

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STEVENS COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THAT AN ELECTION BE CALLED IN ORDER TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE PROPOSITION OF WHETHER TO INCREASE ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS NECESSARY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE DISTRICT'S LIBRARIES AND SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION OF AUTHORIZING SUCH LEVY TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026; PROVIDING FOR THE NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO

STEVENS COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
Stevens County, Washington

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STEVENS COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

WHEREAS, Stevens County Rural Library District, Stevens County, Washington (the "District"), is a rural library district duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the state of Washington (the "State");

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the limitations specified in chapter 84.55 of the Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") if such increased levy is authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters at a general election held within the taxing district (a "levy lid lift");

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") has determined that the money in and to be paid into the District's General Fund will be insufficient to enable the District to meet all of its library operational, staffing and service expenses;

WHEREAS, the Constitution and the laws of the State require that the proposition of whether or not such regular property taxes may be increased must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to place the proposition to increase its regular property tax levy before the qualified electors of the District at an election to be held within the District on April 28, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds that it is in the welfare and best interests of the residents of the District to submit to the qualified electors of the District, at the election to be

held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy for collection in 2027 an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's libraries and services.

Section 2. If the proposition specified in Section 5 of this Resolution is approved by the qualified electors of the District as required by the Constitution and the laws of the State, the District shall be authorized to impose and collect, in accordance with its regular budget process, an increased regular property tax as described in Section 4 and to levy such regular property taxes to pay the costs of maintaining and operating the District's libraries and services.

Section 3. The Stevens County Auditor, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections for the District, is hereby requested to call and conduct an election to be held within the District on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

Section 4. To fulfill this purpose, the Board seeks voter approval under RCW 84.55.050(1) for a levy lid lift, as follows:

A. The proposed regular property tax rate increase is estimated to be approximately \$0.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value, for a total estimated regular property tax rate of \$0.44 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2026 for collection in 2027.

B. The dollar amount of the levy in 2027 shall be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent regular property tax rates provided for under chapter 84.55 RCW and any resulting increase may be used for operational and service expenses for the District.

Section 5. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Stevens County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the proposition for the ballot title substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
STEVENS COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
LEVY LIFT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES

The Board of Trustees of Stevens County Rural Library District adopted Resolution No. 01-2026, concerning a proposition authorizing an increase to the regular property tax. This proposition provides continued funding for normal operation and maintenance of the District's libraries and services and authorizes the District to increase its regular property tax levy rate to \$0.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2026 for collection in 2027, as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW. The 2027 levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits .

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

Section 6. The election will be conducted by mail ballot. The procedures and forms to conduct the election by mail ballot shall be prescribed by the Stevens County Auditor in accordance with chapter 29A.48 RCW and chapter 434-250 Washington Administrative Code.

Section 7. The Stevens County Auditor shall prepare the notice of election which shall be published at least once, which publication shall take place not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the date of such election. Such publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation within the District.

Section 8. The Secretary to the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Stevens County Auditor, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections for the District no later than February 27, 2026.

Section 9. All resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 10. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Stevens County Rural Library District, at a conference call meeting thereof held on February 11, 2026.

STEVENS COUNTY
RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
Stevens County, Washington



Josie Darst, Chair



Joann Caruso, Vice-chair



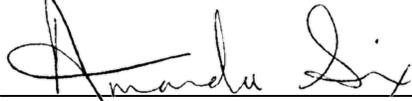
Jennifer Miller, Trustee

Sue Poe, Trustee



Lisa Wolfe, Trustee

ATTEST:



Amanda Six
Secretary of the Board of Trustee

(S E A L)

CERTIFICATE

I, Amanda Six, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Stevens County Rural Library District, Stevens County, Washington, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, duly held at a conference call meeting place thereof on February 11, 2026, of which meeting all members of such Board had due notice and at which a majority thereof was present; and that at such meeting such resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Trustees:

NAYS, Trustees:

ABSENT, Trustees:

ABSTAIN, Trustees:

I further certify that I have carefully compared the same with the original resolution on file and of record in my office; that such resolution is a full, true and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at such meeting; and that such resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day February, 2026.

STEVENS COUNTY
RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
Stevens County, Washington



Amanda Six
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

(SEAL)

**CERTIFICATE OF THE AUDITOR
OF
STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, the undersigned, as the duly elected, qualified and acting Stevens County, Auditor, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections for Stevens County Rural Library District (the “District”), has jurisdiction of and is required by law to conduct all elections for special purpose districts within Stevens County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the District by Resolution No. 01-2026, adopted on February 11, 2026, a certified copy of which has been delivered to the undersigned, has requested the holding of an election on Tuesday, April 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the District by Resolution No. 01-2026 has authorized and directed the undersigned to assume jurisdiction of and to conduct such election within the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby authorized and ordered as follows:

The undersigned does hereby assume jurisdiction of the above-mentioned election of the District, authorized and ordered by Resolution No. 01-2016 of its Board of Trustees adopted on February 11, 2026, and will conduct such election to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

DATED at Colville, Washington, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lori Larsen, Auditor
as ex officio Supervisor of Elections
for Stevens County Rural Library District

TO: The Stevens County Auditor, as Ex Officio Supervisor of Elections for Stevens County Rural Library District, Stevens County, Washington

Pursuant to Resolution No. 01-2026, adopted by the Board of Trustees of Stevens County Rural Library District, Stevens County, Washington, at a conference call meeting of such Board held on February 11, 2026, a copy of which Resolution is attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, you are respectfully requested to submit the following proposition to the qualified electors of such District for their approval or rejection, at an election to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
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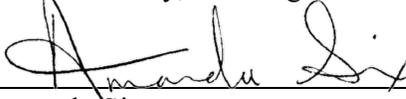
Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

The election shall be conducted by mail ballot; and the procedures and forms to conduct the election by mail ballot shall be prescribed by the Stevens County Auditor in accordance with chapter 29A.40 RCW and chapter 434-250 Washington Administrative Code.

DATED as of February 11, 2026.

STEVENS COUNTY
RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
Stevens County, Washington



Amanda Six
Secretary of the Board of Trustees