

BUDGET COMMISSION

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 10:02 a.m. in the Auditor's Conference Room at 215 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio. Present: Geauga County Auditor Charles E. Walder and Geauga County Treasurer C. P. Hitchcock. Absent: Geauga County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz

Also Present: Deputy Auditor Beverly Sustar and Newbury Township Resident Mike Reardon

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 James Flaiz, to appoint C. P. Hitchcock, Chairman of the Budget Commission for the period covering August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019 and 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 Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to appoint the following alternate members to the Geauga County Budget Commission for the period August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018 in the event of a member's absence:

Chief Deputy Auditor Ron Leyde and Deputy Auditor 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 County Prosecutor Laura LaChappell and Assistant Prosecutor Kristen Rine – Alternate for County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz.

Voice vote, three ayes. Motion carried.

Prior Minutes

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 regular session.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

2019 Public Library Fund Distribution

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Charles E. Walder, to Table the certification of the distribution the 2019 Public Library Fund money to the libraries and park districts according to the five year funding formula submitted by the Geauga County Library and Burton Public Library. Pending discussion between Libraries and newly created Russell Citizen's Park District.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

2019 Undivided Local Government and Undivided Local Government Revenue Assistance Funds

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz: WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Geauga County Budget Commission to approve the Undivided Local Government Fund for 2019 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, now; therefore be it resolved, that the Geauga County Budget Commission does hereby adopt and certify the 2019 Undivided Local Government Funds in the total amount of \$1,663,523.90 and it is hereby apportioned as follows:

Villages/City	Total
Aquilla	17,243.07
Burton	24,208.40
Chardon City	47,524.53
Hunting Valley	15,708.34
Middlefield	32,000.12
South Russell	39,083.50
	175,767.96
Townships	
Auburn	55,729.45
Bainbridge	87,014.38
Burton	33,711.93
Chardon	43,982.84
Chester	79,812.94
Claridon	33,062.62
Hambden	44,455.06
Huntsburg	37,961.96
Middlefield	43,392.56
Montville	27,573.00
Munson	56,850.98
Newbury	50,003.71
Parkman	41,090.46
Russell	47,819.67
Thompson	29,343.85
Troy	32,708.45
	744,513.86
Park Districts	
Chester Park	10,255.00
Russell Park	2,595.00
Russell Citizen's Park	2,595.00
Thompson Park	2,269.00
Geauga Park	93,389.00
	111,103.00
Geauga County	632,139.08
Grand Total	1,663,523.90

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

2018/2019 School District Amendments**Berkshire LSD – Amendment #2**

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by C.P. Hitchcock, to amend the Berkshire Local School District Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

Debt Service Funds

Certify Bond revenue based on passage of Bond levy in May. Increase tax revenue 607,566.00, from 0.00 to 607,566.00

New Debt Services Funds Total:	\$ 607,567.00
New Total 2018/2019 Certificate:	\$ 26,802,972.93

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

2018 Amendments**City of Chardon – Amendment #3**

Motion by C.P. Hitchcock, seconded by Charles E. Walder, to amend the City of Chardon Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

General Fund

Increase other source revenue 159,468.00. From 7,557,656.00 to 7,717,124.00

Capital Improvement

Decrease Gen Capital Improvement other source revenue 217,200.00, from 1,124,800.00 to 907,600.00

Enterprise Funds

Increase Sewer Capital Reserve other source revenue 61,900.00, from 216,000.00 to 277,900.00

New General Fund Total:	\$ 9,871,634.61
New Capital Project Funds Total:	\$ 2,300,905.85
New Enterprise Funds Total:	\$ 9,659,662.40
New Total 2018 Certificate:	\$ 30,151,356.50

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Newbury Township – Amendment #5

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

Capital Project Funds

Increase 4904 Veteran's Park other source revenue 11,669.00, from 36,669.00 to 48,338.00

New Capital Project Funds Total:	\$ 25671.80
New Total 2017 Certificate:	\$ 2,906,529.91

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Chester Township Park – Amendment #1

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by C. P. Hitchcock, to amend the Chester Township Park District Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified

General Fund

Increase beginning balance from 5,497.00 to 10,497.00

New General Fund Total:	\$ 25,764.00
Total Certificate :	\$ 25,764.00

Newbury Township resident Mike Reardon asked to speak with Budget Commission. Mr. Reardon wanted to voice his concerns regarding township projects. Mr. Reardon stated that although projects were submitted to the Budget Commission at last year’s budget hearings, no projects were actually planned. There has not been any follow through. The Hotchkiss Road project, that was to begin in 2018 per Trustee Quigley and Fiscal Officer Mansfield, failed to go out to bid until late in the spring. And now is being put off until 2019.

Mr. Flaiz stated that the Budget Commission cannot micro-manage townships.

Mr. Walder stated that he has reviewed the Newbury Township Budget for 2019. The Budget Commission is only charged with determining if the budget is “reasonable”. He assured Mr. Reardon that he will have questions for the township at the budget hearing, such as why they are not using a five year budget. The Budget Commission can ask for proof that project have contracts in place.

Mr. Reardon said that the trustees have told residents and the Budget Commission that the Munn Road Project was going to cost between \$500,000 and \$750,000. Final figures came in at \$175,000 for the first half and \$150,000 for the second half. He feels they are playing a shell game with taxpayers money. He would feel differently if they would carry out projects that they promise.

Mr. Flaiz said that in actual dollars, Newbury Township does not have a big budget.

Mr. Walder will question if township has not performed road projects.

Being no further business to conduct it was moved by C. P. Hitchcock to adjourn the August 6, 2018 regular meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles E. Walder, Auditor
Secretary/Budget Commission

