

## **BUDGET COMMISSION**

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 10:01 a.m. in the Auditor's Conference Room 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 Auditors Tammy Most and Kristen Sinatra

Regular Meeting was advertised – General Purpose

### **Prior Minutes**

Motion by C P Hitchcock, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021 special session.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

### **Annual Organizational Meeting**

Pursuant to ORC 5705.27 the Budget Commission shall re-organize on the first Monday of August of each year by electing a chairman for the ensuing year.

Motion by Charles E Walder, seconded by C P Hitchcock, to appoint James Flaiz, Chairman of the Budget Commission for the period covering August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by C P Hitchcock to hold regular meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditor's Office at 215 Main Street. Special meetings are to be held as necessary upon proper notification.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

### **Appointment of Alternate Members to the Geauga County Budget Commission**

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by C P Hitchcock, to appoint the following alternate members to the Geauga County Budget Commission for the period August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 in the event of a member's absence:

Chief Deputy Auditor Ron Leyde and Chief Compliance Officer Kate Jacob – Alternates for County Auditor Charles E. Walder,

Chief Deputy Treasurer Caroline Mansfield and Deputy Treasurer Donna Borsi – Alternates for County Treasurer C.P. Hitchcock.

First Assistant Prosecutor Laura LaChapelle and Fiscal Coordinator Samantha Harris – Alternates for County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz.

Voice vote, Three ayes. Motion carried.

**2022 Undivided Local Government and Undivided Local Government Revenue Assistance Funds**

Charles E Walder, announced that seventeen (17) of the twenty-three (23) Townships and Villages (which included the City of Chardon), as well as the Board of Commissioners, had returned resolutions, all voting in favor of the proposed alternate method,

It was moved by C P Hitchcock, seconded by James Flaiz, that:

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Geauga County Budget Commission to approve the Undivided Local Government Fund for 2022 and:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 5747.53 and 5747.63 authorizes the apportionment of the Undivided Local Government Funds by an alternative method; and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the majority of Board of Township Trustees and legislative authorities of Municipal Corporations have approved an alternate method of apportionment of said funds, presented under a revised formula dated May 25, 2021 and further revised June 15, 2021 (as shown below)

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Geauga County Budget Commission does hereby adopt and certify the 2022 Undivided Local Government Funds in the total amount of \$1,826,615.00 and it is hereby apportioned as follows:

<b>Villages/City</b>	<b>Total</b>	
Aquilla	17,943.01	
Burton	27,753.02	
Chardon City	60,126.07	
Hunting Valley	0.00	
Middlefield	38,625.79	
South Russell	48,354.05	
	192,801.94	
<b>Townships</b>		
Auburn	71,489.34	
Bainbridge	114,898.66	
Burton	40,914.79	
Chardon	55,221.06	
Chester	104,843.39	
Claridon	40,097.29	
Hambden	55,875.07	
Huntsburg	46,882.55	
Middlefield	54,403.56	
Montville	32,412.78	
Munson	73,042.59	
Newbury	63,559.58	
Parkman	51,215.31	
Russell	60,453.07	
Thompson	34,865.28	
Troy	39,525.04	
	939,699.36	
<b>Park Districts</b>		
Chester Park	0.00	
Russell Park	0.00	
Russell Citizen's Park	0.00	
Thompson Park	0.00	
Geauga Park	0.00	
	0.00	
<b>Geauga County</b>	694,113.70	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,826,615.00</b>	

*Alternate methods remove the Commission's discretion to withhold UDLG Funds from a taxing district. As such, this may be acted on by the Commission prior to the Annual Budget Hearings. The method must be voted on annually by the Commission by the first Monday in August per ORC 5747.53*

ADDENDUM I  
May 25, 2021  
Revised June 14, 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, in order to receive funds pursuant to the above-stated formula, each qualifying subdivision shall have complied with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.29 and 5705.30 and their prior year budget was approved by the Geauga County Budget Commission 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.

Recognizing the requirement to comply with Ohio Revised Code sections 5705.29 and 5705.30 - Hunting Valley will not participate in the 2022 distribution of Geauga County’s UDLG.

The allocation of distribution to be advertised.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

**2021 Amendments**

**Troy Township– Amendment #2**

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

**Special Revenue Fund**

Increase to new American Rescue Plan Fund other source revenue 148,065.62. from 0.00 to 148065.62

New Special Revenue Fund Total:	\$ 2,006,115.04
New Total 2021 Certificate:	\$ 2,624,393.26

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

**Geauga Health District**

**Appropriation Transfer Request**

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

**Fund 6011 Private Water Fund**

From: Travel	\$(1,500.00)
To: Other	1,500.00

Appropriations Unchanged: \$89,958.04

**Supplemental Appropriation Request**

**Fund 6005 Food Services**

Increase Other by \$32,613.49  
(Summit Tech & Carahsoft)

Total Fund Appropriation: \$245,710.90

**Fund 6023 Sewage**

Increase Other by \$65,226.96  
(Summit Tech & Carahsoft)

Total Fund Appropriation: \$666,406.21

**Fund 6037 For Sale of Property**

Increase Other by \$65,226.96  
(Summit Tech & Carahsoft)

Total Fund Appropriation: \$473,206.36

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.



**Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste****Supplemental Appropriations – GTSW**

Motion by C P Hitchcock, seconded by Charles E Walder to approve the changes to Appropriations and Cash Transfer for the following GT Solid Waste District Funds:

<b><u>Fund 6007 General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>\$37,500.00</u></b>
--------------------------------------	---------------------------

New total appropriations in Fund 6007:	\$1,137,500.00
--	----------------

<b><u>Fund 6020 Recycle Ohio Grant</u></b>	<b><u>\$37,500.00</u></b>
--	---------------------------

New total appropriations in Fund 6020:	\$37,500.00
--	-------------

**Cash Transfer**

Transfer From:	#6007 (37,500.00)
Transfer To:	#6020 37,500.00

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

**Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Amendment #3**

Motion by Christopher P Hitchcock, seconded by Charles E Walder, to amend the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

**Special Revenue Fund**

Increase #6020 Recycle Ohio Grant other source revenue 37,500.00 from 00.00 to 37,500.00

<b><u>New Special Revenue Fund Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 37,500.00</u></b>
<b><u>New 2021 Certificate Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,304,187.10</u></b>

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

**Geauga County – Amendment #13**

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:

**Capital Projects Funds**

Increase #4031 Community Development Grant other source revenue 112,000.00 from 115,000.00 to 227,000.00.

<b><u>New Capital Projects Funds Total:</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 34,214,318.48</u></b>
<b><u>New 2021 Certificate Total:</u></b>	<b><u>\$213,421,090.23</u></b>

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

**General Discussion:**

The Budget Commission was in general agreement to revise the Original Certificate (Form GCA-014) to include after the signature line for each Commission Member, a space to circle "Yes/No" indicating each Commission member's vote. This will also help to better document each member's vote instead of the member who wishes to vote "no" - simply not signing the form.

If less than a majority vote yes, this will also serve to document that the Budget has been declined.

The Budget Commission requested that the staff advertise and contact each of the taxing districts to inform them that there will be a special meeting for consideration of tabled budgets for August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Auditor's Office at 231 Main Street Chardon OH 44024. This will give the districts enough time to schedule a meeting with their governing authorities to approve any amendments to their budgets prior to the continuation.

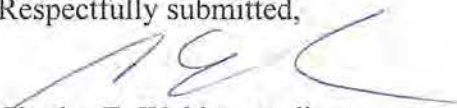
The regular meeting for September 6<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled in observance of Labor Day. Advertisements will be sent.

The regular meeting for September 20<sup>th</sup> will be the only meeting in September unless a Special meeting is needed.

The Geauga Department of Developmental Disabilities has confirmed they will voluntarily surrender collection of .25 mills of their 2015 1.0 mill levy for the 2022 collection year. This is estimated to reduce collection by approximately \$800,000.

Being no further business to conduct it was moved by C. P. Hitchcock to adjourn the August 2, 2021 regular meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Charles E. Walder, Auditor  
Secretary/Budget Commission

