

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION
[A.C.A. § 7-5-202(a)]
2023 ANNUAL SCHOOL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS
MAY 9, 2023

To check your voter registration status and view a sample ballot, go to vote.bentoncountyar.gov. Voters with address changes or questions related to voting eligibility, please call the County Clerk's office at 479-271-1013 prior to Election Day.

BY ORDER OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION SIGNED ON MARCH 9, 2023
 THE FOLLOWING POLLING SITES WILL BE OPEN AS LISTED BELOW FOR EARLY VOTING:

Early Vote Location	Times Available
Benton County Admin Building 215 E. Central, Bentonville	May 2-5 8:00am-4:30pm May 8 8:00am-4:30pm
County Clerk's Office-Siloam Springs 707 S. Lincoln, Siloam Springs	May 2-5 8:00am-4:30pm May 8 8:00am-4:30pm
Benton County Election Commission 2109 W. Walnut, Rogers	May 2-5 8:00am-4:30pm May 8 8:00am-4:30pm

BY ORDER OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION SIGNED ON MARCH 9, 2023
 THE FOLLOWING POLLING SITES WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:30 A.M. UNTIL 7:30 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY:

VOTE CENTER	ADDRESS
Bella Vista Church of Christ	989 N.W. McNelly Road, Bentonville
New Life Christian Church	103 Riordan Road, Bella Vista
Lifepoint Baptist Church	11161 Gamble Road, Centerton,
St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Parish Hall	1 St. Bernard Lane, Bella Vista
Bentonville Church of Christ, Activity Ctr	708 N. Walton Blvd., Bentonville
First Landmark Baptist Church	206 S.E. 28th Street, Bentonville
Lakeview Baptist Church	1351 E. Lowell Ave., Cave Springs
Centerton Community Building	290 Main Street, Centerton
NEBCO Community Building	17823 Marshall Street (Hwy 62), Garfield
Lowell First Baptist Church	209-A Washington Street, Lowell
Moose Lodge #877	215 W. Apple Blossom, Lowell
1st Baptist Church of Pea Ridge, Family Life Ctr	1650 Slack Street, Pea Ridge
Central United Methodist Church	2535 W. New Hope Road, Rogers
Centro Cristiano Assemblies of God Church	2121 S. 1st Street, Rogers
Southside Church Of Christ	919 S. Dixieland Road, Rogers
Sunnyside Baptist Church	210 E Locust St., Rogers
First Baptist Church Highfill	11912 South Main Street, Siloam Springs
Siloam Springs Community Building	110 N. Mt. Olive Street, Siloam Springs

CANDIDATES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT:

Candidate Order	Name	Contest
1	Ike Owens	DECATUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 5
1	Jayne Wildeman	EUREKA SPRINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, POSITION 1
1	Chad Amos	GENTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 2
1	Stacy Nations	GENTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 4
1	Tracy Moorman	GRAVETTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 5
1	Brad Harris	GRAVETTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT-LARGE POSITION 2
1	Ryan Heckman	PEA RIDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 1
2	Adam Yager	PEA RIDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 1
1	Curtis D. Clements	ROGERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 2
1	Gary Wheat	SILOAM SPRINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 3
2	Aric Bergthold	SILOAM SPRINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 3
1	Director Nick Emerson	SPRINGDALE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ZONE 2
1	Donald C. Tippet	SPRINGDALE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT-LARGE POSITION 2
2	Director Michelle McCaslin Cook	SPRINGDALE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT-LARGE POSITION 2

ANNUAL SCHOOL MILLAGE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT:
FOR OR AGAINST:

Decatur School District 42.5 Mill School Tax

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the “Statewide Uniform Rate”) to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 42.5 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 17.5 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 42.5 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

Eureka Springs School District 36.13 Mill School Tax

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the “Statewide Uniform Rate”) to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 36.13 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 11.13 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 36.13 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

Gentry School District 46.0 Mill School Tax

To submit the question of voting a total school tax rate (state and local) of 46.0 mills on the dollar of the assessed value of taxable property located in this District. The proposed tax includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74 the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 46.0 mills includes 28.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation, and 18.0 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 46.0 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

Gravette School District 39.56 Mill School Tax

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 39.56 mills includes 25.8 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 13.76 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 39.56 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

Pea Ridge School District 47.2 Mill School Tax

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operations of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 47.2 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 22.2 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 47.2 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

Rogers School District 41.9 Mill School Tax

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operations of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 41.9 mills includes 26.4 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation, 3.0 mills voted for dedicated maintenance and operation expenditures dedicated specifically for the purposes of purchasing technology and renovating and repairing existing facilities and 12.5 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 41.9 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

Siloam Springs 44.9 Mill School Tax

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 44.9 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 19.9 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 44.9 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

Springdale School District 40.5 Mill School Tax

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 40.5 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 15.5 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 40.5 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT:
FOR OR AGAINST

City of Springdale

The bonds described below that are approved may be combined into a single issue or may be issued in series from time to time. If the bonds for one or more of the purposes are approved and one of such purposes is the Series 2018 Refunding Bonds, the City of Springdale, Arkansas may cause to be levied a replacement 1% sales and use tax, the net collections of which remaining after the State of Arkansas deducts its administrative charges and required rebates, will be used solely to retire the bonds and obligations of the City with respect thereto. The tax will replace the City's existing 1% sales and use tax levied in 2018 for the sole purpose of retiring bonds. The effective date of the new tax will be the day following the date the existing tax expires. The rate of taxation will be 1% even if bonds for more than one purpose are approved. No bonds will be issued for any purpose unless the Series 2018 Refunding Bonds are also approved.

SERIES 2018 REFUNDING BONDS

An issue of bonds of the City of Springdale in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$140,000,000 for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of refunding the City's outstanding Sales and Use Tax Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2018, professional fees related to the foregoing, the establishment of reserves, and bond issuance and any credit enhancement costs, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a 1% local sales and use tax within the City that will expire after the bonds have been paid or provision is made therefor in accordance with Arkansas statutes.

SERIES 2020 REFUNDING BONDS

An issue of bonds of the City of Springdale in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$45,000,000 for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of refunding the City's outstanding Sales and Use Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020, professional fees related to the foregoing, the establishment of reserves, and bond issuance and any credit enhancement costs, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a 1% local sales and use tax within the City that will expire after the bonds have been paid or provision is made therefor in accordance with Arkansas statutes.

STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS

An issue of bonds of the City of Springdale in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$135,000,000 for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of new, and improvements to existing, streets, roads, trails, bridges and sidewalks including particularly, without limitation, any curb, gutter, drainage, flood control and other related improvements, equipment and land acquisition to accomplish such improvements, and street lighting, utility adjustments and traffic signals related thereto, professional fees related to any of the foregoing, the establishment of reserves, and bond issuance and any credit enhancement costs, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a 1% local sales and use tax within the City that will expire after the bonds have been paid or provision is made therefor in accordance with Arkansas statutes.

PARK AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

An issue of bonds of the City of Springdale in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$16,250,000 for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of park and recreational facilities and improvements including particularly, without limitation, upgrades to existing parks and a new recreation center, and any necessary land acquisition, equipment and parking, drainage, flood control, lighting, street and utility improvements therefor, professional fees related to any of the foregoing, the establishment of reserves, and bond issuance and any credit enhancement costs, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a 1% local sales and use tax within the City that will expire after the bonds have been paid or provision is made therefor in accordance with Arkansas statutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT BONDS

An issue of bonds of the City of Springdale in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$7,750,000 for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of facilities, equipment and apparatus for the City's fire department, including particularly, without limitation, a new fire station and training facilities, and any necessary land acquisition and parking, drainage, flood control, street, lighting and utility improvements therefor, professional fees related to any of the foregoing, the establishment of reserves, and bond issuance and any credit enhancement costs, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a 1% local sales and use tax within the City that will expire after the bonds have been paid or provision is made therefor in accordance with Arkansas statutes.

SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENT BONDS

An issue of bonds of the City of Springdale in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$16,250,000 for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of a new senior center including necessary equipment, furniture, fixtures, land acquisition, drainage, flood control, street, utility and parking improvements therefor, professional fees related to any of the foregoing, the establishment of reserves, and bond issuance and any credit enhancement costs, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a 1% local sales and use tax within the City that will expire after the bonds have been paid or provision is made therefor in accordance with Arkansas statutes.

Beaver Lake Fire District

“BEAVER LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INCREASING THE LEVY OF ANNUAL DUES”

If the increase in the levy of the volunteer fire department annual dues is approved, the dues shall be listed annually on real property tax statements and collected at the same time and in the same manner as real property taxes.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College District

RESTORE 3.0 COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILLAGE

The 3.0 millage proposed above restores the community college district millage to the rate initially approved by voters in 1989. One-third of the millage revenue is restricted for capital improvement and capital debt payments and two-thirds is budgeted for non-capital operating expenditures.

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OF THE VOTING MACHINE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:30 P.M. AT THE OFFICE OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION LOCATED AT 2109 W WALNUT, ROGERS, AR (A.C.A. §7-5-509)

CANVASSING OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS MAY BEGIN ON MAY 2, 2023 AND CONTINUE EVERYDAY THEREAFTER UNTIL COMPLETE DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER TO BE PROCESSED.

OPENING, PROCESSING, AND COUNTING OF ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING BALLOTS WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION LOCATED AT 2109 W WALNUT, ROGERS, AR.

NO RESULTS WILL BE PRINTED OR RELEASED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS. (A.C.A. §7-5-416)

The Election Results will be available at vote.bentoncountyar.gov after the closing of polls on Election night.

BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

Russ Anzalone, Chairman

Melanie Hoskins, Secretary

Gregory Wynne Day, Commissioner

Paid for by the Benton County Election Commission, in the amount of _____