

ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION

Political Subdivision/Taxing Unit Kenston Local School District

For the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Fiscal Officer Signature _____ Date January 8, 2024

COUNTY OF GEAUGA

Background

Substitute House Bill No. 129 (HB129) effective June 3, 2002, was enacted by the 124th General Assembly in part to allow a county budget commission to waive the requirement that a taxing authority adopt a tax budget for a political subdivision or other taxing unit, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.281.

Under the law in effect prior to June 3, 2002, the budget commission could only waive the tax budget for a subdivision or other taxing unit that was receiving a share of the county undivided local government fund or the county undivided local government revenue assistance fund under an alternative method or formula pursuant to ORC Sections 5747.53 and 5747.63. Thus, tax budgets could be waived only for counties, municipalities, townships, and park districts. This restriction is now removed.

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.281

Under the amended version of this section pursuant to HB 129, a county budget commission, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the commission, including an affirmative vote by the county auditor, may waive the tax budget for any subdivision or other taxing unit. However, the commission may require the taxing authority to provide any information needed by the commission to perform its duties, including the division of the tax rates as provided under ORC Section 5705.04.

County Budget Commission Duties

The county budget commission must still certify tax rates to each subdivision or other taxing unit, by March 1 for school districts and by September 1 for all other taxing authorities under ORC Section 5705.35, even when a tax budget is waived. Also, the commission is still required to issue an official certificate of estimated resources under ORC Section 5705.35 and amended official certificates of estimated resources under ORC Section 5705.36.

Therefore, when a budget commission is setting tax rates based on a taxing unit's need, for purposes of ORC Sections 5705.32, 5705.34, and 5705.341, its determination must be based on that other information the commission asked the taxing authority to provide under ORC Section 5705.281, when the tax budget was waived. Also, an official certificate must be based on that other information the commission asked the taxing authority to provide.

Alternative Tax Budget Information Filing Deadline

The fiscal officer for each school district must file one copy of this document with the County Auditor on or before January 20th.

[Note: The traditional deadline for submission of the tax budget has been January 20th. There is the potential for flexibility on this date as a result of HB 129 depending on the needs of the Budget Commission, but in order for them to be on track with the certificate of available resources, the date may need to be very close to January 20th].

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION*

SCHEDULE 1

The general purpose of schedule 1 is to meet the requirement of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.04 which requires the taxing authority of each subdivision to divide the taxes levied into separate levies. For help use the schedule B issued by the budget commission for the current year and add any new levies. This will help to ensure that no levies are missed.

In column 1 list only those individual funds which are requesting general property tax revenue. In column 2 purpose refers to the following terms, inside, current expenses, and special levy for example. In column 4 levy type refers to renewal, additional, and replacement for example. In column 9 identify the amount of general property tax you wish to request.

NOTE:

The general purpose of column 9 is to demonstrate the need to produce property tax revenues to cover the estimated expenditures for the budget year. ORC Section 5705.341 states in part;

"Nothing in this section or any section of the ORC shall permit or require the levying of any rate of taxation, whether within the 10 mill limitation or whether the levy has been approved by the electors, the political subdivision or the charter of a municipal corporation in excess of such 10 mill limitation, unless such rate of taxation for the ensuing fiscal year is clearly required by a budget properly and lawfully, adopted under this chapter or by other information required per ORC 5705.281."

Property tax revenue includes real estate taxes, personal property taxes, homestead and rollback, and the personal property 10,000 exempt monies.

SCHEDULE 2

The general purpose of schedule 2 is to produce an Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for all funds. In column 3, total estimated receipts should include all revenues plus transfers in. All taxing authorities, except school districts, must submit a list of all tax transfers.

SCHEDULE 3

The general purpose of schedule 3 is to provide inside/chapter millage for debt service. The basic security for payment of general obligation debt is the requirement of the levy of ad valorem property taxes within the 10 mill limitation imposed by Ohio law. Ohio law requires a levy and collection of ad valorem property tax to pay debt service on general obligation debt as it becomes due, unless that debt service is paid from other sources.

SCHEDULE 4

The general purpose of schedule 4 is to provide for the proper amount of millage to cover debt service requirements on voted bond issues. Major capital improvement projects are sometimes financed through the use of voted bonds. The taxing authority seeks voter approval of general obligation bonds and of the levy of property taxes outside the indirect debt limitation in whatever amount is necessary to pay debt service on those bonds.

SCHEDULE 5

The general purpose of schedule 5 is to properly account for tax anticipation notes. See schedule 5 for more details.

DIVISION OF TAXES LEVIED

(Levies Inside & Outside 10 Mill Limitation, Inclusive Of Debt Levies)
(List All Levies Of The Taxing Authority)

Funds (General and Bond Retirement)

Schedule 1

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Fund	Purpose	Authorized By Voters On MM/YY	Levy Type	Number Of Years Levy To Run	Tax Year Begins/ Ends	Collection Year Begins/ Ends	Maximum Rate
General	Inside Millage						
General	Current Expenses		General Oper.	Continuing	prior 1976		
General	Current Expenses	September 1977	General Oper.	Continuing	1977	1978	
General	Current Expenses	November 1979	General Oper.	Continuing	1979	1980	
General	Current Expenses	November 1982	General Oper.	Continuing	1982	1983	3.50
General	Current Expenses	November 1987	General Oper.	Continuing	1987	1988	5.90
General	Current Expenses	August 1990	General Oper.	Continuing	1990	1991	8.30
General	Current Expenses	November 1997	General Oper.	Continuing	1997	1998	6.90
General	Current Expenses	February 2005	General Oper.	Continuing	2005	2006	9.39
General	Current Expenses	May 2015	General Oper.	Continuing	2015	2016	4.00
Bond Retirement	Bond Issue	November 2002	Bond	27	2002/2028	2003/2029	0.68
Bond Retirement	Bond Issue	May 2015	Bond	30	2015/2044	2016/2045	0.40
Totals							39.07

STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

(List All Funds Individually)

SCHEDULE

I Fund BY Type	II Beginning Estimated Unencumbered Fund Balance	III Taxes	IV Other Receipts	V Total Resources Available For Expenditures	VI Total Estimated Expenditures & Encumbrances	VII Ending Estimated Unencumbered Balance
General Fund (001)	8,979,561	36,077,547	6,477,804	51,534,911	43,429,575	8,105,336
Special Revenue Funds:				0		0
Public School Support (018)	100,000	0	55,000	155,000	55,000	100,000
Other Local Grants (019)	5,000	0	15,000	20,000	20,000	0
Student Activity (200)	15,000	0	65,000	80,000	55,000	25,000
Athletics (300)	150,000	0	425,000	575,000	450,000	125,000
Network Connectivity (451)	0	0	7,200	7,200	7,200	0
Straight "A" Fund (466)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student Wellness (467)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other State Grants (499)	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
CARES/ESSR (507)	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRF (510)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Title VI-B (516)	0	0	550,000	550,000	550,000	0
Title III (551)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Title I (572)	0	0	105,000	105,000	105,000	0
Title IV-A (584)	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Preschool Grant (587)	0	0	12,500	12,500	12,500	0
Title IIA (590)	0	0	52,000	52,000	52,000	0
Other Federal Grants (599)	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Total Special Revenue Funds	270,000	0	1,316,700	1,586,700	1,336,700	250,000
Debt Service Fund:						
Bond Retirement (002) - 2002	3,029,319	813,100	0	3,842,418	2,649,650	1,192,769
Bond Retirement (002) - 2015	348,059	478,294	0	826,353	587,731	238,621
Bond Retirement (002) - HB 264	0	0	146,085	146,085	146,085	0

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(List All Funds Individually)

SCHEDULE

I Fund BY Type	II Beginning Estimated Unencumbered Fund Balance	III Taxes	IV Other Receipts	V Total Resources Available For Expenditures	VI Total Estimated Expenditures & Encumbrances	VII Ending Estimated Unencumbered Balance
Total Debt Service Funds	3,377,378	1,291,393	146,085	4,814,856	3,383,466	1,431,390
Capital Project Funds:						
Permanent Improvement (003)	25,000	0	1,000,000	1,025,000	1,025,000	0
Building Fund (004)	20,000	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
Capital Projects (070)	5,000	0	5,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
Total Capital Project Funds	50,000	0	1,005,000	1,055,000	1,050,000	5,000
Enterprise Funds:						
Food Service (006)	150,000	0	950,000	1,100,000	1,050,000	50,000
Uniform School Supply (009)	25,000	0	100,000	125,000	115,000	10,000
Total Enterprise Funds	175,000		1,050,000	1,225,000	1,165,000	60,000
Internal Service Funds:						
Rotary (014)	35,000	0	400,000	435,000	410,000	25,000
Insurance Fund (024)	2,500,000	0	7,200,000	9,700,000	7,200,000	2,500,000
Total Internal Service Fund	2,535,000		7,600,000	10,135,000	7,610,000	2,525,000
Fiduciary Funds:						
Trust Fund (007)	50,000	0	0	50,000	15,000	35,000
District Agency (022)	5,000	0	0	5,000	2,500	2,500
Total Fiduciary Funds	55,000		0	55,000	17,500	37,500
Grand Total - All Funds	15,441,938	37,368,940	17,595,589	70,406,467	57,992,241	12,414,227

UNVOTED GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT

(Include General Obligation Debt To Be Paid From Inside/Charter Millage Only)

(Do Not Include General Obligation Debt Being Paid By Other Sources)

(Do Not Include Special Obligation Bonds & Revenue Bonds)

SCHEDULE 3

I Purpose Of Bonds Or Notes	II Date Of Issue	III Final Maturity Date	IV Principal Amount Outstanding At The Beginning Of The Year	V Amount Required To Meet Budget Year Principal & Interest Payments
Energy Conservation Note - HB 264 (2018)	02/14/18	12/01/27	\$532,550.10	\$146,084.90
Do Not Levy for this debt obligation				
Totals			\$532,550.10	\$146,084.90

Note: This debt obligation is paid from a specifically identified Bond Retirement Fund with proceeds from a transfer from the General Fund.

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

(Bonds Or Notes Must Actually Be Issued In Order To Commence Collection Of Property Taxes For Debt Service)

Schedule 4 (Calendar Year Basis)

I Purpose Of Notes Or Bonds	II Authorized By Voters On MM/DD/YY	III Date Of Issue	IV Final Maturity Date	V Principal Outstanding on 1/1/2024	VI CALENDAR YEAR 2024					XI Principal Amt. Outstanding on 1/1/2025	XII 1ST HALF - CALENDAR YEAR 2025		XIII FY - 2025
					Principal Payments 1/1/24 - 6/30/24	Interest Payments 1/1/24 - 6/30/24	Principal Payments 7/1/24 - 12/31/24	Interest Payments 7/1/24 - 12/31/24	All Payments 1/1/24 - 12/31/24		Principal Payments 1/1/25- 6/30/25	Interest Payments 1/1/25- 6/30/25	All Payments 7/1/24 - 6/30/25
Outside 10 Mill Limit:													
2012 Refunding of 2003 Bonds (CABS)	11/05/02	01/25/12	12/01/27	\$725,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$725,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2019 Refunding of 2012 Refunding	11/05/02	10/03/19	12/01/29	\$6,035,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,953.50	\$185,000.00	60,953.50	\$306,907.00	\$5,850,000.00	\$0.00	\$59,085.00	\$305,038.50
2020 Refunding of 2011 Refunding	11/05/02	09/05/20	12/01/26	\$6,930,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,689.50	\$2,285,000.00	35,689.50	\$2,356,379.00	\$4,645,000.00	\$0.00	\$23,921.75	\$2,344,611.25
Total				\$13,690,000.00	\$0.00	\$96,643.00	\$2,470,000.00	\$96,643.00	\$2,663,286.00	\$11,220,000.00	\$0.00	\$83,006.75	\$2,649,649.75
2017A School Improvement	05/05/15	05/18/17	09/01/45	\$4,490,000.00	\$0.00	\$92,318.75	\$130,000.00	\$92,318.75	\$314,637.50	\$4,360,000.00	\$0.00	\$89,718.75	\$312,037.50
2017B School Improvement	05/05/15	06/14/17	09/01/45	\$4,430,000.00	\$0.00	\$79,346.88	\$120,000.00	\$79,346.88	\$278,693.76	\$4,310,000.00	\$0.00	\$76,346.88	\$275,693.76
Total				\$8,920,000.00	\$0.00	\$171,665.63	\$250,000.00	\$171,665.63	\$593,331.26	\$8,670,000.00	\$0.00	\$166,065.63	\$587,731.26
Total - Outside 10 Mill Limit				\$22,610,000.00	\$0.00	\$268,308.63	\$2,720,000.00	\$268,308.63	\$3,256,617.26	\$19,890,000.00	\$0.00	\$249,072.38	\$3,237,381.01

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

Schedule 5

Tax anticipation notes are issued in anticipation of the collection of the proceeds of a property tax levy. The amount of money required to cover debt service must be deposited into a bond retirement fund, from collections and distribution of the tax levy, in the amounts and at the times required to pay those debt charges as provided in the legislation authorizing the tax anticipation notes. (ORC Section 133.24)

The appropriation to the fund which normally receives the tax levy proceeds is limited to the balance available after deducting the amounts to be applied to debt service.

After the issuance of general obligation securities or of securities to which section 133.24 of the ORC applies, the taxing authority of the subdivision shall include in its annual tax budget, and levy a property tax in a sufficient amount, with any other monies available for the purpose, to pay the debt charges on the securities payable from property tax. (ORC Section 133.25)

	Name Of Tax Anticipation Note Issue	Name Of Tax Anticipation Note Issue
	N/A	N/A
Amount Required To Meet Budget Year Principal & Interest Payments:		
Principal Due		
Principal Due Date		
Interest Due		
Interest Due Date		
Interest Due		
Interest Due Date		
Total		
Name Of The Special Debt Service Fund		
Amount Of Debt Service To Be Apportioned To The Following Settlements:		
Total		
Name Of Fund To Be Charged		

STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

(Complete for General Fund , Bond Retirement Fund and any other funds
requesting general property tax revenue)

EXHIBIT I

General Fund

I	II	III	IV	V
DESCRIPTION	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	Current Yr. Estimate FY 2024	Budget Yr. Estimate FY 2025
Revenues:				
Property Taxes (Real & Personal)	\$ 31,046,932	\$ 30,000,667	\$ 32,476,263	\$ 32,289,404
Homestead and Rollback	\$ 3,336,591	\$ 3,349,625	\$ 3,394,121	\$ 3,788,142
State Foundation	\$ 3,630,348	\$ 3,745,920	\$ 3,849,820	\$ 3,770,000
Tuition Fees	\$ 902,862	\$ 888,499	\$ 854,000	\$ 834,110
Other Revenue	\$ 1,910,989	\$ 2,411,810	\$ 1,719,239	\$ 1,873,694
Total Revenues	\$ 40,827,723	\$ 40,396,521	\$ 42,293,443	\$ 42,555,351
Total Expenditures	\$ 41,599,057	\$ 41,104,570	\$ 42,562,086	\$ 43,429,575
Revenue over (under) Expenditures	\$ (771,334)	\$ (708,049)	\$ (268,643)	\$ (874,224)
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 10,727,587	\$ 9,956,253	\$ 9,248,204	\$ 8,979,561
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 9,956,253	\$ 9,248,204	\$ 8,979,561	\$ 8,105,336
Encumbrances at Year End	\$ 247,425	\$ 999,323	\$ -	\$ -

Debt Service - 2002

I DESCRIPTION	II FY 2022 Actual	III FY 2023 Actual	IV Current Yr. Estimate FY 2024	V Budget Yr. Estimate FY 2025
Revenues:				
Property Taxes (Real & Personal)	\$ 2,625,089	\$ 2,120,981	\$ 1,896,021	\$ 792,772
Homestead and Rollback	\$ 340,403	\$ 279,726	\$ 307,371	\$ 20,327
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 2,965,492	\$ 2,400,707	\$ 2,203,392	\$ 813,100
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,669,571	\$ 2,649,140	\$ 2,651,769	\$ 2,649,650
Revenue over (under) Expenditures	\$ 295,921	\$ (248,432)	\$ (448,377)	\$ (1,836,550)
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 3,430,207	\$ 3,726,128	\$ 3,477,696	\$ 3,029,319
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 3,726,128	\$ 3,477,696	\$ 3,029,319	\$ 1,192,769
Encumbrances at Year End	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Debt Service - 2015

I DESCRIPTION	II FY 2022 Actual	III FY 2023 Actual	IV Current Yr. Estimate FY 2024	V Budget Yr. Estimate FY 2025
Revenues:				
Property Taxes (Real & Personal)	\$ 588,308	\$ 563,118	\$ 562,865	\$ 466,337
Homestead and Rollback	\$ 6,349	\$ 5,688	\$ 6,346	\$ 11,957
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 594,657	\$ 568,806	\$ 569,211	\$ 478,294
Total Expenditures	\$ 577,749	\$ 568,196	\$ 583,606	\$ 587,731
Revenue over (under) Expenditures	\$ 16,909	\$ 610	\$ (14,395)	\$ (109,437)
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 344,936	\$ 361,844	\$ 362,454	\$ 348,059
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 361,844	\$ 362,454	\$ 348,059	\$ 238,621
Encumbrances at Year End	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -