

**BUDGET COMMISSION**

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 10:10 a.m. in the Auditor's office at 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

**Prior Minutes**

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2020 - special session.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

**General Business:**

Distributed Geauga County Health District 2021 Budget Hearing folders to the members of the Budget Commission; for preliminary review.

Special Meeting has been scheduled and advertised for 6/16/2020 via WebEx.

The Budget Commission initiated a discussion with regard to the proper receipting of monies from the U.S. Treasury to assist with expenses as defined in accordance with CARES ACT stimulus. Based on the recommendation and guidance from Local Government Services the monies are restricted and are to be placed in its own fund.

**Special Revenue - Miscellaneous Special Revenue**

*(Proper procedure should be followed when establishing a new fund.)*

The Geauga County Treasurer, C. P. Hitchcock, shared the press release which outlines the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Real Estate Tax Collection Deadline by two weeks.

June 1, 2020  
**For Immediate Release**

*For more information call: Treasurer Chris Hitchcock 440-279-2007*

Attention Geauga County Real Estate Taxpayers:

**GEAUGA COUNTY REAL ESTATE**  
**TAX COLLECTION DEADLINE EXTENDED**  
**TO JULY 22, 2020**

In early May, County Treasurer Chris Hitchcock and County Auditor Chuck Walder submitted application to the Ohio Department of Taxation to extend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Real Estate Tax Collection Deadline two weeks from July 8<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Permission was granted May 29<sup>th</sup>.

“COVID-19 is impacting our community in a myriad of ways, including collecting taxes” observed Hitchcock. “As I have learned over the years, every little bit helps and moving the tax collection deadline out, if only for a couple weeks, helps” said the Treasurer.

The tax deadline still comes with a state mandated penalty of 10% for those who are even a day late so taxpayers are reminded to make sure their mailed envelope is either dropped off at the Treasury’s mail drop on Chardon Square or is postmarked no later than July 22, 2020.

“Auditor Walder and I reviewed the concerns a delay of any kind would have on our County and determined a two week extension would have nominal impact on all local municipalities and schools” said Hitchcock.

Being no further business to conduct it was moved by C. P. Hitchcock to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:22a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles E. Walder, Auditor  
Secretary/Budget Commission

