levy beginning **July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027.**

8. The funds will be distributed and made available quarterly to the said agencies by order of the Putnam County Commission.
9. Fire/Rescue Service revenue and expenses will be managed and overseen by the Putnam County Fire Service Board Office currently in place under the supervision of the Putnam County Commission. No revenue will be issued directly to the fire departments. Revenue will be allocated to the fire/rescue services, with management, payment, and business operations being performed by the Putnam County Fire Service Board Office. Revenue will be allocated to the individual Fire/Rescue Services pursuant to the classifications established by the Fire Service Board, and the Putnam County Fire Service Board Office has the authority distribute the funds other than equally.
10. Upon the passage and beginning of revenue collections of the levy, the Putnam County Fire Service Fee will be suspended and not collected for such a period of time that the levy is in effect and providing revenue. If the levy would fail at any time, the Putnam County Fire Service Fee will be reinstated at the current rates to begin at the time the levy revenue collection expires.
11. Upon approval of the proposed increased levy, the Putnam County Commission will not issue bonds as authorized by West Virginia Code Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 16, as amended.
12. That the question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at a **General Election** to be held on the **8th** day of **November, 2022**.
13. That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order at least once each week for two successive weeks preceding said election in two newspapers of opposite politics and of general circulation in the territory in which the election is held. If there is only one newspaper published in the county, said publication shall be made therein. All the provisions of the law concerning general elections shall apply so far as they are practicable.

Entered this 30th day of August, 2022.

THE PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSION

R. Andrew Skidmore, President

Ronald R. Foster, Commissioner

C. Brian Ellis, Commissioner