

**BUDGET COMMISSION**

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in special session on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 10:31 a.m. in the Auditor’s Office 215 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio. Present: Geauga County Auditor Charles E. Walder, Geauga County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz, and Geauga County Chief Deputy Treasurer Caroline Mansfield representing Treasurer Christopher P Hitchcock, and via WebEx - Chief Deputy Auditor Ron Leyde.

Also Present: Deputy Auditor Tammy Most and Deputy Auditor Kristen Sinatra.

Meeting Advertised: Regular Business

**Prior Minutes**

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 - special session.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Caroline Mansfield, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 - special session.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Caroline Mansfield, seconded by Charles E. Walder, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 - special session.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

**2021 Certificate Amendments**

**Thompson Township – Amendment #2**

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, 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 5,500.00 from 5,900.00 to 11,400.00

**New General Fund Total:** \$ 320,756.39

**New 2021 Certificate Total:** \$ 1,521,055.52

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

**Bainbridge Township – Amendment #2**

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

**Special Revenue Fund**

Increase 2908 EPA Grant Fund other source revenue 226.68 from 0.00 to 226.68

**New Special Revenue Fund Total:** \$ 21,508,471.69

**New 2021 Certificate Total:** \$ 28,812,318.45

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

A discussion arose with regard to Capital Reserve accounts. Adjustments of revenue from an established Fund to correlating Capital Reserve Fund account will result in an unchanged Certificate of Estimated Resources; as funds have already been certified and are being reallocated to support future budgeted improvements. (documentation for improvements are to be on file which supports the need for revenue collection per Capital Improvement Fund)

**Geauga County – Amendment #8**

Motion by Caroline Mansfield, seconded by Charles E. Walder to amend the Geauga County Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

**Special Revenue Funds**

Increase #2074 Law Enforcement Asst. Reimb. other source revenue 3,800.00 from 0.00 to 3,800.00

<b><u>New Special Revenue Funds Total:</u></b>	<b>\$ 103,160,436.49</b>
<b><u>New 2021 Certificate Total:</u></b>	<b>\$ 211,193,449.13</b>

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

**2021 Supplemental Appropriation Requests**

**Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District**

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve the Supplemental Appropriations listed by Fund.

**Fund 6007 Solid Waste**

Project Contract                      54,196.28

**New Total 2021 Appropriation: \$3,111,679.28  
(Fund level not GL line item)**

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

**General Discussion**

Bainbridge Township presented two resolutions approving the addition of a newly created fund.  
 Resolution- 05102021-D Establishing: Capital Projects Fund #4908 – for FEMA Grant used to acquire a Diesel Exhaust Removal System for the Fire Department.  
 Resolution- 05242021-A Establishing: Special Revenue Fund #5908 – for EPA 319 Grant used to reconstruct Smith Creek at Centerville Mills Park.

South Russell Village presented a resolution approving the addition of a newly created fund.  
 Resolution 2021-30 Establishing: Special Revenue Fund ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for any moneys received by the Village.

Review of documents to be sent to Townships, Villages, City of Chardon and County for proposed Amendment UDLG.

Auditor Walder read ADDENDUM 1 prior to opening the floor for discussion and vote

The Budget Commission highlighted the unfairness of the dated formula, especially as it related to the entity which did not reside wholly within the boundaries of Geauga County. Additionally, it was noted that by eliminating the county parks from the formula, the revenue to the townships where the associated park resides, will benefit from an increase beyond their combined total. Thereby, allowing the associated township the ability to provide revenue to the park. Thus, putting the decision making at the local level; the source of the revenue. Upon further review, it was determined that a decrease in the county share of the percentage would further aid in the support of local government and help shore up the decreased revenue stream which has occurred since 1989.

**Undivided Local Government**

Motion by Charles E. Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve an amended alternative method; identified as “Addendum I” dated May 25,2021, which outlines the following:  
25% allocation to the county, provide a \$15,000 base for each Township, Village, and City located wholly in the county, (provide an allocation of \$1/capita to any entity which partially resides within the boundaries of Geauga County based upon the latest certified Federal Decennial census) and further distribute proportionately, based on population as certified in the latest Federal Decennial census to each Township, Village, and City located wholly in the county.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Prosecutor Flaiz offered that his office would communicate with all eligible entities to provide guidance and insight on the proper procedure as well as, offer a suggested template for use in the voting process.

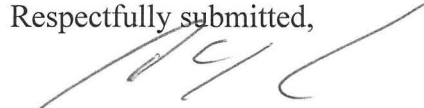
**Correspondence on Behalf of the Budget Commission**

Motion by James Flaiz, second by Charles E. Walder for the budget staff to correspond with all legally entitled entities on behalf of the Budget Commission with regard to the proposed alternate method of distribution of the Undivided Local Government.

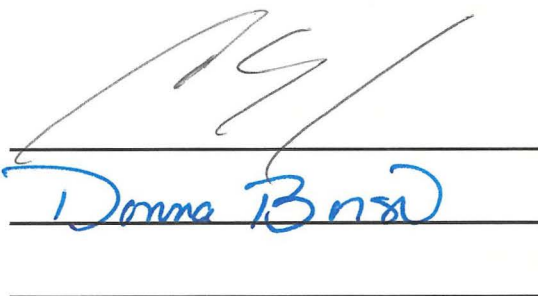
Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Being no further business to conduct it was moved by Caroline Mansfield to adjourn the May 25, 2021 - regular meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles E. Walder, Auditor  
Secretary/Budget Commission



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