

Geauga County Department of Aging con't

Motion by Charles Walder, seconded by Christopher Hitchcock, to approve the 2026 Geauga Department of Aging Budget as submitted.

Voice vote: Two ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Flaiz voted no.

Geauga County Engineer's Office

2026 Budget Meeting

Geauga County Engineer

April 21, 2025

Andy Haupt, Katie Taylor attended the meeting representing Geauga County Engineer.

Fund 2020	Estimated 1/1/2025 Unencumbered Cash Balance	\$	564,776.02
	*Estimated Revenue		\$9,534,000.00
	Estimated Expense		\$9,621,615.00
	Estimated 12/31/2024 Cash Balance		\$477,161.02
<i>Requested</i>	<i>\$9,534,000.00</i>	Revenue Considered	<i>\$9,534,000.00</i>
<i>* INCLUDES Transfer-In \$130,000</i>		<i>Includes transfer in</i>	
<i>Unable to determine source of transfer in</i>			

Fund 2022	Estimated 1/1/2025 Unencumbered Cash Balance		\$15,383.58
	Estimated Revenue		\$100,000.00
	Transfer In		\$0.00
	Estimated Expense		\$100,000.00
	Estimated 12/31/2024 Cash Balance		\$15,383.58
<i>Requested</i>	<i>\$100,000.00</i>	Revenue Considered	<i>\$100,000.00</i>

Fund 4002	Estimated 1/1/2025 Unencumbered Cash Balance		\$170,834.04
	Estimated Revenue		\$3,606,219.00
	Estimated Expense		\$3,600,000.00
	Estimated 12/31/2024 Cash Balance		\$177,053.04
<i>Requested</i>	<i>\$3,606,219.00</i>	Revenue Considered	<i>\$3,606,219.00</i>

Total millage for Tax Year 2025 (2026 Collection)			
2.50	Fund 4002	Value @ 98%	\$3,606,219
2.50	Total Mills	Levy expires 2025 last collection 2026	

MFH Revenue TY24CY24 - \$6,390.37

Mr. Flaiz said the budget was well done. Mr. Walder agreed. Mr. Walder requested to have the information submitted sooner next year. Ms. Taylor agreed. There was a question from the Commission as to whether any salaries are part of fund 4002. Ms. Taylor responded there are no salaries in that fund.

Motion by Christopher Hitchcock, seconded by James Flaiz, to approve the 2026 Geauga Engineer's Office Budget as submitted.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Geauga County Department of Children’s Services

2026 Budget Meeting

Geauga County Job & Family Services

April 21, 2025

Craig Swenson - Director and Alyssa Steinhoff - Financial Administrator attendance
was not required

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	\$	2,945,880.81
Fund 2013	*Estimated Revenue		\$7,607,038.00
	**Estimated Expense		\$7,765,109.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance		\$2,787,809.81
<i>Requested</i>	<i>\$7,607,038.00</i>	<i>Revenue Considered</i>	<i>\$7,607,038.00</i>
<i>*includes transfer in:</i>	<i>\$4,608,903.00</i>	<i>**includes transfer out</i>	<i>\$555,376.00</i>
	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance		\$737,706.92
Fund 2014	Estimated Revenue		\$1,061,191.00
	Estimated Expense		\$1,156,396.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance		\$642,501.92
<i>Requested</i>	<i>\$1,061,191.00</i>	<i>Revenue Considered</i>	<i>\$1,061,191.00</i>
		<i>**includes transfer out</i>	<i>\$278,000.00</i>
	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance		\$1,026,522.06
Fund 2029	*Estimated Revenue		\$5,103,518.00
Levy	**Estimated Expense		\$6,129,434.00
placed on May 2025 Ballot	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance		\$606.06
** See note below			
<i>Requested</i>	<i>\$6,742,483.00</i>	<i>Revenue Considered</i>	<i>\$5,103,518.00</i>
<i>* includes transfer in: \$100,000</i>		<i>**includes transfer out</i>	<i>\$4,213,684.00</i>
	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance		\$15,107.28
Fund 2069	Estimated Revenue		\$433,575.00
	**Estimated Expense		\$433,575.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance		\$15,107.28
<i>Requested</i>	<i>\$433,575.00</i>	<i>Revenue Considered</i>	<i>\$433,575.00</i>
		<i>**includes transfer out</i>	<i>\$175,000.00</i>
	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance		\$1,401,589.38
Fund 6029	*Estimated Revenue		\$1,267,046.00
	**Estimated Expense		\$1,409,230.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance		\$1,259,405.38
<i>Requested</i>	<i>\$1,267,046.00</i>	<i>Revenue Considered</i>	<i>\$1,267,046.00</i>
<i>*includes transfer in:</i>	<i>\$846,413.00</i>	<i>**includes transfer out:</i>	<i>\$68,000.00</i>
Total estimated millage for Tax Year 2025 (2026 Collection)			
0.70	Fund 2029	2011 0.70Mill @ 98%	\$2,284,719
0.00	5/2025 Ballot	2015 0.50Mill @ 98%	\$1,638,965 **If passes in May 202!
0.70	Total Mills		
		MFH Revenue TY24CY24	\$4,459.42

Based on Tax Year 2024 (2025 Collection) values, 1.0 "New/Additional" Mill will yield
\$4,708,028 per year and cost the owner of a single family owner occupied home with a Market
Value of \$100,000 - \$35.00 per year.

Note: Levy collection estimates presume no suspension/reduction of collection

Mr. Hitchcock expressed concern that there is a lot of money and little visibility as to how it will be spent. Mr. Swenson, Director, answered that the building project is already in process, construction will begin this summer and by his estimate will be finished by next year. He also mentioned there is a grant for \$1 million which cannot be reimbursed due to not being able to obtain a mortgage. Mr. Hitchcock remained concerned. Mr. Walder expressed disappointment at the lack of urgency in submitting the information in a timely fashion. Mr. Flaiz said he was not opposed to tabling again.

Motion by Christopher Hitchcock, seconded by James Flaiz, to table the 2026 Geauga Department of Children’s Services Budget as submitted until the next regular meeting on May 19th.

Voice vote: Two ayes. Motion carried Mr. Walder voted no on the motion.

2026 Budget Hearing Geauga Public Health District

2026 BUDGET HEARINGS

Geauga County Health District		10:00 a.m.
Board		April 21, 2025
Geauga Public Health Administrator Adam Litke		
hearing representing Geauga County Health District		attended the
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	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	665,141.56
6002 - General Fund	*Estimated Revenue	2,465,589.00
Levied fund	Estimated Expense	2,615,124.11
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>515,606.45</u>
<i>Requested</i>	\$2,474,297.56	<i>Revenue Considered</i> 2,465,589.00
<i>Based on 98% RE Tax collection</i>		
<i>* includes trans. in \$1,336,750</i>		
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	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	13,510.31
6004 - Trailer Park Fund	Estimated Revenue	4,500.00
	Estimated Expense	2,500.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>15,510.31</u>
<i>Requested</i>	\$4,500.00	<i>Revenue Considered</i> 4,500.00
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	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	408,888.83
6005 - Food Service	Estimated Revenue	266,900.00
	*Estimated Expense	266,900.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>408,888.83</u>
<i>Requested</i>	\$266,900.00	<i>Revenue Considered</i> 266,900.00
<i>* includes trans. out \$210,400</i>		
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	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	94,167.80
6008 - Infectious Waste	Estimated Revenue	19,600.00
	Estimated Expense	2,000.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>111,767.80</u>
<i>Requested</i>	\$19,600.00	<i>Revenue Considered</i> 19,600.00
<i>* includes trans. out \$17,600</i>		
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	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	225,378.45
6011- Private Water System	Estimated Revenue	61,500.00
	*Estimated Expense	61,500.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>225,378.45</u>
<i>Requested</i>	\$61,500.00	<i>Revenue Considered</i> 61,500.00
<i>* includes trans. out \$32,250</i>		
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Geauga Public Health District cont.

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	34,348.66
6018 - Swimming Pool	Estimated Revenue	11,250.00
	Estimated Expense	7,000.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>38,598.66</u>

Requested \$11,250.00 Revenue Considered 11,250.00

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	464,757.34
6021 - Public Health Infrastructure	Estimated Revenue	160,000.00
	*Estimated Expense	160,000.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>464,757.34</u>

Requested \$160,000.00 Revenue Considered 160,000.00
 Funded by Grants-

* includes trans. out \$150,000

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	100,000.00
6023 - Sewage Treatment	Estimated Revenue	394,500.00
	*Estimated Expense	394,500.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>100,000.00</u>

Requested \$395,500.00 Revenue Considered 394,500.00

* includes trans. out \$278,500

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	20,690.35
6025 - Immunization Action Plan	Estimated Revenue	0.00
	Estimated Expense	0.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>20,690.35</u>

Requested \$0.00 Revenue Considered 0.00
 Grant now housed in GF as LCGHD

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	48,276.87
6036 - Environmental Health Assistance	Estimated Revenue	154,500.00
	*Estimated Expense	154,500.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>48,276.87</u>

Requested \$154,500.00 Revenue Considered 154,500.00

* includes trans. out \$4,500

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	342,931.19
6037 - For Sale Of Property	Estimated Revenue	732,100.00
	*Estimated Expense	732,100.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>342,931.19</u>

Requested (2,000 NPDES at \$150 each) \$732,100.00 Revenue Considered 732,100.00

* includes trans. out \$456,500

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	39,659.75
6039 - Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs	Estimated Revenue	0.00
	*Estimated Expense	2,000.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>37,659.75</u>

Requested \$0.00 Revenue Considered 0.00

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	64,721.19
6040 - Injury Prevention	Estimated Revenue	43,000.00
	*Estimated Expense	43,000.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>64,721.19</u>

Requested \$43,000.00 Approved \$43,000.00

* includes trans. out \$38,000

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	239,722.07
6041 - Workforce Development	Estimated Revenue	150,000.00
	*Estimated Expense	150,000.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>239,722.07</u>

Requested \$150,000.00 Revenue Considered 150,000.00

* includes trans. out \$149,000

	Estimated 1/1/2026 Unencumbered Cash Balance	131,393.93
6042 - Population Health	Estimated Revenue	5,000.00
	*Estimated Expense	700.00
	Estimated 12/31/2026 Cash Balance	<u>135,693.93</u>

Requested \$5,000.00 Revenue Considered 5,000.00

Total millage for Tax Year 2025 (2026 Collection)

0.20	2009 Current Expense (expires in 2028)
0.20	Total Mills

MFH Revenue TY24CY24 \$1,715.31

Based on Tax Year 2024 (2025 Collection) values, 1.0 "New/Additional" Mill will yield \$4,708,028 per year and cost the owner of a single family owner occupied home with a Market Value of \$100,000 - \$35,000 per year.

Geauga Public Health District cont.

Mr. Flaiz began by questioning whether fund 6037 was terminated. Mr. Litke said the fund was terminated, but is now being used for O&M. Both Mr. Flaiz and Mr. Walder expressed concern over combining funds. The budget commission also expressed concern that many of these funds will have balances forever. Mr. Litke said he is working on drawing down the balances.

Mr. Walder expressed concern that the Board saw something different than HDAC saw. Mr. Litke confirmed that the Board saw the Excel presentation and HDAC saw the Power Point presentation. Mr. Walder said there must be consistency when presenting a budget across the governing boards. He identified that the math does not add up from one presentation to another. Mr. Walder also requested a copy of the agreement with the City of Chardon.

Mr. Litke was agreeable to return to the New World system for a consistent budget presentation. Mr. Litke informed the Budget Commission that fund 6041 will likely expire after 2027.

Mr. Hitchcock expressed outrage that there was an obvious math problem in the submitted budget presentation that needs to be corrected before the budget may be approved. Beginning cash balances must be included in the budget so informed decisions may be made.

Mr. Walder said the corrected budget and agreement with the City of Chardon must be submitted to budget staff by May 12th, for the meeting on May 19th.

Motion by Charles Walder, seconded by Christopher Hitchcock, to table the 2026 Geauga Public Health Budget as submitted until the next regular meeting on May 19th.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

The members of the budget commission stated that all documentation for the corrected budget submission is to be delivered to the budget staff no later than May 12th by the end of day, including the agreement with the city.

Budget review and Health District Budget Hearing concluded at 11:57 a.m.

Regular Business**2025 Amendments****Russell Township – Amendment #3**

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

Debt Service Funds

Decrease #3903 OPWC Note taxes (8,333.34), from 25,000.00 to 16,666.66

New Debt Service Funds Total:	\$ 16,666.66
New 2025 Certificate Total:	\$14,711,279.05

**Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 4/18/2025 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Parkman Township – Amendment #1

Motion by Charles Walder, seconded by Christopher Hitchcock to amend the Parkman Township’s Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as follows to reflect “actual” January 1, 2025 year end unencumbered cash balances:

TY24CY25	Parkman Township	Net Change	GCA-014		GCA-015 #1
General	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	133,874.35	397,951.51	estimated to	531,825.86 actual
	Change tax revenue	4,211.00	171,622.00	estimated to	175,833.00 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	66,095.00	estimated to	66,095.00 actual
Motor Vehicle	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	13,594.89	25,790.10	estimated to	39,384.99 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	10,010.00	estimated to	10,010.00 actual
Gasoline Tax	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	31,958.45	149,647.97	estimated to	181,606.42 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	130,326.00	estimated to	130,326.00 actual
Road & Bridge Fu	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	(82,009.01)	359,196.11	estimated to	277,187.10 actual
	Change tax revenue	11,099.00	427,714.00	estimated to	438,813.00 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
Cemetery	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	5,300.62	14,764.42	estimated to	20,065.04 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	10,000.00	estimated to	10,000.00 actual
Fire Levy	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	51,295.78	292,411.20	estimated to	343,706.98 actual
	Change tax revenue	5,863.00	219,510.00	estimated to	225,373.00 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
Road Levy	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	-	(0.01)	estimated to	-0.01 actual
	Change tax revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
Permissive Tax	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	46.58	33,353.69	estimated to	33,400.27 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
Coronavirus Relie	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
ARPA	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	(34,294.20)	24,624.57	estimated to	-9,669.63 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
EMT Service	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	72,202.05	255,234.26	estimated to	327,436.31 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	60,000.00	estimated to	60,000.00 actual
Dept of Public Saf	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
Debt Retirement	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
Lighting Assessme	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	759.13	6,568.71	estimated to	7,327.84 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	4,800.00	estimated to	4,800.00 actual
Grand River Estat	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
Cemetery bequest	Adjust the 1/1/2025 unencumbered cash balance from	14,759.00	-	estimated to	14,759.00 actual
	Change other source revenue	-	-	estimated to	0.00 actual
Total Certificate(s)		GCA-014	2,659,619.53	GCA-015 #1	2,888,280.17
New General Fund Total			773,753.86		
New Special Revenue Fund Total			2,087,639.47		
New Debt Service Fund Total			0.00		
New Capital Projects Funds Total			12,127.84		
New Special Assessments Funds Total			0		
New Fiduciary Fund Total			14,759.00		
Grand Total New Certificate - All Funds			2,888,280.17		
Net Change in Beginning balances			207,487.64		
Net Change in Tax Revenue			21,173.00		
Net Change in Other Source Revenue			0.00		
Total Net Changes			228,660.64		

*Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 4/14/2025 does not exceed estimated revenue.

Mr. Walder suggested the budget staff reach out to Joyce Peters, Township Trustee from Parkman, to see if she might get a message to the Fiscal Officer.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Geauga Public Health Appropriation Transfer request:

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Charles Walder, to acknowledge the financials as presented:

Appropriation Transfer:

Fund #6002

From: BOH - Other-other expenses	\$(250.00)
To: BOH - Other State RE Tax Exp.	\$ 250.00

Appropriations: unchanged

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

UDLG – There was an interest in exploring the possibility of adjusting the calculation of Undivided Local Government distribution last year. The subject was brought up by the County asking how they might give the districts more funds. Mr. Flaiz said he has looked into the options and does not like the way the statute reads as it gives too much power to the City, so he is reluctant to change it. He agreed to continue to investigate it for additional options.

General Discussion

Corrections from 4/7/25:

Bainbridge Township Amendment #3 Special Revenue Fund total was adjusted by a positive 304,699.78 not a negative 304,699.78 as read. All totals were correct.

Geauga County Amendment #6 Fund 4012 was increased by 800,000.00 not 25,000.00 as read into the record. The total of the fund was correct at 825,000.00.

Letters from the Budget Commission dated 4/7/25 were sent to both Kenston LSD and Berkshire LSD regarding the Rate resolution form GCA-003, that were due to be submitted to the Auditor’s office by April 1st. Kenston reached out to say the board had approved the form GCA-003 before the deadline but just neglected to submit it to the Auditor’s office. It has since been submitted. Berkshire LSD has not responded.

Public Comment:

Ms. McGlone said the League of Women Voters did advertise the meeting scheduled for tomorrow night, 4/22/25.

She requested the information from this meeting.

Being no further business to conduct it was moved by Christopher P. Hitchcock to adjourn the April 21, 2025 - special meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Charles E. Walder, Auditor
Secretary/Budget Commission

