

BUDGET COMMISSION

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditor’s Conference Room at 231 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio. Present: Geauga County Auditor Charles E. Walder, Geauga County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz. Also Present: Deputy Auditor Bev Sustar

Prior Minutes

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019 Special session.

Voice vote: two ayes. Motion carried

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Charles E. Walder, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 regular session.

Voice vote: two ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 regular session.

Voice vote: two ayes. Motion carried

2019 Certificate Amendments

City of Chardon – Amendment #2

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to amend the City of Chardon Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

General Fund

Increase other source revenue 20,000.00, from 7,874,554.00 to 7,894,554.00

Special Revenue Funds

- Decrease Cemetery other source revenue 15,000.00, from 60,620.00 to 45,620.00
- Decrease Park & Rec other source revenue 10,000.00, from 352,350.00 to 342,350.00
- Increase Police Pension other source revenue 5,000.00, from 164,436.00 to 169,436.00
- Decrease Street Lighting other revenue 1,100.00, from 171,200.00 to 170,100.00

Capital Project Funds

- Increase Infrastructure Improv other source revenue 57,750.00.00, from 493,250.00 to 551,000.00
- Increase Gen Cap Reserve other source revenue 140,000.00, from 2,570,100.00 to 2,710,100.00

Enterprise Funds

- Increase Water Cap Improvement Reserve 4,500.00, from 49,730.00 to 54,230
- Increase Sewer Cap Improvement Reserve 4,500.00, from 247,830.00 to 252,330.00

New General Fund Total:	\$ 10,300,294.58
New Special Revenue Funds Total:	\$ 7,680,374.99
New Capital Project Funds Total:	\$ 3,967,305.45
New Enterprise Funds Total:	\$ 5,839,327.96
New Total 2019 Certificate:	\$ 28,483,181.22

Voice vote: two ayes. Motion carried.

Village of Burton – Amendment #2

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Charles E. Walder, to amend the Village of Burton Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

General Fund

Decrease other source revenue 36,736.00, from 637,229.00 to 597,493.00

Special Revenue Funds

Decrease Fire Levy other source revenue 30,387.00, 43,888.00 to 13,501.00

Request was for reduction of 72,749.89, but there is only 30,387.00 in discretionary revenue

Increase Street Operating other source revenue 22,639.75, from 213,600.78 to 236,240.53

Increase State Highway other source revenue 1,200.00, from 6,460.00 to 7,660.00

Capital Project Funds

Increase NOPEC other source revenue 11,024.00, from 0.00 to 11,024.00

Enterprise Funds

Increase Sewer Tap In Fees other source revenue 444,600.00, from 460,248.00 to 904,848.00

New General Fund Total:	\$ 1,922,835.52
New Special Revenue Funds Total:	\$ 1,296,282.29
New Capital Project Funds Total:	\$ 123,961.22
New Enterprise Funds Total:	\$ 4,242,282.93
New Total 2019 Certificate:	\$ 7,681,073.60

Voice vote: two ayes. Motion carried.

Geauga County – Amendment #3

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to amend the Geauga County Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

Special Revenue Funds

Increase 2001 ADAMS Board other revenue 580,000.00, from 2,092,079.00 to 2,672,079.00

Increase 2020 Motor Veh other source revenue 1,274,834.00, from 7,350,299.00 to 8,625,133.00

Capital Project Funds

Increase 4002 Road Levy other source revenue 200,000.00, from 395,594.00 to 595,594.00

New Special Revenue Funds Total:	\$ 94,701,324.55
New Capital Project Funds Total:	\$ 8,125,042.71
New Total 2019 Certificate:	\$172,083,109.28

Voice vote: two ayes. Motion carried.

Requests to Shift Inside Millage**Claridon Township**

Claridon Township is requesting a shift in their inside millage. Currently they have 1.5 mills going to General Fund, with 1.5 mills going to Road & Bridge. They are requesting that the millage be changed to 2.5 mills to General Fund, with the remaining .5 mills remaining with Road & Bridge. Due to the unique relationship of the Township and Aquilla Village, any shift in inside millage will affect the millage available to the Aquilla. Only the township inside millage assigned to Roads will be available to Aquilla Village. So their General Fund inside millage would have to be reduced from 1.5 mills to .5 mills, should the millage shift for the township be approved.

In the interest of transparency, Aquilla Village was invited to attend the discussion.

Information from the Ohio Department of Taxation was presented to Budget Commission members, Claridon Township trustee Tiber as well as Mayor Fox and Fiscal officer McNulty from Aquilla Village. Per Shelly Wilson, Tax Program Executive with the Ohio Department of Tax Equalization, if the Township shifts millage to its General Revenue Fund, then tat tax must be levied uniformly through the entire township, including Aquilla Village. This would require that the inside millage for the village would have to be cut. She also stated that Aquilla village does not have any guaranteed inside millage.

Schedule B's for both Claridon Township and Aquilla are presented for review.

Items discussed:

Village just passed current expense levy

Salary and benefits of village are nearly as much as total tax receipts.

Claridon Township currently supports Aquilla village through Fire Service contracts.

Mayor will survey residents.

Village will look into seceding from township.

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz to table resolution until April 15, 2019 regular meeting to enable Treasurer Hitchcock to weigh in on discussion.

Voice vote: two ayes. Motion carried.

Public Library Fund. Revising method of Allocation

Both Public Library Boards jointly submitted revised resolution to allow for allocation of .44% of Public Library Fund revenue to township parks. Detailed in the revised language was the reference to two parks in Russell Township. This change reflects four parks being part of the .44% park allocation.

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Charles E. Walder, to accept the revised resolution.

Voice vote: two ayes. Motion carried.

Both boards will need to meet to officially execute agreement.

Russell Township

Russell Township is requesting a shift in their inside millage. Currently they have 2.0 mills going to General Fund, with 1.0 mill going to Road & Bridge. They are requesting that the millage be changed to 3.0 mills to General Fund, with no inside millage for Road & Bridge. The township current has four voted levies with a combined effective rate of 5.57 mills, and estimated revenue of \$1,470,350. Current General Fund inside millage revenue is estimated at \$524,370. The millage shift would increase the General Fund revenue by approximately \$262,200. Russell Township does not have any voted Current Expense levies at this time.

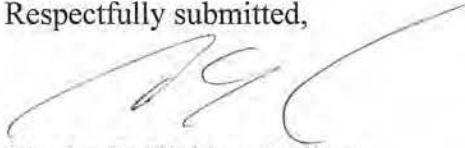
The current Schedule B is presented for review

Mr. Walder recused himself from voting. No quorum exists.

Will be presented again at next Budget Commission meeting on April 15, 2019

Being no further business to conduct it was moved by James Flaiz, seconded by Charles E. Walder to adjourn the April 1, 2019 special meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Charles E. Walder, Auditor
Secretary/Budget Commission

