

**BUDGET COMMISSION**

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in emergency session on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Auditor’s Office 215 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio. Present: Geauga County Auditor Charles E. Walder and Geauga County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz  
Also Present: Chief Deputy Auditor Ron Leyde and Deputy Auditor Kristen Sinatra.

Meeting was properly advertised: Discuss Undivided Local Government Fund

The Budget Commission noted that there is a sense of urgency informing all affected entities of the proposed amended formula for UDLG. Especially, in light of the fact, that the Budget Commission’s approval of the annual allocation of UDLG revenue is required in August. An additional review of the ORC initiated cause for further discussion. Therefore, an emergency meeting was scheduled. The meeting opened with a review of the ORC 5747.53; allowing for Undivided Local Government Fund moneys to be apportioned under the county’s alternative method or formula of apportionment. Based on this review, the Budget Commission concluded that the 38% County allocation (as previously established) should remain intact.

ADDENDUM I  
May 25, 2021

Under Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 5747, The “Undivided Local Government Fund” shall be distributed:

Whereas, the present alternate method per ORC 5747.53 adopted on August 07, 1989 by the Geauga County Budget Commission and approved by the majority of the Townships and Municipal Corporations (Villages) as well as the County is as follows:

- (a) 38% County share
- (b) \$15,000 floor (base) for each Township and Village.
- (c) All excess distributed proportionately based upon population as certified in the latest Federal Decennial census.
- (d) Each Park District shall receive, based upon the latest certified Federal Decennial census as follows:
  - 1990 – fifty (.50) cents per capita
  - 1991 – seventy-five (.75) cents per capita
  - 1992 and subsequent years – one (1) dollar per capita.

Whereas, the existing allocation has been reviewed by the Geauga County Budget Commission and it was determined that circumstances have evolved and developed since the 1989 proposal and

Thereby, justifies alterations to be adopted to the alternate method for distribution of “Undivided Local Government” to be enacted as defined beginning 2022 and subsequent years, receipts from the “Undivided Local Government Fund” are to be distributed as follows:

- 1. 38% County share
- 2. \$15,000 floor (base) for each Township, Village and City located wholly in the county.
  - (a) If any Township, Village, or City is **not** located wholly in the county, the distribution will be based on one (1) dollar per capita within the boundaries of Geauga County; based upon the latest certified Federal Decennial census.
- 3. All excess to be distributed proportionately based upon population as certified in the latest Federal Decennial census to each Township, Village and City located wholly in the county.

Whereas, it was further determined that the Budget Commission will adhere to the prescribed language of ORC 5747.01 and render a final determination of distribution for each Township, Village and City based upon need after extending each subdivision an opportunity to be heard and considering all the facts presented during the scheduled annual Budget Hearing and

Whereas it was determined that Park Districts have opportunity to pursue other revenue sources by addressing the taxpayers and placing a levy on the ballot for vote and/or petition their associated local government for financial support.

Thereby, it was deemed reasonable that Park Districts will not participate in the “Undivided Local Government” distribution under this alternate method.

The following compares the UDLG estimates as they presently exist for 2021 against the proposed estimates for 2022: see “2021 UDLG Current, Proposed, and Difference Distribution Formula”.

| 2021 Undivided Local Government Fund  |            |                 |            |                               |              | 2021 Undivided Local Government Fund                    |            |                            |            |                               |            |
|---|------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---|------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| *Current Methodology  |            |                 |            |                               |              | Proposed Alternative Method                             |            |                            |            |                               |            |
| Estimated LGF Revenue   |            | 1,525,013.01    |            |                               |              | Estimated LGF Revenue                                   |            | 1,525,013.01               |            |                               |            |
| Less County Share - 38%   |            | 579,504.94      |            |                               |              | Less County Share - 38%                                 |            | 579,504.94                 |            |                               |            |
| Less Twp x Village/City Base  |            | 330,000.00      |            |                               |              | Less Twp x Village/City Base                            |            | 315,116.00                 |            |                               |            |
| Less Chester Park   |            | 10,255.00       |            |                               |              | Less Chester Park                                       |            | 0.00                       |            |                               |            |
| Less Russell Park   |            | 5,190.00        |            |                               |              | Less Russell Park                                       |            | 0.00                       |            |                               |            |
| Less Russell Citizen's Park   |            | 5,190.00        |            |                               |              | Less Russell Citizen's Park                             |            | 0.00                       |            |                               |            |
| Less Thompson Park  |            | 2,269.00        |            |                               |              | Less Thompson Park                                      |            | 0.00                       |            |                               |            |
| Less Geauga Park  |            | 93,389.00       |            |                               |              | Less Geauga Park  |            | 0.00                       |            |                               |            |
| Balance to Distribute by Population   |            | 499,215.07      |            |                               |              | Balance to Distribute by Population                     |            | 630,392.07                 |            |                               |            |
| Total Population - 2010 Census  |            | 93,389          |            |                               |              | Total QUALIFYING Population - 2010 Census               |            | 93,273                     |            |                               |            |
| Excludes Hunting Valley   |            |                 |            |                               |              | Excludes Hunting Valley                                 |            |                            |            |                               |            |
| Villages/City   | Population | % of Population | Base       | % Pop x Balance to Distribute | Total        | Villages/City   | Population | % of Qualifying Population | Base       | % Pop x Balance to Distribute | Total      |
| Aquilla   | 340        | 0.38%           | 15,000.00  | 1,897.02                      | 16,897.02    | Aquilla   | 340        | 0.36%                      | 15,000.00  | 2,269.40                      | 17,269.40  |
| Burton  | 1,455      | 1.56%           | 15,000.00  | 7,787.76                      | 22,787.76    | Burton  | 1,455      | 1.56%                      | 15,000.00  | 9,834.12                      | 24,834.12  |
| Chardon City  | 5,148      | 5.51%           | 15,000.00  | 27,506.75                     | 42,506.75    | Chardon City  | 5,148      | 5.52%                      | 15,000.00  | 34,797.64                     | 49,797.64  |
| Hunting Valley  | 116        | 0.12%           | 15,000.00  | 599.06                        | 15,599.06    | Hunting Valley  | 116        | 0.00%                      | 116.00     | 0.00                          | 116.00     |
| Middlefield   | 2,694      | 2.88%           | 15,000.00  | 14,377.39                     | 29,377.39    | Middlefield   | 2,694      | 2.89%                      | 15,000.00  | 18,218.33                     | 33,218.33  |
| South Russell   | 3,810      | 4.08%           | 15,000.00  | 20,367.97                     | 35,367.97    | South Russell   | 3,810      | 4.08%                      | 15,000.00  | 25,720.00                     | 40,720.00  |
|   | 13,563     | 14.53%          | 90,000.00  | 72,535.95                     | 162,535.95   |   | 13,563     | 14.41%                     | 75,116.00  | 90,839.49                     | 165,955.49 |
| <b>Townships</b>  |            |                 |            |                               |              | <b>Townships</b>  |            |                            |            |                               |            |
| Auburn  | 6,443      | 6.90%           | 15,000.00  | 34,445.84                     | 49,445.84    | Auburn  | 6,443      | 6.91%                      | 15,000.00  | 43,560.09                     | 58,560.09  |
| Bainbridge  | 11,395     | 12.20%          | 15,000.00  | 60,904.24                     | 75,904.24    | Bainbridge  | 11,395     | 12.22%                     | 15,000.00  | 77,033.91                     | 92,033.91  |
| Burton  | 2,957      | 3.17%           | 15,000.00  | 15,825.12                     | 30,825.12    | Burton  | 2,957      | 3.17%                      | 15,000.00  | 19,983.43                     | 34,983.43  |
| Chardon   | 4,585      | 4.91%           | 15,000.00  | 24,511.46                     | 39,511.46    | Chardon   | 4,585      | 4.92%                      | 15,000.00  | 31,015.29                     | 46,015.29  |
| Chester   | 10,255     | 10.98%          | 15,000.00  | 54,813.81                     | 69,813.81    | Chester   | 10,255     | 10.99%                     | 15,000.00  | 69,280.09                     | 84,280.09  |
| Claridon  | 2,860      | 3.06%           | 15,000.00  | 15,275.98                     | 30,275.98    | Claridon  | 2,860      | 3.07%                      | 15,000.00  | 19,353.04                     | 34,353.04  |
| Hambden   | 4,661      | 4.99%           | 15,000.00  | 24,910.83                     | 39,910.83    | Hambden   | 4,661      | 5.00%                      | 15,000.00  | 31,519.60                     | 46,519.60  |
| Huntsburg   | 3,637      | 3.89%           | 15,000.00  | 19,419.47                     | 34,419.47    | Huntsburg   | 3,637      | 3.90%                      | 15,000.00  | 24,585.29                     | 39,585.29  |
| Middlefield   | 4,493      | 4.81%           | 15,000.00  | 24,012.24                     | 39,012.24    | Middlefield   | 4,493      | 4.82%                      | 15,000.00  | 30,384.90                     | 45,384.90  |
| Montville   | 1,991      | 2.13%           | 15,000.00  | 10,633.28                     | 25,633.28    | Montville   | 1,991      | 2.13%                      | 15,000.00  | 13,427.35                     | 28,427.35  |
| Mumson  | 6,621      | 7.09%           | 15,000.00  | 35,394.35                     | 50,394.35    | Mumson  | 6,621      | 7.10%                      | 15,000.00  | 44,757.84                     | 59,757.84  |
| Newbury   | 5,537      | 5.93%           | 15,000.00  | 29,603.45                     | 44,603.45    | Newbury   | 5,537      | 5.94%                      | 15,000.00  | 37,445.29                     | 52,445.29  |
| Parkman   | 4,131      | 4.42%           | 15,000.00  | 22,065.31                     | 37,065.31    | Parkman   | 4,131      | 4.43%                      | 15,000.00  | 27,926.37                     | 42,926.37  |
| Russell   | 5,190      | 5.56%           | 15,000.00  | 27,756.36                     | 42,756.36    | Russell   | 5,190      | 5.56%                      | 15,000.00  | 35,049.80                     | 50,049.80  |
| Thompson  | 2,269      | 2.43%           | 15,000.00  | 12,130.93                     | 27,130.93    | Thompson  | 2,269      | 2.43%                      | 15,000.00  | 15,318.53                     | 30,318.53  |
| Troy  | 2,801      | 3.00%           | 15,000.00  | 14,976.45                     | 29,976.45    | Troy  | 2,801      | 3.00%                      | 15,000.00  | 18,511.76                     | 33,511.76  |
|   | 79,826     | 85.47%          | 240,000.00 | 426,679.12                    | 666,679.12   |   | 79,826     | 85.50%                     | 240,000.00 | 539,552.58                    | 779,552.58 |
| <b>Park Districts (\$1.00 per capita)</b>   |            |                 |            |                               |              | <b>Park Districts (\$0.00 per capita)</b>               |            |                            |            |                               |            |
| Chester Park  | 10,255     |                 | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 10,255.00    | Chester Park  | -          |                            | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 0.00       |
| *Russell Park   | 5,190      |                 | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 5,190.00     | Russell Park  | -          |                            | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 0.00       |
| Russell Twp Citizen's Park  | 5,190      |                 | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 5,190.00     | Russell Twp Citizen's Park                              | -          |                            | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 0.00       |
| Thompson Park   | 2,269      |                 | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 2,269.00     | Thompson Park   | -          |                            | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 0.00       |
| Geauga Park   | 93,389     |                 | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 93,389.00    | Geauga Park   | -          |                            | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 0.00       |
| Geauga County   | 93,389     |                 | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 579,504.94   | Geauga County   | 93,389     |                            | 0.00       | 0.00                          | 579,504.94 |
|   |            | 100.00%         | 330,000.00 | 499,215.07                    | 1,525,013.01 | Qualifying Population                                   | 93,273     |                            | 100.00%    | 315,116.00                    | 630,392.07 |
| Provided By: Charles E. Walder<br>Geauga County Auditor   |            |                 |            |                               |              | Provided By: Charles E. Walder<br>Geauga County Auditor |            |                            |            |                               |            |
| Current method  |            |                 |            |                               |              | Proposed method   |            |                            |            |                               |            |
| *These distribution amounts do not match what was certified by the Auditor in 2020 for 2021 due to the fact that Russell Park was not eligible to receive the funds |            |                 |            |                               |              |   |            |                            |            |                               |            |

**Undivided Local Government**

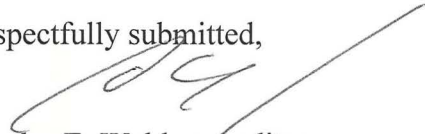
Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to amend Addendum I dated May 25, 2021 to indicate a 38% allocation to Geauga County.

Voice vote: Two ayes. Motion carried.

Addendum I along with comparison calculations will be shared, as shown, with all applicable entities that reside wholly or partially within Geauga County, for consideration and vote during an open public meeting. It was further determined that the affected entities could present the proposed amendment of the alternative method of calculation for UDLG for vote as a motion; a resolution would not be required.

Being no further business to conduct it was moved by Charles E. Walder to adjourn the May 25, 2021 - emergency meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles E. Walder, Auditor  
Secretary/Budget Commission

Donna Bursi  
[Signature]