

BUDGET COMMISSION

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room at 231 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio. Present: Geauga County Auditor Frank J. Gliha, Geauga County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz and Chief Deputy Treasurer Caroline Mansfield representing Geauga County Treasurer C. P. Hitchcock. Also Present: Deputy Auditor Beverly Sustar

Prior Minutes

Motion by Frank J. Gliha, seconded by Caroline Mansfield, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 regular session.

Voice vote: three ayes. Motion carried

2016 Amendments**Geauga County – Amendment #10**

Motion by Geauga County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz, seconded by Caroline Mansfield, to amend Geauga County's Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

Special Revenue Funds

Decrease 2001 ADAMS Board other source revenue 156,000.00, from 2,357,553 to 2,201,553.00.

Capital Project Funds

Increase 4031 CED other source revenue 41,510.00, from 137,600.00 to 179,110.00.

Special Revenue Funds Total:	\$ 83,755,882.18
Capital Projects Funds:	\$ 9,321,038.67
Total 2016 Certificate Total:	\$152,827,940.63

Voice vote: two ayes, one absent. Motion carried

Geauga Park District – Amendment #7

Motion by Caroline Mansfield, seconded by Frank J. Gliha, to amend Geauga Park District's Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

Capital Project Funds

Increase 6015 Land Improvement Fund other source revenue 50,000.00,
from 5,318,760.00 to 5,368,760.00

Capital Projects Funds:	\$ 8,202,415.61
Total 2016 Certificate Total:	\$ 21,165,406.09

Voice vote: two ayes, one absent. Motion carried

2016 Supplemental Appropriation Requests**6015 – Geauga Park District – General Fund**

Motion by Frank J. Gliha, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve the 6015 Land Improvement Fund supplemental appropriation totaling \$50,000.00 (Contract Projects)

New Total 2016 - Fund 6015 appropriations \$ 4,546,500.00

Voice vote: two ayes, one absent. Motion carried

Appropriation Transfers

6004 – Geauga Health District – Trailer Park Fund

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Caroline Mansfield, to approve the 6004 General Fund supplemental appropriation totaling \$50.00 (from 902 Travel to 916 Remit to State)

New Total 2016 - Fund 6004 appropriations \$ 2,282.00

Voice vote: two ayes, one absent. Motion carried

In other business:

Two Newbury residents were in attendance. They had questions regarding the budget hearings held in August for Newbury Township. Mr. Reardon asked what could be done regarding the large cash balances being held by the township.

Mr. Flaiz answered that the Budget Commission’s role is actually very limited. The Commission has the authorization to reduce levies of the township if the township budget does not show need. He further explained that the township can save for large projects and equipment purchases. However, the fiscal officer and trustees must have a plan to present to the Budget Commission showing those future needs. The problem is that year after year, the township budget shows no or very little cash carryover, yet they have hundreds of thousands of dollars in actual cash at the beginning of each year. Mr. Flaiz is surprised that they are asking for more money in the form of a road levy renewal.

Mr. Tropf spoke about a contract for \$54,000.00 that the trustees indicated they would give without bid. The plan would be for the trustees to pay \$49,500.00 and have the Volunteer Fire Association pay the balance, avoiding the \$50,000 bid requirement threshold. Mr. Flaiz stated that circumventing public bidding could have implications far beyond the budget commission. Mr. Flaiz explained that the Budget Commission could not micromanage the townships. Nor would they want to.

Mr. Flaiz thanked the residents for attending the meeting. He wished that residents in all townships would become as involved.

Being no further business to conduct it was moved by Caroline Mansfield to adjourn the October 17, 2016 regular meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank J. Gliha, Auditor
Secretary/Budget Commission

