

Monroe County Commission West Virginia Kevin Galford, President Kevin Mann, Commissioner J. Melvin Young, Commissioner Jeremy E. Meadows County Clerk

ORDER

RE: Volunteer Fire Department Renewal Levy

The current Volunteer Fire Department Levy is due to expire on July 1st, 2024. The local volunteer fire departments of Alderson, Ballard, Lindside, Peterstown and Union have requested that a Volunteer Fire Department Levy Renewal be placed on the 2024 Primary Election that is to be held on May 14th, 2024. The fire departments are requesting no raise on the levy. After reviewing the levy renewal verbiage, it is hereby ORDERED that the Volunteer Fire Department Renewal Levy be placed on the May 14th, 2024 Primary Ballot.

Dated this 6th day of December in the year of 2023.

Kevin Galford, Commission President

Attest:

County Clerk Meadows.



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Volunteer Fire Department Renewal Levy Monroe County, West Virginia May 14, 2024

Regular election to authorize levies for the years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, for the purpose of the General Current Expense Fund, according to the order of the County Commission of Monroe County, entered on December 6, 2023.

- A. Direct services to the following Volunteer Fire Departments in Monroe County, West Virginia, including Ballard Volunteer Fire Department, Peterstown Volunteer Fire Department, Lindside Volunteer Fire Department, Union Volunteer Fire Department and Alderson Volunteer Fire Department. All departments, heretofore named, except the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department will receive approximately \$49,298.00 (Forty-nine thousand two hundred and ninety-eight dollars) annually in funding generated from this levy. The Alderson Volunteer Fire Department, which serves a smaller coverage area than the other departments in Monroe County, has agreed to accept \$10,000.00 annually from the levy funds.
- B. This Fire Levy is a continuation and renewal of the existing fire levy passed by the voters of Monroe County on May 8, 2018, with no increase whatsoever. The fire departments will receive \$1,000.00 less than previously to allow Alderson Volunteer Fire Department to receive an additional \$4,000.00 in funding. A levy is valid for a period of five (5) years and must be renewed by the voters.
- C. Due to an increase of taxable property in Monroe County since the original fire levy was approved by the voters on May 8, 2018, the County Commission was actually able to reduce the levy rates for this fire levy compared to the rates used in the original levy, resulting in a savings to the taxpayer.
 - 1. To purchase and maintain firefighter's personal protection equipment \$40,000.00.
 - 2. To pay premiums for general liability insurance worker's compensation insurance for firefighters and department vehicles \$49,000.00.
 - 3. To pay for education and training for volunteer firefighters \$10,000.00.
 - 4. To purchase, maintain and repair the necessary fire and rescue equipment needed to respond to emergency calls \$30,000.00.
 - 5. To pay the department's utility bills and to maintain the department's facilities and grounds \$20,000.00.
 - 6. To purchase, repair and maintain apparatus \$58,192.00.

That the approximate amount for said purpose, after making do allowance for delinquencies and exonerations is approximately \$207,192.00 (Two hundred seven thousand one hundred and ninety-two dollars) annually and the total approximate amount to be expended during the term by the levy is \$1,035,960.00 (One million thirty-five thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars).

That the proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each class of property shall be as follows:

Class 1: 1.73 Class 2: 3.46 Class 3: 6.92 Class 4: 6.92

Instructions to Voters: Those favoring the additional levies mark the bubble beside of "For the Levies", those against such levies mark the bubble beside of "Against the Levies".