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Geauga County Budget Commission  
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Dear Sirs,

Last year Chris accused me of being dishonest with my budget relating to carryover and beginning balances. So, I would like a moment to explain this year's budget and why some of my balances were larger than expected.

1<sup>st</sup> the General Fund my estimated carry over from 2023-2024 was \$ 36,513.82 my actual was \$ 86,949.26 a difference of \$ 50,435.44 this is due to a \$40,000 tennis and pickle ball resurfacing project that did not happen in 2023 and the Board decision not to transfer any funds to the permanent improvement fund.

2<sup>nd</sup> MVL Fund was within \$ 3,300.00.

3<sup>rd</sup> Gas Tax Fund Estimated was \$ 52,515.22 actual \$ 102,083.00 a difference of \$ 49,566.78. This is due to a mild winter where less overtime and less road materials needed and we had come in under budget on the cost of stone for our dust control project,

4<sup>th</sup> Road and Bridge estimated \$ 57,676.03 actual \$ 568,762.75 a difference of \$ \$ 510,086.72. This is because the Road Project for Zrolka Drive did not happen in 2023 as expected is it currently under construction now, and Dust control being under budget.

5<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Fund is within \$1000 no major repairs were needed in 2023.

6<sup>th</sup> Special Levy Fund estimated \$ 35,411.05 actual \$ 54,978.68 a difference of \$ 19,567.63. This is due to the repair of the roof rather than the replacement of it.

7<sup>th</sup> Permissive MVL tax estimated \$ 13,514.17 actual \$ 26,012.50 a difference of \$ 12,498.33.

8<sup>th</sup> Coronavirus Relief fund estimated \$ 230,000.00 actual \$ 383,734.32 a difference of \$ 153,734.32. This is due to the current Road Project not starting in 2023. "Currently in Process"

I assure you that I have been as honest and accurate as possible under the circumstances. The budget is prepared six months before the end of the fiscal year, requiring me to estimate expenses based on information provided by the Board of Trustees. Variability in projects timelines, including those not yet started, revamped, or subject to budget changes makes precise forecasting challenging. Without the ability to predict future developments, these variances are unavoidable.

Sincerely,



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