

**BUDGET COMMISSION**

The Geauga County Budget Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditor’s Office at 215 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio.  
Present: Geauga County Auditor Charles E. Walder, Geauga County Prosecutor Jim Flaiz, and Geauga County Treasurer C. P. Hitchcock.  
Also Present: Chief Operations Manager Pamela McManhan and Deputy Auditors Tammy Most and Kristen Sinatra

**Meeting was advertised: Regular Business**  
Virtual attendance was offered.

**Prior Minutes**

Motion by Charles Walder, seconded James Flaiz to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2025 – Regular meeting.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

**2025 Amendments**

**Auburn Township Amendment #2**

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Christopher Hitchcock, to amend the Auburn Township Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

**Capital Funds**

Increase Fund 4903 Misc, Cap. Projects Fund Reserve other source revenue 60,000.00 from 0.00 to 60,000.00

<u>New Capital Funds Total:</u>	\$ 282,270.21
<b>New 2025 Certificate Total:</b>	<b>\$7,170,957.29</b>

*\*Appropriation form GCA-006 dated 3/3/2025 does not exceed estimated revenue.*

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

**Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Financials (Appropriation Transfer):**

Motion by Christopher Hitchcock, seconded by Charles Walder, to acknowledge the Appropriation Transfer as presented:

**Appropriation Transfer**

<b>Fund 6007 Solid Waste:</b>	Decrease	Workers Comp.:	\$ (750.00)
	Decrease	Project Contracts	\$(25,000.00)
	Increase	Salaries	\$ 500.00
	Increase	Medicare:	\$ 250.00
	Increase	Contract Svs – Prof.	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
		Total:	\$0.00

New total unappropriated balance: Unchanged

Voice Vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

**Geauga County – Amendment #14**

Motion by Charles Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to amend the 2025 Geauga County Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to reflect the following changes to revenue previously certified:

**Special Revenue Fund**

Decrease 2001 Adams Board Other -other source revenue (1,045,000.00), from 3,274,806.00 to 2,229,806.00.

Increase 2106 Common Pleas CCA 2.0 other source revenue 18,130.00, from 124,567.00 to 142,697.00.

*Net Adjustment: \$(1,026,870.00)*

<b><u>New Special Revenue Funds Total:</u></b>	<b>\$126,792,701.84</b>
<b><u>New 2025 Certificate Total:</u></b>	<b>\$292,215,336.18</b>

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

**Geauga Public Health Appropriation request (Supplemental Appropriations):**

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Christopher Hitchcock, to acknowledge the financials as presented:

**Supplemental Appropriations:**

**Fund #6002**

Salaries	\$22,000.00	
Medicare	\$ 400.00	
		New Total; Unappropriated \$158,771.83

**Fund #6004**

Contract Services	\$4,445.31	New Total Unappropriated \$5,468.44
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**Fund #6005**

Contract Services	\$173,367.02	New Total Unappropriated \$261,194.68
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**Fund #6011**

Contract Services	\$48,898.39	New Total Unappropriated \$219,769.74
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**Fund #6018**

Contract Services	\$6,667.96	New Total Unappropriated \$36,460.25
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**Fund #6023**

Contract Services	\$300,058.30	New Total Unappropriated \$26,981.22
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**Fund #6030**

Contract Services	\$3,333.98	New Total Unappropriated \$22,806.02
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**Fund #6040**

Contract Services	\$44,453.08	New Total Unappropriated \$38,531.70
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Voice Vote: Three ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjusted Bond/Emergency Levy Millage for TY25CY26 tabled from 11/3/25**

In accordance with ORC 5705.34, the members of the Budget Commission reviewed presented information and projected calculations to adjust millage collection for the following:

Emergency levy to maintain voted revenue collection and  
Bond levies to ensure adequate collection to service and support debit in accordance with submitted schedules.

Motion by Christopher Hitchcock, seconded by James Flaiz, to accept the adjusted millage collection for Berkshire LSD 2018 Bond Levy for TY25CY26 as 2.45 mills.

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

Motion by Christopher Hitchcock, seconded by Charles Walder, to accept the adjusted millage collection for Kenston LSD 2017 Bond Levy for TY25CY26 as .52 mills.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Christopher Hitchcock, seconded by Charles Walder, to accept the adjusted millage collection for Kenston LSD 2002 Bond Levy for TY25CY26 as 2.25 mills.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Motion by James Flaiz, seconded by Christopher Hitchcock, to accept the adjusted millage collection for West Geauga LSD 2010, \$2,350,000.00 Emergency Levy for TY25CY26 as 1.86 mills and the 2012, \$3,700,000.00 Emergency Levy for TY25CY26 as 2.93 mills should the 4.82 mill

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

Motion by Charles Walder, seconded by James Flaiz, to accept the adjusted millage collection for Geauga Public Library 2017 Bond Levy for TY25CY26 as .32 mills.

Voice vote: Three ayes. Motion carried

A brief discussion arose regarding the property tax abolishment initiative, its complexities and the possibility of lengthy legal battles if it should be passed.

**General Discussion:**

Mr. Walder wanted to acknowledge that this would be Tammy Most's final meeting with the Budget Commission. The members expressed gratitude for her service and wished her well.

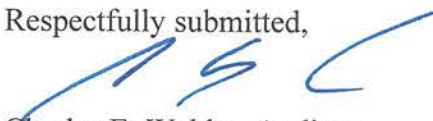
**Public Comment:**

Ms. McGlone asked for clarification regarding the West Geauga LSD Emergency levies as to when the revenue would stop being collected. Mr. Walder said there is one levy that expires in tax year 2026. So the last collection would be in 2027.

Mr. Gorton wished Ms. Most well and had some very kind sentiments.

Being no further business to conduct, C. P. Hitchcock moved to adjourn the November 17, 2025 regular meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Charles E. Walder, Auditor  
Secretary/Budget Commission

  
C. P. Hitchcock