

BUDGET COMMISSION

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditor’s Office at 215 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio.

Present: Geauga County Auditor Charles E. Walder, Geauga County Prosecutor James Flaiz, and Geauga County Chief Deputy Treasurer Caroline Mansfield, representing Geauga County Treasurer C. P. Hitchcock.

Also Present: Chief Deputy Auditors Ron Leyde and Pam McMahan, Deputy Auditors Kristen Sinatra and Tammy Most.

Meeting was advertised: Regular Business

Virtual attendance was offered.

Prior Minutes

Motion by Charles Walder, seconded James Flaiz, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023– Regular meeting.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded Caroline Mansfield to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023– Regular meeting.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Caroline Mansfield, seconded Charles Walder, to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023– Special meeting.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

2023 Amendments

Newbury Township Amendment #2

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

General Fund

Increase to Real Estate Tax 8,193.86, from 240,008.00 to 248,201.86

Increase to Other – Other source revenue interest 120,000.00, from 132,475.00 to 252,475.00

Net adjustment: \$128,193.86

Special Revenue Funds

Increase 2021 Gas Tax other source revenue 12,850.00, from 145,150.00 to 158,000.00

Increase Road & Bridge Real Estate Tax 8,001.30, from 274,295.00 to 282,296.30

Increase 2041 Cemetery other source revenue 18,050.00, from 17,500 to 35,550.00

Increase 2111 Fire Levy Real Estate Tax 15,338.80, from 1,310,596.00 to 1,325,934.80

Increase 2111 Fire Levy Property Tax 16,000.00, from 32,646.00 to 48,646.00

Increase 2141 Road Improvement RE Tax 19,033.23, from 608,738.00 to 627,771.23

Decrease 2141 Road Improvement Prop Tax (1,441.00), from 81,441 to 80,000.00

Decrease 2141 Road Improvement other source revenue transfers in (150,000.00), from 150,000.00 to 0.00

Net adjustment: \$(62,167.67)

Capital Project Funds

Increase 4904 Veterans Park other source revenue 104.32, from 0.00 to 104.32

Increase 4301 Fire Station Cap. Improv. other source revenue 3,000,000.00, from 0.00 to 3,000,000.00

Net adjustment: \$3,000,104.32

New General Fund Total:	\$ 1,435,265.29
New Special Revenue Fund Total:	\$ 5,488,219.25
New Capital Projects Funds Total:	\$ 3,003,658.18
New 2023 Certificate Total:	\$ 9,927,142.72

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 11/06/23 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Newbury Township con't

Discussion around Fire levy proceeds and how those funds will be spent. The Budget Commission wants to keep an “eye” on this.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Thompson Township Amendment #6

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Caroline Mansfield, to amend the Thompson Township Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

General Fund

Increase Other – other source revenue 3,340.00, from 13,450.00 to 16,790.00.

Special Revenue Funds

Increase #2021 Gas Fund other source revenue 10,000.00, from 120,000.00 to 130,000.00

New General Fund Total:	\$372,637.69
New Special Revenue Funds Total:	\$1,724,634.27
New 2023 Certificate Total:	\$2,099,279.04

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 11/06/23 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Bainbridge Township Amendment #6

Motion by Caroline Mansfield, seconded by Charles Walder, to amend the Bainbridge Township Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

Special Revenue Funds

Increase #2091 Opioid Fund other source revenue 4,535.84, from 3,691.06 to 8,226.90

New Special Revenue Funds Total:	\$20,202,066.40
New 2023 Certificate Total:	\$27,122,517.00

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 11/06/23 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Munson Township Amendment #4

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

Special Revenue Funds

Increase Fire Operating & Apparatus Fund other source revenue 35,099.46, from 1,533,736.00 to 1,568,835.46

New Special Revenue Funds Total:	\$4,310,200.61
New 2023 Certificate Total:	\$5,637,432.92

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 11/06/23 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Chester Township Park Amendment #2

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Caroline Mansfield, to amend the Chester Township Park's Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

General Fund

Increase Other - other source revenue 29,144.00, from 0.00 to 29,144.00

New General Fund Total:	\$72,259.00
New 2023 Certificate Total:	\$72,259.00

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 03/6/2023 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Hambden Township Amendment #4

Motion by Caroline Mansfield, seconded by Charles Walder, to amend the Hambden Township's Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

Capital Project Fund

Increase 4401 Williams Rd OPWC Fund - other source revenue 160,000.00, from 0.00 to 160,000.00

New Capital Project Fund Total:	\$ 597,921.99
New 2023 Certificate Total:	\$4,581,150.46

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 10/19/2023 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Chester Township Amendment #4

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

Special Revenue Fund

Increase (new fund) 2282 Fire & Rescue, Ambulance & EMS other local grants - other source revenue 20,000.00, from 0.00 to 20,000.00

New Special Revenue Fund Total:	\$ 11,093,185.87
New 2023 Certificate Total:	\$ 12,854,937.92

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 11/6/2023 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Russell Township Amendment #6

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Caroline Mansfield, to amend the Russell Township's Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

General Fund

Transfer Fund 4904 General Fund Reserve - total revenue (586,765.40 minus 2,875.00 encumbrances) 586,765.40 from 586,765.40 to 0.00 to the General Fund.

<u>New General Fund Total:</u>	\$ 2,972,747.48
New 2023 Certificate Total:	\$ 16,418,712.84

Resolution 2023-21 to rescind Fund 4904 and transfer all unencumbered funds back to the General Fund.

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 11/6/2023 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Geauga Public Health (GPH) – Supplemental Appropriation Request:

Motion by Caroline Mansfield, seconded by Charles Walder, to accept the Supplement Appropriation request for the following Geauga Public Health Funds:

Fund 6002 BOH

Other	5,000.00	
Contract Services	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	10,000.00	New Unappropriated Balance: \$352,975.69

Fund 6005 Food Service

Other	5,000.00	
State Remitting	<u>10,000.00</u>	
	15,000.00	New Unappropriated Balance: \$251,593.56

Fund 6021 Public Health Infrastructure

Other	5,000.00	New Unappropriated Balance: \$475,247.01
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Fund 6023 Public Sewage Treatment Systems

Other	5,000.00	New Unappropriated Balance: \$312,961.53
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Fund 6037 For Sale of Property

Other	\$20,000.00	New Unappropriated Balance: \$361,544.96
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Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Geauga County – Amendment #14

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

Special Revenue Funds

Increase 2011 Court Technology-other source revenue 260,000.00, from 543,561.54 to 803,561.54.

Increase 2063 DD Residential Reserve other source revenue 2,000,000.00, from 10,445,000.00 to 12,445,000.00

Net adjustment: \$2,260,000.00

Capital Project Fund

Increase 4008 Sheriff 800 systems other source revenue 430,000.00, from 20,000.00 to 450,000.00

Enterprise Fund

Increase 5002 Sewer other source revenue 126,803.57, from 7,587,000.00 to 7,713,803.57

Geauga County con't

New Special Revenue Funds Total:	\$130,889,274.03
New Capital Project Funds Total:	\$ 28,273,104.47
<u>New Enterprise Funds Total:</u>	<u>\$ 18,189,863.82</u>
New 2023 Certificate Total:	\$241,007,710.74

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

General Discussion:

Geauga County Commissioners Resolution 23-186

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded Caroline Mansfield, to accept the Geauga County Commissioners Resolution 23-186 to suspend collection of the .5m JFS levy and to partially reduce the millage of the .7m JFS levy to .52mills for tax year 2023.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

The Budget Commission agreed to accept the resolutions of the local taxing districts who elect to reduce collection of a levy to mitigate the Inside millage windfall at the regular meeting on December 4th.

Public Comment:

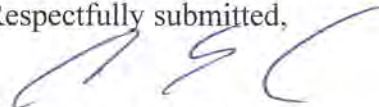
Sarah McGlone of the League of Women Voters requested a copy of both the Commissioners resolution and the checklist of taxing districts who have elected to pursue a possible reduction of outside millage.

Mr. Walder was meeting with West Geauga LSD today to explain possible options.

Caroline Brakey mentioned her petition to address the Revaluation property tax increase has approximately 440 signatures.

Being no further business to conduct, Caroline Mansfield moved to adjourn the November 6, 2023 regular meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles E. Walder, Auditor
Secretary/Budget Commission

