

BUDGET COMMISSION

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 10:40 a.m. in the Auditor’s Office 215 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio. Present: Geauga County Auditor Charles E. Walder, Geauga County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz, and Geauga County Treasurer C. P. Hitchcock Also Present: Deputy Auditor Kristen Sinatra.

Meeting Advertised: Regular Business

Prior Minutes

Motion by Charles E Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2020 - special session/School Budget Hearings.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by C.P. Hitchcock, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020 - regular session.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

2020 Amendments

Newbury Township – Amendment #2

Motion by C.P. Hitchcock, seconded by Charles E. Walder, to amend Newbury Township’s Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

Capital Project Funds

Increase 4904 Misc. Capital Projects other source revenue 11,669.00 from \$0.00 to \$11,669.00

New Capital Projects Fund Total: \$13,758.25

New 2020 Certificate Total: \$2,985,493.60

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

South Russell Village Amendment #4

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

Capital Project Fund

Increase Manor Brook Restoration other source revenue 50,000.00 from 0.00 to 50,000.00
Transfer in -Income Tax Fund.

New Capital Project Fund Total: **\$650,235.69**

New 2020 Certificate Total: \$8,921,900.22

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Geauga County Health District -Appropriations

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by C.P. Hitchcock, to approve the changes to Appropriations for the following Health District Funds

Fund 6041 Workforce Development

From: Contract Services	\$2,000.00
Travel	<u>6,055.00</u>

To: Other	\$8,055.00
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Appropriations in Fund: Unchanged

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Geauga County Health District 2021 Tax Budget

Discussion to move the June 15th regular Budget Commission meeting to June 16th at 10:00 a.m. and combine with 2021 Tax Budget Hearing for Health District. Special meeting will be advertised.

Geauga County – Amendment #10

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

Special Revenue Funds

Increase #2036 Community Development other source revenue 100,000.00 from 288,550.00 to 388,550.00

New Special Revenue Funds Total: **\$95,437,651.15**

New 2020 Certificate Total: \$182,548,638.43

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

General Discussion

Impact of COVID-19 on Real Estate Tax collection

Motion by C.P. Hitchcock, seconded by Charles E. Walder, to execute and deliver a letter to the Political Subdivisions and Taxing Districts:

The letter states the recommendation for entities to internally reduce anticipated revenue for 2nd half Real Estate Tax collection.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.



Geauga County Budget Commission

James R. Flaiz, Chairman
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Charles E. Walder, Secretary

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All Political Subdivisions and Taxing Authorities:

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2020 and discussed the possible effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Geauga County real property tax collections. While the Commission had previously certified 2020 collection rates at 98% (pre-pandemic), we strongly recommend that all taxing authorities internally reduce their anticipated revenue collection to 95% for the 2nd half 2020 collection period as a precaution. We will continue to monitor the County's collection rate and advise accordingly.

Sincerely,

James R. Flaiz, Chairman

Christopher P. Hitchcock, Vice Chairman


Charles E. Walder, Secretary

Further discussion centered around the financial impact of the COVID-19 virus on the county; such as unemployment and impact on retail sales.

Auditor Walder shared that he was investigating options to provide Geauga County's local governments, school districts, and other taxing authorities some financial relief through the Real Estate Assessment (REA) fund.

Being no further business to conduct it was moved by C.P. Hitchcock to adjourn the April 20, 2020 - regular meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Charles E. Walder, Auditor
Secretary/Budget Commission



C.P. Hitchcock