

Commissioners' Journal
July 1, 2025

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 1, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Offices located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, in Room B303 in Chardon, Ohio.

It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action, were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

President of the Board James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Don't worry:

God is never blind to our tears, never deaf to our prayers and never silent to our pain.

He sees.

He hears.

He will deliver.

Amen.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriations transfer to the Sheriff for miscellaneous refunds, reimbursements and web checks that were deposited into the General Fund; Travel requests for ADP, Job and Family Services and the Juvenile Court; a payment for the Auditor's Office to Gannett Fleming, Incorporated for Annual GIS managed service fees for cloud implementation in the amount of \$236,484.00; a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Upstate Wholesale Supply, Incorporated for eight in-car video camera installations in the amount of \$55,296.00; a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Interaction Insight Corporation to purchase a new 911 recorder replacement in the amount of \$37,669.00; and a Revenue Certification for the Department on Aging for unbudgeted revenue received in 2025 or the transport van that was totaled.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #25-137 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 1, 2025.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

OHIO GUIDESTONE – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Ohio Guidestone Senior Workforce Manager Kimberly Brown explained that Ohio Guidestone has been around since 1864 when they started as a Civil War orphanage, and have blossomed into 33 counties in Ohio. Two years ago, using local funds in Geauga County, they started a program that helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities prepare for the workforce and help them find work. That program obtained certification one year ago today through the Department of Developmental Disabilities. Ms. Brown explained that they have the ability to apply for a grant that will allow them to hire someone to do community outreach within three counties: Lorain, Cuyahoga and Geauga County. Ms. Brown stated that this would be a community engagement specialist that would put on county events to introduce the Ohio Guidestone program regarding intellectual and developmental disabilities, getting to the county levels involved. This grant would help fund half the salary for one year, and Ohio Guidestone would pick up the other half. Ms. Brown feels that the position would remain in place and the salary would be covered by Ohio Guidestone, and feels that by next year they would be able to fund it one hundred percent. This is from the Council of Developmental Disabilities from the State of Ohio. Ms. Brown added that in Geauga County, they not only have this program, but also run the comprehensive and case management employment program for Job and Family Services and the Area 19 NOC COG. This helps individuals between the ages of 14-24 that don't have the necessary skills to stay self-sufficient. There was a brief discussion about how they work with the Board of Developmental Disabilities on these programs.

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Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a letter of support to the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council in support of the grant application for "Pathways to Progress: Community Outreach and Family Engagement for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities". This grant will support the expansion of their Beyond Limits Program, with outreach efforts and engagement within the communities and counties it serves, including Geauga County.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Brakey	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1, FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT – GRADE LINE, INCORPORATED – REPLACEMENT OF CULVERTS ON VARIOUS ROADS IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve Change Order #1 and Final which is a decrease in the contract with Grade Line Incorporated for the replacement of various culverts in Munson Township. Commissioner Brakey asked what caused the decrease, to which Mr. Hajjar stated that it was mainly due to adjustments to quantities.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Grade Line, Incorporated for the Replacement of Culverts on Various Roads in Munson Township in the amount of \$770.32.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Brakey	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – PLACEMENT OF CRACK SEAL ON VARIOUS ROADS

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the placement of crack seal on various roads. Commissioner Dvorak asked if road miles were calculated in the bid or is it per material used. Mr. Hajjar replied that it was a little of both, that it was for thirty-five miles of road, but they also bid on material per tonnage, so they will do as many miles as they can until the material amount runs out.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Placement of Crack Seal on Various Roads in Geauga County in the amount of \$232,825.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Brakey	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – OGLESBY CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED – PAVEMENT MARKINGS OF VARIOUS ROADS

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price Contract with Oglesby Construction for pavement markings on various roads in Geauga County.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Oglesby Construction, Incorporated for the Pavement Markings of Various Roads in Geauga County in the amount of \$269,572.85.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Brakey	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING,
INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WILSON MILLS ROAD – MUNSON
TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving Incorporated for the asphalt resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road in Munson Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road (CH-0008, Sections G-L) in Munson Township in the amount of \$1,269,675.00.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JAMES W. DVORAK,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) –
ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE PROJECT GRANT / LOAN AGREEMENT
– RESURFACING OF SPERRY ROAD

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to authorize Commissioner Dvorak to electronically execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Grant Agreement for the resurfacing of Sperry Road. Ms. Brakey asked the amount of the grant and what percentage of the project it would cover. Mr. Hajjar stated that it was for \$500,000.00 and will cover just under fifty percent of the total project cost.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #25-138 Authorizing James W. Dvorak, Board Member of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Project #DGAC01, to electronically execute and submit the Project Grant / Loan Agreement, the Asphalt Resurfacing of Sperry Road, (CH-0012, Sections B-G) in Newbury, Russell and Chester Townships.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 1, 2025
Resolution: #25-138

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JAMES W. DVORAK, BOARD MEMBER OF THE
GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR
OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) PROJECT #DGAC01 TO ELECTRONICALLY
EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE PROJECT GRANT / LOAN AGREEMENT, THE ASPHALT
RESURFACING OF SPERRY ROAD, SECTIONS B-G CH-0012 PROJECT IN
NEWBURY, RUSSELL AND CHESTER TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Engineer, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter collectively "Sponsors"), submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission a Grant and Loan Application for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Sperry Road, Sections B-G CH-0012 Project for OPWC Project DGAC01; and

WHEREAS, the OPWC extended a grant/loan offer to the Sponsors and the Sponsors desire to accept the grant/loan offer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners through the appointed project Chief Executive Officer are required to electronically execute and submit the project agreement prior to the commencement of any proposed work; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have appointed James W. Dvorak, Board Member to act as the Chief Executive Officer for this project and to execute the Project Agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that James W. Dvorak, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer for this project is hereby authorized to accept, electronically execute and submit the project agreement referenced herein to OPWC for processing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JAMES W. DVORAK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) – ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE PROJECT GRANT / LOAN AGREEMENT – RESURFACING OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to authorize Commissioner Dvorak to electronically execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Grant Agreement for the resurfacing of Fairmount Road. Ms. Brakey asked the amount of the grant and the percentage of the project. Mr. Hajjar stated that it was \$250,000.00 and about forty (40) percent of the project.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #25-139 Authorizing James W. Dvorak, Board Member of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Project #DGAC02, to electronically execute and submit the Project Grant / Loan Agreement, the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road, (CH-0016, Sections C-E) in Russell and Newbury Townships.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 1, 2025

Resolution: #25-139

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JAMES W. DVORAK, BOARD MEMBER OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) PROJECT #DGAC02 TO ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE PROJECT GRANT / LOAN AGREEMENT, THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF SECTIONS C-E CH-0016 OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD PROJECT IN RUSSELL AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Engineer, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter collectively "Sponsors"), submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission a Grant and Loan Application for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Sections C-E of Fairmount Road Project for OPWC Project DGAC02; and

WHEREAS, the OPWC extended a grant/loan offer to the Sponsors and the Sponsors desire to accept the grant/loan offer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners through the appointed project Chief Executive Officer are required to electronically execute and submit the project agreement prior to the commencement of any proposed work; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have appointed James W. Dvorak, Board Member to act as the Chief Executive Officer for this project and to execute the Project Agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that James W. Dvorak, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer for this project is hereby authorized to accept, electronically execute and submit the project agreement referenced herein to OPWC for processing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

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Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Spidalieri* *Aye*
 Commissioner Brakey *Aye*
 Commissioner Dvorak *Aye*

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT – VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION WITH FLOCK - #2024-JG-A03-47070

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand and Chief Deputy Tom Rowan asked the Board to approve the OCJS grant agreement for flock cameras. There was a brief discussion about the grant numbers and amounts. Sheriff Hildenbrand briefly explained that this grant was for approximately five flock cameras.

Motion: *by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services Subgrant Award Agreement for Grant #2024-JG-A03-47070, Violent Crime Reduction with Flock in the amount of \$25,500.00 (\$19,125.00 from Office of Criminal Justice Services and \$6,375.00 Local County match). This grant is for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Spidalieri* *Aye*
 Commissioner Brakey *Aye*
 Commissioner Dvorak *Aye*

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT – VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION WITH FLOCK

Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that this grant will cover the cost of about three Flock cameras and this grant has no local match. Ms. Brakey asked about how many flock cameras the county had. Sheriff Hildenbrand stated that the County has ten, but Russell, South Russell and Bainbridge also has cameras. The cameras are often used once a day. Chief Deputy Rowan explained a recent incident that they used cameras to stop someone from out of state that was coming here to kill his family members. Each camera carries an annual fee per and stores its footage in the cloud.

Motion: *by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Subgrant Award and Agreement for Grant #2025-VC-VCR-78337, Violent Crime Reduction with Flock in the amount of \$12,750.00 from Office of Criminal Justice Services with no Local County match). This grant is for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.*

Roll Call Vote: *Commissioner Spidalieri* *Aye*
 Commissioner Brakey *Aye*
 Commissioner Dvorak *Aye*

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Director Gina Hofstetter and Project Manager Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to approve the grant agreement for the Ohio Department of Development, Building Demolition and Site Revitalization program. Ms. Brakey asked why the grant agreement included a previous time period. Ms. Malkamaki explained that the state ran the grant application period for six months, we applied in March of 2024 and had to include the projects to be considered. It took the state some time to get the agreement back to us and through the Prosecutor's Office for some requested changes. Ms. Malkamaki noted that the county was awarded the funds and originally there were four projects, two have dropped out, leaving the Chardon Bus Garage and a homeowner that will be removing a house. Ms. Hofstetter noted that the state will do extensions. Ms. Malkamaki asked the Board if they could also ask to execute and submit the documents electronically.

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Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Development, Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program Grant Agreement for the period July 4, 2023 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Brakey	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the electronic submission of the Ohio Department of Development, Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program Grant Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Brakey	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM, BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Ms. Malkamaki asked the Board to approve the Brownfield Remediation Program agreement for 7145 Pine LLC and 7139 Pine Street, LLC. Mr. Dvorak asked if this includes a 25% match from the owner. Ms. Malkamaki replied that it does, and it is about \$750,000.00. The project has not gotten started yet, and there will be an extension coming from the state through the end of December 2025.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Development, Brownfield Remediation Program, Brownfield Remediation Reimbursement Agreement between Geauga County and both 7145 Pine LLC and 7139 Pine Street, LLC in the amount of \$2,917,012.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Brakey	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT – JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

Family First Council Coordinator Tim Kehres asked the Board to approve the mutual funding agreement for July through December 2025 in the amount of \$29,739.00. Ms. Brakey inquired about this being done at the beginning of the year. Mr. Kehres explained that typically this agreement is done semi-annually, but in January it was not collected due to significant carryover. Mr. Kehres explained that in 2023, they had less residential treatment needs, but they have now seen a greater increase. Mr. Kehres stated that residential treatment costs in FY24 was \$283,775.00 and is currently up to \$632,878.00. Mr. Kehres stated that up to this point, Geauga County was an anomaly, and we had seen a decline in residential treatment needs, but are getting back to seeing the average numbers. Ms. Brakey asked how the funding gets broken down. Mr. Kehres explained that the Commissioners have a smaller portion, Board of Developmental Disabilities has the smallest portion, the biggest portion of the breakdown is Job and Family Services and then Mental Health and Recovery Services has the largest portion. Mr. Kehres doesn't know how that breakdown came to be, but we work closely with the family services and the mental health services, and we often serve families with developmental delays. A lot of families have private insurance, and the reality is that insurance doesn't cover a lot, including placement services.

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Geauga County Family First Council Mutual Funding Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Job and Family Services, Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the

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Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the period July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This agreement commits the Board of County Commissioners to providing a support payment of \$29,739.00 from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – ROGER PETERSON, DIRECTOR
Director Roger Peterson explained that he had worked with the county for over ten years and we all go through stages in life, and we have to move on to other things. Mr. Peterson feels that the time has come for him to move on to do good somewhere else, and he has accepted a Fire Chief position for education and looks forward to teaching. Mr. Peterson expressed that it has been a lot harder than he anticipated and that he enjoyed working with and serving the residents of Geauga County and just wants to say thank you. The Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Peterson for everything he has done and that he will be missed.

Motion: *by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the resignation of Roger Peterson, Director to be effective August 1, 2025.*

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE POSITION – DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (#1701)

Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler asked the Board to grant permission to advertise for the position of Director, Department of Emergency Services.

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to grant permission to advertise for the position of Director, Department of Emergency Services (#1701). This position will remain posted until filled.*

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING – 2026 TAX BUDGET

Motion: *by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to waive the reading of the legal notice.*

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Dvorak opened the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gorton thanked ADP for getting all the technology up and running for the presentation today, and provided the following information:



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget

Public Hearing
July 1, 2025

Amy S. Bevan, County Administrator
Deborah Ashburn, Senior Fiscal Specialist
Adrian Gorton, Budget & Finance Manager

Mr. Gorton thanked all the residents of Geauga County for their support, truly. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be here. Mr. Gorton continued to thank all the fiscal personnel in each department, as well as all the Elected Officials, Directors and the Commissioners staff, as this is all our budget.



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget Overview

Total 2026 Tax Budget- \$168.7M

General Fund Budget - \$50.6M
(- Operational Transfers totaling almost \$5.7M = \$44.9M)

General Fund Requests - \$50.6M

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Mr. Gorton went on to explain the total 2026 Tax Budget is coming in at just under \$169 Million, approximately 6.2% less than the 2025 Adopted Budget due in large part to the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project being underway now and those initial amounts no longer being needed. This resulted in a \$20 Million decrease. We have a \$3.5 Million increase in the General Fund. Metzenbaum increased a little over \$1 Million due mostly to increases in client service expenses. There was a \$2.9 Million increase in the Brownfield Remediation Grant fund for the 7145 Pine Street remediation project. There is also about a \$2 Million increase in Building & Improvements to cover projects such as the Safety Center and Opera House roofs, paving at the Patterson Center and masonry repairs to the back of the annex building.

The General Fund portion is \$50.6 Million. The General Fund increased by \$3.5 Million. This included \$200,000.00 in Commissioners' Miscellaneous expenses, \$119,000.00 for Common

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Pleas Court, \$167,000.00 for the Probate Court, \$170,000.00 for the Prosecutor, \$1.6 Million for the Sheriff, \$569,000.00 for ADP, \$608,000.00 for Maintenance with smaller additional increases and decreases spread out among the remaining departments. We will break down the General Fund expenses a little further into the presentation.

Commissioners' Miscellaneous Expenses include Operational transfers that cover items like emergency transfers, 9-1-1 funding, 800 MHz Radios, Court Technology, capital projects, debt service, grant matches, Public Assistance, Family First, Community Development and reimbursements. The \$200,000.00 increase here was due mostly to an increase in Capital Transfers and the CORSA insurance premium increases.

There are no unfunded or delayed funding requests. This is also part of the reason for the increase in the General Fund. Last year, there were about \$2.4 Million in reductions to payroll, equipment and contract services that were not required this year by the Commissioners due to the amount of the unappropriated balance. The General Fund was able to absorb the deficit and maintain a modest ending balance.



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget Revenue Overview

2026 General Fund Revenue:	\$47.8M
Increase from 2025:	\$550K
(2025 Adopted Budget vs 2026 Tax Budget)	

Revenue sources changed from 2025 Budget amounts:

- Increases - Property Tax \$86K, Sales Tax \$250K, State Reimbursement \$11.5K, Clerk Fees \$35K, Cost Allocation \$100K, Insurance, Refunds and Reimbursements \$55K, Sheriff web Check Fees \$12K over 2025 levels.
- Decreases – Only one decrease in Inmate Incarceration Reimbursement **-\$1k**

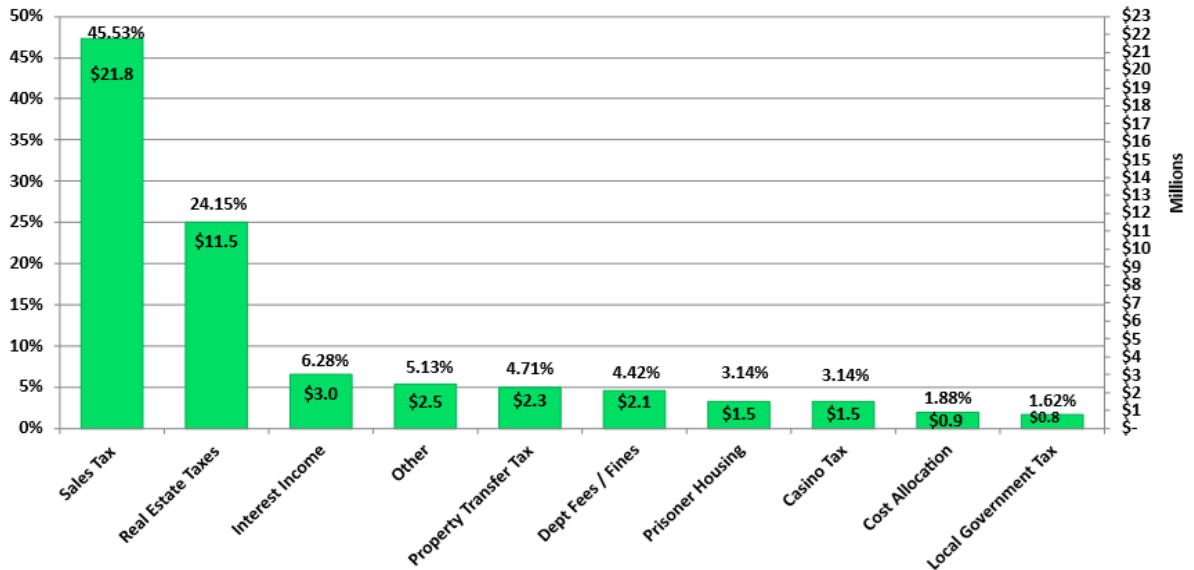
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For 2026, the Tax Budget includes a modest increase in revenue of just about \$550,000.00, most of which is a \$250,000.00 increase in the sales tax. This makes the budgeted sales tax \$21.75 Million for 2026. The actual amount that we received in 2024 was \$21.8 Million. We budgeted \$21.5 Million for this year and the June sales tax deposit from the State just took us to 51% of our budget level. We are trying to not overstep the Sales Tax figure. There are a lot of things that could change in the next couple of years. This whole budget could need to be redone based on things that can happen. Revenue that is driven almost exclusively by consumer confidence and behavior could change dramatically up or down from year to year. We have had a good run now for many years. The largest increase outside of the Sales Tax is the Cost Allocation. This is due to departments that reside in the County Office Building paying the building's capital charge in their cost allocations. The rest are small tweaks.



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget General Fund Revenue

2026 General Fund Revenue by Source



Senior Fiscal Specialist Deborah Ashburn started with a joke, what do you call a belt made of 100 dollar bills – a “waist” of money.

Ms. Ashburn asked where does General Fund money come from – explaining the breakdown of the sources of revenue received into the General Fund.

Ms. Ashburn explained the graph as follows:

Sales tax continues to be the #1 funding source for the General Fund at about 45.53% - almost half of all GF revenue. Property tax is #2, making up a little over 24%. Together these two taxes make up almost 70% of the General Fund revenue.

Sales Tax - 45.53% \$21,750,000.00 - Total Taxable Sales collected is 6.75% = 147.15Million, the State Portion is 5.75% = 125.35Million, County Portion is 1% = 21.8Million

Real Estate Taxes - 24.15% \$11,534,668.00

Interest Income - 6.28% \$3,000,000.00 - Revenue received on investments

Other - 5.13% \$2,452,830.00 - Rent, Gas Well, Reimbursements, Misc Grants, Auction Proceeds

Property Transfer Tax - 4.71% \$2,250,000.00 – these are the fees charged when a property deed is transferred to new owner

Dept Fees / Fines - 4.42% \$2,111,950.00 - Fees for services charged by departments

Prisoner Housing - 3.14% \$1,500,000.00 - Revenue generated from housing out-of-county inmates at the safety center

Casino Tax - 3.14% \$1,500,000.00 - Tax on gross earnings - counties received 51%- this percentage is based on population

Cost Allocation - 1.88% \$900,000.00 - Chargeback to departments outside General Fund for services provided

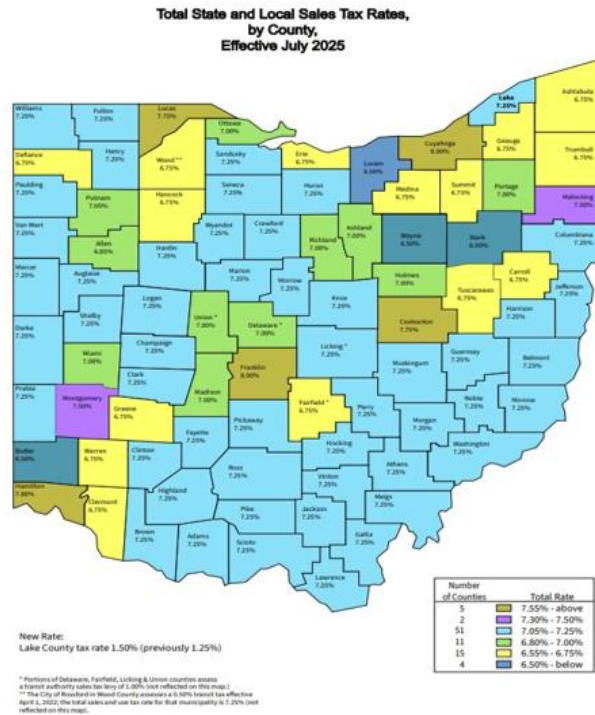
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Local Government Tax - 1.62% \$773,673.00 - Revenue sharing funding distributed by state – the County may distribute this to the Townships

Total 100.00% \$47,773,121.00



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget General Fund Revenue

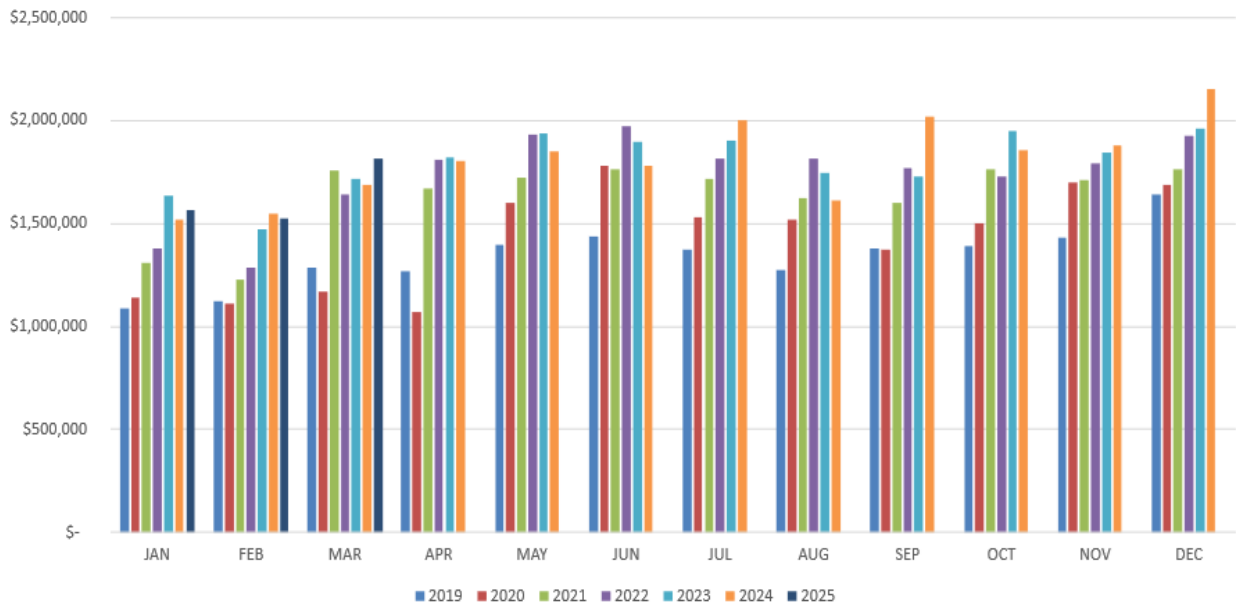


Ms. Ashburn explained that in 1934, the state of Ohio was in the middle of a severe budget crisis, so the General Assembly imposed a 3% sales tax to offset the deficit. It was originally expected to be a temporary tax lasting one year, but soon after became permanently adopted. 15 years later, sales tax had become the principal source of revenue for the state. The current sales tax rate for Ohio is 5.75% and allows local governments to collect a local option sales tax of up to 2.5%. Geauga County voters approved 0.5% in 1987 and another 0.5% in February 2004 bringing to the current rate of 6.75%. This means that Geauga County receives only 1% of the sales tax collected, while the state received the other 5.75%. This chart indicates the sales tax rate of each county in Ohio. In dollars, based on the recent predictions, Geauga County will collect \$147.5 million, of which the state will receive \$125.35 million and Geauga County will receive \$21.8 million. The majority of the counties (51), represented in light blue, have a sales tax rate of 7.25%. The counties with the highest tax rate are Cuyahoga and Franklin at 8.00% with Lucas, Hamilton and Coshocton counties close behind. The 26 counties represented by either green or yellow range between 6.75 and 7.00%. Geauga County is in this group at 6.75%. The 2 purple counties (Montgomery & Mahoning) are at 7.5% and the 4 counties, represented in dark blue, remain at the lowest rate of 6.50%.



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget Sales Tax Revenue History

SALES TAX TRENDS



*Illustrates the actual month that sales tax dollars were generated.

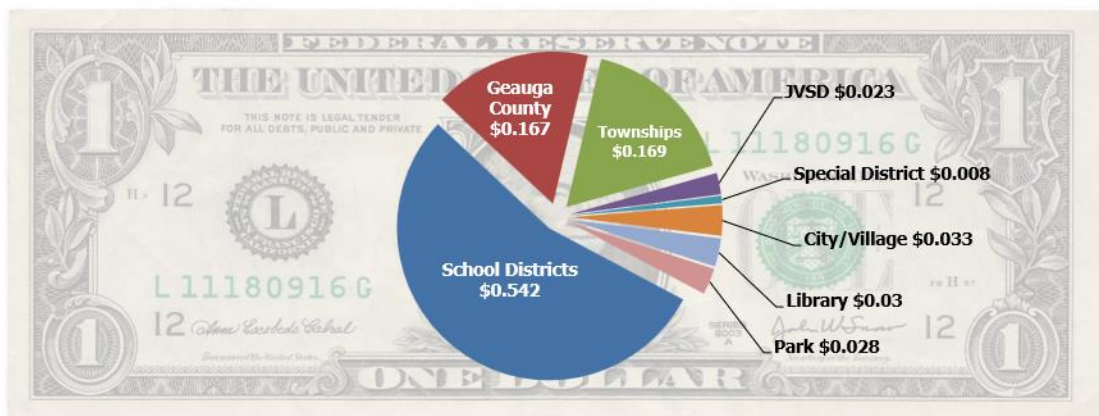
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Ms. Ashburn stated that this chart shows the overall gradual monthly increase/decrease in sales tax revenue since 2019. There is a 3-month delay in receiving sales tax revenue back to the county from the state. We only have 2025 available for January, February and March because the sales tax is on a three-month delay. Explaining that tax collected in January is reported by the end of February, the state calculates that in March, and the County receives the tax for January in April. Ms. Ashburn noted that the increase in sales tax from 2019 to 2024 was about \$5.5 Million, and as of right now it looks like about \$129,000.00 ahead of 2024.



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget Property Tax Overview

For every \$1.00 of property tax paid by a homeowner in Geauga County, on the average **\$0.167 is used to fund County programs.** The remaining 83.3 cents funds the local school districts, including JVSD, the Townships, Municipalities, the public Library and the Parks.



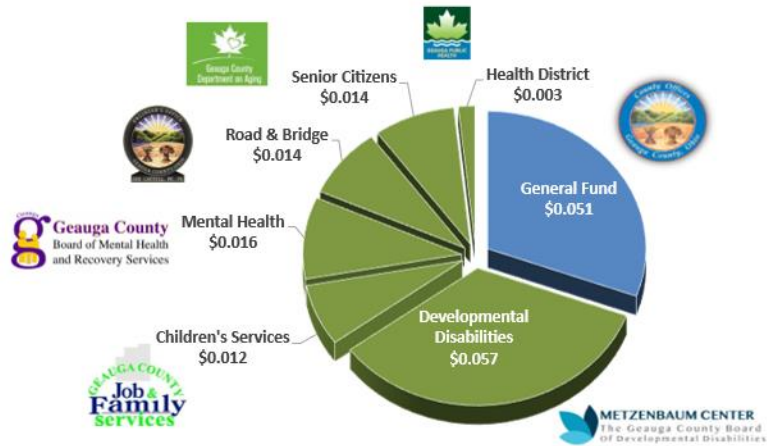
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Ms. Ashburn explained that for every dollar of property tax a homeowner pays in Geauga County, about 16.7 cents of each dollar is used to fund county programs. The other remaining 83.3 cents funds the local school districts, including Joint Vocational School District, the Townships, Municipalities, the public library and the parks. Mr. Gorton responded to a question from Ms. Brakey, that the Health District is part of the 16.7 cents, and this is the average, so depending on where you live it could go up or down, but this is the average.



Gauga County 2026 Tax Budget Property Tax Allocation

The \$0.167 County Portion of the average property owner's property tax is allocated as follows:



Green slices denote funding derived from local levies.

The 16.7 cents that funds county programs are allocated as depicted above. Of the 16.7 cents, 5.1 cents is allocated to the General Fund for the operations of the County. With the exception of the General Fund, all the other slices of this funding pie are supported by levies that were voted on and approved of by County residents.

Breakdown of the \$0.167

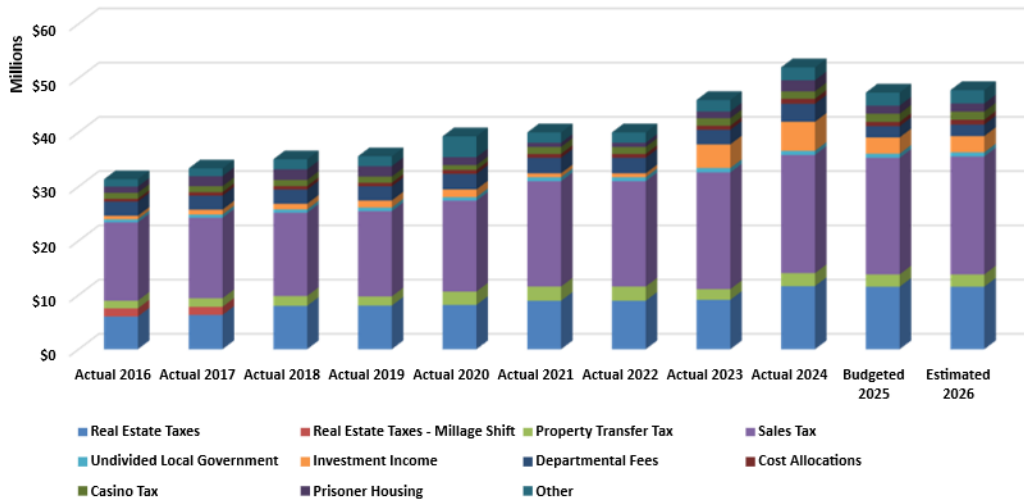
<i>General Fund</i>	<i>0.051</i>
<i>Developmental Disabilities</i>	<i>0.057</i>
<i>Children's Services</i>	<i>0.012</i>
<i>Mental Health</i>	<i>0.016</i>
<i>Road & Bridge</i>	<i>0.014</i>
<i>Senior Citizens</i>	<i>0.014</i>
<i>Health District</i>	<i>0.003</i>

The green sections are all levied and were voted in by the taxpayers. The section in blue is the General Fund and that portion is 5.1 cents of every dollar, resulting in \$11.5 million.



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General Fund Revenue by Source
2016-2026



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Mr. Gorton explained that as you can see here, we like to budget our revenues conservatively. Mr. Gorton explained that the little red lines in 2016 and 2017 did a millage shift to pay off the safety center early. Mr. Gorton pointed out some areas on the chart and explained what they were for, noting that in 2020 the county received dollars from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. In 2023 to 2024 you can see an increase from the property tax reevaluation. And the largest increases that you can see here are the investment income in the bright orange color, mostly due in part to the increase in interest rates. There was a decent increase in sales tax and it could be due to sales tax being collected on online sales.



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget Available Resources History

Changes to Available Resources 2022-2026

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Amended	2026 Estimated
Unencumbered Carryover Balance	\$7.9	\$9.7	\$8.5	\$22.0	\$10.5
Calendar Year Revenue	\$42.4	\$45.9	\$51.9	\$47.3	\$47.8
Total Resources	\$50.3	\$55.6	\$60.4	\$69.3	\$58.3
Increase to Calendar Year Revenue					\$0.5

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Like prior years, conservative carryover estimates are being utilized. For budgeting purposes, an \$10.5 Million carryover is being utilized. With healthy revenues and many projects requiring funding, the carryover will be difficult to estimate as they depend heavily on project schedules and the availability of necessary personnel.

Mr. Gorton stated that the unencumbered carryover balance, which is our cash balance going from one year into the next year, would be minus any carryover encumbrances that get carried over into the next year, 2026, that is used to pay bills that haven't come in yet. This will be what is leftover, and that is taken right off the cash balance, plus the calendar year revenue which equals \$58.3 million, that is an increase of about \$0.5 million.



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget Expense Overview

2026 General Fund Operating Expenses:	\$50.6M
Increase from 2025:	\$3.4M (7.2%)
(2025 Adopted Budget vs 2026 Tax Budget)	

Key Assumptions in 2026 General Fund Tax Budget

- No wage increases for 2026 for Commissioners hiring authority
- No increase budgeted for County portion of hospitalization
 - 2022 – 0.6% Increase
 - 2023 – 2.3% Increase
 - 2024 – 9% Increase
 - 2025 – 8.6% Increase
 - 2026 – 0% Increase
- All 2026 Tax Budgets were initialized at their 2025 Adopted Budget levels less 10% to encourage additional engagement.

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Mr. Gorton stated that the 2026 Tax Budget is about \$3.5 Million more than the 2025 Adopted Budget, but once you take out all the transfer accounts, the increase is a little lower at \$3.4 Million.

The Commissioners have not approved any wage increases affecting 2026 wages. Previously, there were increases in 2023 of 5% and then 3% increases for 2024 and 2025. Next year, the County budgeted again for no increase in the County portion of hospitalization. Since we do not know what our renewal will be, this allows us to be as flexible as we can be. We have seen increases in insurance costs in the last four years, with the costs increasing in 2022 by 0.6%, and in 2023 by 2.3%. Employee co-insurance payments saw a 1.3% increase in 2023. 2024 saw insurance premiums paid by the county increase 9% with employee co-insurance payments increasing about 8.5% with 2025 County premiums going up about 8.6% and employee payments rising about 8%. Any increase or decrease for 2026 will be determined once the renewal is revealed. This number and how it is divided up is still subject to change. This year for the budget we opted again to initialize with the 2025 Adopted Budget numbers. The Commissioners also elected to reduce those initial appropriations by 10% to promote a proper evaluation of the budget requests. This eliminated the extra appropriations associated with prior year carryover encumbrances and hopefully gave everyone a clearer picture of what their actual budgets should be. These efforts continue our work to try and reduce the amount of unused appropriations in the expense budget. Over the last several years, the General Fund and the County as a whole use only 90% of the appropriations. This continues to make budgeting difficult when you have millions of dollars' worth of appropriations in the budget that realistically will go unused. Although there are many reasons why this padding of the budget

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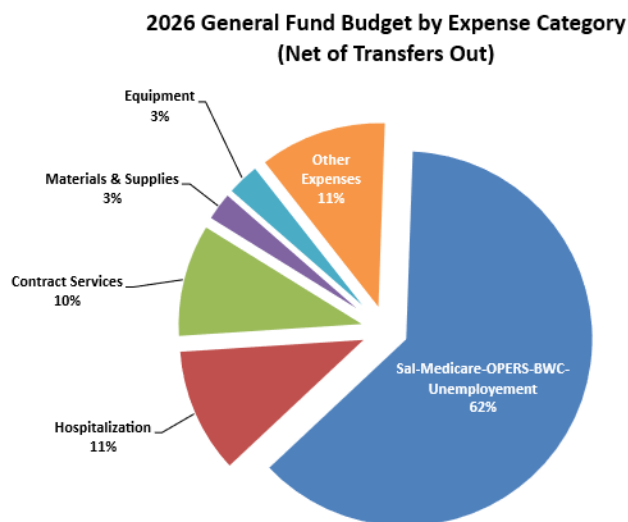
happens, many of which are outside of each department's ability to control, we need to try and do a better job of controlling it.

Ms. Brakey inquired if they should be talking about wage increases. Mr. Gorton explained that departments would like to know what the plans would be for the future and could be something they look at for permanent appropriation as well. Typically, if an increase is granted after the budget has been finalized, we do go back and provide those appropriations based on the budgeted requests. Mr. Gorton explained that he looks at the payroll accounts in the second half of the year to see if they will be short or have them supplement their accounts, so they are not short.

There was a brief discussion about union negotiations taking place and if and how they could potentially affect increases.



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget General Fund Expenses



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The General Fund Expenses are predominately personnel related. Mr. Gorton said that we are closely associated with service industries that typically have about 75% of their budget as personnel expenses and we are right there with that. Mr. Gorton stated that 73% of the expenses are related to Salaries, Benefits and Hospitalization. Salaries, Medicare and OPERS increased in the General Fund by a little over \$1 Million in the 2026 Tax Budget versus what was approved in the permanent appropriations for this year. Wage and staffing increases are mainly responsible for year-to-year payroll fluctuations.

Some departments that experienced notable shares of the increase are as follows:

- *50% of the increase was due to additional payroll in the Sheriff's office that is part of their bargaining agreement (\$578,000.00).*
- *ADP personnel costs were 24% due to payroll expenses that were not part of the 2025 adopted budget (\$223,000.00). This was pulled back payroll and given again in a supplement earlier this year (\$272,000.00). Going off the amended budget it is only a \$49,000.00 increase.*
- *Maintenance accounted for 14% of the rise in costs due to increased staff and wage adjustments, as well as the time it takes to maintain two campuses (\$157,000.00).*
- *The Prosecutor's office was 11.5% of the increase due to taking on municipal prosecutions (\$132,000.00).*
- *The Common Pleas Court was 7% due to increased staff related to retirements (\$79,000.00).*

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Some notable decreases in payroll funding include:

- The Juvenile Court, which reduced their payroll for Juvenile Probation by \$173,000.00. This reduction was mostly made up for in other areas.
- The Board of Elections reduced their payroll by \$63,000.00. and
- The Treasurer reduced payroll by about \$17,000.00.

The Other category of expenses includes but is not limited to legal fees, utilities, fuel, travel & training and advertising. Other expenses is increasing by about 4% from this year or about \$188,000.00.

Contract services include items like building & grounds maintenance, cleaning, and security. It is increasing by about \$562,000.00 or about 14.5% from 2025 mostly in Maintenance (\$196,000.00) and the Sheriff (\$206,000.00).

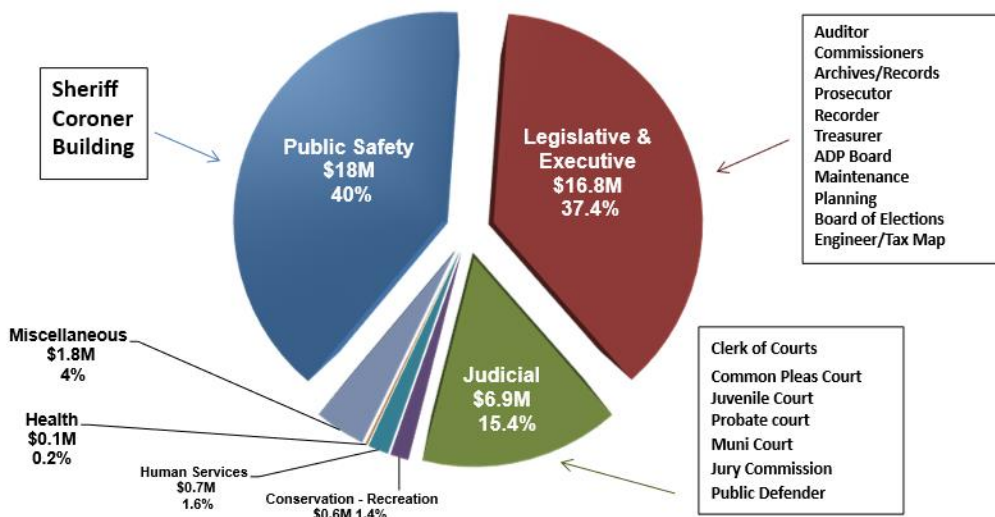
Materials & Supplies is decreasing slightly in 2026 by almost \$12,000.00 or 1%.

The Equipment line is at 3% of the budget between Other and Materials & Supplies and includes all the equipment requests for the General Fund departments.



Gauga County 2026 Tax Budget General Fund Expenses

2026 General Fund Operating Expenses by Category



The chart shows the split of the General Fund Spending (less Operating Transfers Out). 40% of the budget goes to Public Safety, which is the Sheriff, Coroner and Building Department. 37.4% of the budget goes to Legislative & Executive, which is the Other Elected Officials including Auditor, Treasurer, Prosecutor, Commissioners, Recorder as well as Board of Elections, ADP Board, Planning and Maintenance.

Judicial makes up almost 15.4% of the budget and includes the Courts and Public Defender.

The remaining categories are small.

Conservation and Recreation is OSU Extension and Soil & Water which is 1.4% of the budget Human Services is the Veterans Service Commission which is 1.6% of the budget.

Health is the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps requirement that the county fund 0.1 mill to treat handicapped children in the county.

Major Miscellaneous items include the following:
Annual Insurance Liability - \$550,000.00

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Contract Services - \$430,000.00 (Mainly Ravenwood for Group Home)
Postage - \$200,000.00
Legal Fees including Appointed Counsel - \$195,000.00
Court of Appeals - \$54,000.00
Youth Detention Funding - \$48,000.00



Gauga County 2026 Tax Budget General Fund Expenses

General Fund Operating Expenses (Net of Transfers Out)		
<i>\$'s in Millions</i>		
Category	2025	2026
Public Safety	\$16.4	\$18.0
Legislative & Executive	\$15.4	\$16.8
Judicial	\$6.6	\$6.9
Conservation / Recreation	\$0.6	\$0.6
Human Services	\$0.7	\$0.7
Health	\$0.1	\$0.1
Miscellaneous	\$1.7	\$1.8
Total	\$41.5	\$44.9

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Gauga County 2026 Tax Budget Fund Balances and Purpose

\$2.6M – Senior Center Construction Fund – Money from sale of previous Senior Center along with funds transferred from the department. We are currently searching for property to buy. The balance of the funds will be used for construction and/or renovation of the building and property.

\$6.2M – American Rescue Plan Fund – \$5M for McFarland WWTP, \$1M for Aquilla WWTP Rehabilitation, \$200K to the Department on Aging.

\$3.2M – Building Improvement Fund – Will be used to improve County buildings. Multiple projects are currently in various phases of completion. Have \$4M in projects on the five - year plan for 2026.

\$13M – Capital Reserve Funds Phases 1 & 2 – Office building complete. Money (\$800K) for building adjustments and Elections moving expenses. Phase 2 courthouse expansion under construction (\$12.2M).

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Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget ✓Long-term Facilities Strategy

- Evaluate facilities for future remodeling and rehabilitation as part of a comprehensive Master Plan
- Plan to divest unused or under-utilized County properties and consolidate departmental operations under one footprint
- Explore alternative revenue streams and protective measures in anticipation of property tax or millage reductions

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Mr. Gorton explained that there is a constitutional amendment petition to try and get rid of property taxes. Mr. Gorton stated that Auditor Walder stated that it is a good thing being done for the wrong reasons or being executed in the wrong way. Mr. Gorton expressed that they have proposed a solution to take your money away from county government to support valid and meaningful programs that the residents of this county have voted for, how are you going to take care of the expense for that, and the reaction is that local county government will figure it out. Mr. Gorton added you are still going to end up paying, that a lot of these things are mandated by the state. Ms. Brakey noted that it feels like a game of whack-a-mole, that if you push down property tax, sales tax and income tax are going to pop up, and that no matter what you push down another lever is going to pop up.



Geauga County 2026 Tax Budget Questions

Questions or comments from the Board?

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Mr. Gorton stated that we are not approving the budget today, that is proposed to be done next week, so there is still some time to review things within the budget.

Ms. Brakey asked about what revenue streams we are looking at, to which Mr. Gorton stated that it was primarily the sales tax and what we would need to do. Ms. Brakey asked a question about the unencumbered cash carryover that decreased from 2025 to 2026, is that a result of the Courthouse Expansion project. Ms. Brakey clarified that the amended 2025 budget from \$22 million and the estimated 2026 at \$10.5 million. Mr. Gorton explained that the 2025 amended unencumbered carryover was so high, was the \$10 million in ARPA funds being used. Ms. Brakey expressed that the result of that being halved is essentially the funds being spent through the courthouse expansion and a few other minor things. Ms. Brakey also inquired about a note about a drop in inmate incarceration and was surprised to see that. Mr. Gorton noted that it is a very small amount but highlighted because it was a reduction. Scott Hildenbrand expressed that they are always conservative. Mr. Gorton noted that it is a reimbursement and could be related to medical.

Prosecutor Jim Flaiz made a comment, that he felt this budget cycle was the best in his memory. It was more collaborative process, and he appreciated Mr. Gorton's efforts. From the Budget Commission perspective, he really appreciates the effort that has been put into more accurately reflecting the carryover and drilling down on things and departments getting you more accurate numbers. It will help us move forward.

Auditor Chuck Walder added that we have been debating the budget process for years and agrees with Mr. Flaiz that this is the most comprehensive, well-thought-out plan. While every budget has its degree of uncertainty, we are fully funding the budget and still have responsible carryover. Mr. Walder gave kudos to Mr. Gorton for sticking it out and figuring it out.

Mr. Gorton said that we cannot do this without the support of the Elected Officials and thanked both Mr. Flaiz and Mr. Walder for being part of it and for coming today.

Being no further questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:50 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the compensation of a public employee, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1).

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. with Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne. The Board returned at 10:55 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge the letter from OPERS, dated May 21, 2025 that documents Amy Bevan's prior service and further accept her prior services in accordance with County Policy and O.R.C. 9.44.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

BOARD DISCUSSION

Network Cabling at the Courthouse – Ms. Burhenne asked ADP Administrator Frank Antenucci to join in the discussion. Ms. Burhenne explained that there was a discussion about cabling, and a comment was made that it is good but could be better, and it's not best practice since we only do this once every 150 years. Ms. Burhenne explained that the bid is a daisy chain approach to supply IT fiber to each floor. Because it is a daisy chain, if one floor goes out, they all go out. Ms. Brakey referred to it as "old Christmas lights". The option of a better approach is a homerun approach, which is an individual line to each floor, so if one goes out, the other floors remain. It will involve a change order, and the current cost estimate is about

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\$20,000.00. Mr. Antenucci said that he was surprised that they didn't do this in the beginning, as the county office building is set up homerun. Mr. Antenucci noted that 470 is daisy chained and if something goes down, everything goes down, but Board of Elections is isolated differently. Mr. Antenucci said that the building will function as is, but if a switch goes down, we have to anticipate the other floors would go down. Ms. Burhenne noted that she didn't want to make a decision on the Board's behalf, asking for the Board's input on changing from daisy chain to homerun. Currently nothing is closed up and now it would be the option to do it, but requested to look at the cost breakdown on the cost.

Diligent Community – Mr. Antenucci explained that the ADP Board has been looking at a new software called Diligent Community, that has been demonstrated to staff and will have an extra license for the Board of County Commissioners, at no cost. Several other boards in the county will be using the platform. This is a web-based platform that assists with agenda and minute population and provide public easy access. Ms. Brakey asked what other boards would be using it. Mr. Antenucci stated that ADP and Board of Revision and possibly Budget Commission. He is not asking for a decision today, but if the Board is interested in it, that will determine how soon they get started with it. Ms. Brakey said that she is excited but wants to make sure that this will work with the systems in place. Clerk, Christine Blair added that the Commissioners will themselves be required to create a separate log in to the external site in order to access the documents. It will also require the departments and offices to create a log-in to be able to submit those documents to be considered for the agenda, and then once the agenda is populated, you receive an email that you can access them. It does allow you to view them from outside the office since they are not on our platform. One of the school districts uses it and that is why it was suggested by the League of Women Voters. Ms. Bevan added that she was going to work with Mr. Antenucci about a phase-in plan and how that was going to work. Ms. Blair added that there were some questions raised that they did not anticipate and so there are things we need to look at, including the minutes as it is a closed caption transcription. There are a few things that will need to be worked out.

Mr. Gorton wanted to apologize for not recognizing Sheriff Hildenbrand during the budget presentation and to thank him for being here and being a part of the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no comments or questions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 18, 2025, as required by O.R.C. 955.12.
- b) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Meeting Minutes or May 21, 2025.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 7/1 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, 2:00 p.m., Warren, District Office (Re-Scheduled from June 17, 2025)
- Fri., 7/4 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the Independence Day holiday. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**
- Tue., 7/8 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. County Office Building, Room A334
- Tue. 7/8 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.
- Wed., 7/9 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Chester Township
- Tue., 7/15 The Commissioners will hold session at 9:30 a.m.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Brakey to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Carolyn Brakey, Esq.

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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