

BUDGET COMMISSION

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in regular session Monday, December 4, 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 Treasurer C. P. Hitchcock.

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

Meeting Advertised: Regular Business
Virtual attendance offered.

Prior Minutes

Motion by Charles Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, , to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023 special session.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Christopher Hitchcock, to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023 regular session.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Christopher Hitchcock, seconded by Charles Walder, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023 regular session.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

School District Amendments 2023/2024

Berkshire LSD – 2023/2024 Amendment #3

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

Special Revenue Fund

Increase Fund 516 Idea Part B other source revenue 23,609.74 from 327,267.95 to 350,877.69

Increase Fund 572 Title I other source revenue 5,648.98 from 225,577.15 to 231,226.13

Increase Fund 584 Drug Free Grant other source revenue 15,000.00 from 15,605.25 to 30,605.25

Increase Fund 590 Title IIA other source revenue 6,367.02 from 45,253.63 to 51,620.65

Net adjustment \$50,625.74

New Special Revenue Fund Total: \$ 3,640,372.60

New 2023/2024 Certificate Total: \$ 30,435,935.45

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 12/4/2023 does exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

2023 Certificate Amendments**Montville Township Amendment #2**

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Christopher Hitchcock, to amend the Montville Township Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

Special Revenue Funds

Decrease 2031 Road & Bridge fund Other-other source revenue (40,000.00) from 41,000.00 to 1,000.00

Capital Project Funds

Increase 4401 Governmental Funds other source revenue 40,000.00, from 100,000.00 to 140,000.00

New Special Revenue Fund Total	\$1,773,640.19	
New Capital Project Funds	\$ 140,000.00	
New 2023 Certificate Total	\$2,164,266.45	Unchanged

Rescind resolution 2023-45 to re-allocate revenue received from OPWC

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 12/4/23 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Geauga County – Amendment #16

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

Special Revenue Funds

Increase #2082 Common Pleas PSI other source revenue 1,767.92, from 27,641.25 to 29,409.17

Increase #2107 Comm. Health Aging Grant other source revenue 201,576.00, from 0.00 to 201,576.00

Increase #2057 Common Pleas PTR other source revenue 1,204.40, from 28,124.45 to 29,328.85

Net Adjustment: \$204,548.32

Enterprise Funds

Increase #5003 Water District other source revenue 16,267.43, from 1,429,00.00 to 1,445,267.43

New Special Revenue Fund Total	\$131,112,141.83
New Enterprise Fund Total	\$ 18,206,131.25
New 2023 Certificate Total	\$241,246,845.97

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

General Discussion:

Mr. Walder shared a checklist of districts who are participating in reducing collection of levies to offset the increase in taxes due to the 2023 revaluation.

Mr. Walder also shared that the values have been approved by the State pending the outcome of House Bill 187. He has heard from Senator Dolan that the bill will not make it through the Senate. The Senator said instead they were going to focus on the Homestead exemption to provide taxpayer relief.

Mr. Flaiz said he believes those districts who are reducing collection should be noted and credited for their action. Mr. Walder agreed and with the Budget Commission's approval and offered to draft a letter to send to those districts.

Meeting schedule is as follows:

December 18, 2023 regular

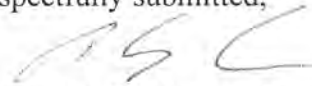
December 28, 2023 special

January 3, 2024 special

Public Comment:

Being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by C. P. Hitchcock, to adjourn the December 4, 2023 special meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles E. Walder, Auditor
Secretary/Budget Commission

