

# BUDGET COMMISSION *of* LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

• DANIEL J. TALAREK  
County Treasurer

• J. CRAIG SNODGRASS, CPA, CGFM  
County Auditor

• J.D. TOMLINSON  
County Prosecutor

08/12/24

Memo to: Daniel J. Talarek, Treasurer  
J. Craig Snodgrass, CPA, CGFM, Auditor  
J.D. Tomlinson, Prosecutor

**AGENDA**  
**LORAIN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION**  
**LORAIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**FOURTH FLOOR PUBLIC HEARING ROOM B**

**Special Meeting**  
**August 26, 2024 – 11:00 A.M.**

- 1) Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 12, 2024  
Minutes of August 20, 2024
- 2) Consider approving the Undivided Local Government Fund Distribution for 2025 based on August 20, 2024 meeting with local governments.
- 3) Any other Business...

## BUDGET COMMISSION MINUTES

August 12, 2024

**TIME:** 11:00 A.M.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** DANIEL J. TALAREK, TREASURER  
J. CRAIG SNODGRASS, CPA, CGFM, AUDITOR  
JAMES BURGE, ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR  
TIM COCHEY, CHIEF DEPUTY OF FINANCE  
JEFF RIDDELL, COMMISSIONER  
MICHELLE HUNG, COMMISSIONER  
MATTHEW SPEARS, ADMIN. ASST. TO COMMISSIONER HUNG  
DEBORAH TANSEY, COMMON PLEAS DEPUTY COURT ADMIN  
KC SAUNDERS, BUDGET DIRECTOR  
MIKE NAEGELE, BUDGET DEPT.  
ALEX DEMARCO, COMPTROLLER  
SONJA BEAT, TAX SETTLEMENT SUPERVISOR

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** July 8, 2024  
MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. SNODGRASS  
SECOND: MR. BURGE  
MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF RECORDS  
AMENDED CERTIFICATES:** JULY AMENDMENTS (ON FILE IN TAX SETTLEMENT  
DEPARTMENT)  
MOTION TO APPROVE: MR. BURGE  
SECOND: MR. SNODGRASS  
MOTION CARRIED

### Journal Entries

- Election of officers for forthcoming year. Mr. Snodgrass nominated Mr. Talarek as Chairman of the Budget Commission. Mr. Burge seconded. Mr. Talarek nominated Mr. Snodgrass as Secretary of the Budget Commission. Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.
- Mr. Snodgrass appointed Tim Cochey, Carmella Phillips, and Sonja Beat as authorized voting members of Budget Commission in his absence.
- Obtained census report showing the incorporated areas make up 82.61%. There will be no change in the Local Government formula for 2025. Mr. Snodgrass made a motion to accept the census report. Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.
- Resolution received from the Board of Commissioners requesting to forego collection of the TB Clinic levy for 2025. Mr. Snodgrass made a motion to accept the Resolution. Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.
- 2025 Local Government entitlement is \$12,262,833. Open meeting August 20, 2024 for Local Governments to discuss Local Government entitlements. Meeting for August 26, 2024 to approve/disapprove the alternative percentages. 2025 Public Library Fund entitlement is \$11,435,382 and meeting to discuss entitlement is September 9, 2024.
- Extension request from September 1, 2024 to October 1, 2024 in order to complete all local government budgets. Mr. Snodgrass made a motion to approve the letter requesting a local government budget extension. Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.
- Included in Budget Commission packets is the Tentative Budget Commission Meeting Dates for 2025.

### BUDGET DEPT. REPORT:

Mr. Saunders presented the Budget Department report (on file in Tax Settlement).



## AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Ms. DeMarco presented the Auditor's Department report (on file in Tax Settlement).

## BUSINESS DISCUSSED:

Mr. Talarek informed Budget Commission Members that officers need elected for the forthcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Snodgrass nominated Mr. Talarek as Chairman of the Budget Commission. Mr. Burge seconded.

Mr. Talarek nominated Mr. Snodgrass as Secretary of the Budget Commission. Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.

Budget Commission was informed that Mr. Snodgrass approved a letter appointing Tim Cochey, Carmella Phillips, and Sonja Beat as authorized voting members of Budget Commission in his absence. Mr. Snodgrass also encouraged the other members to do the same within their departments.

Mr. Snodgrass stated that Tax Settlement obtained the census report from the Ohio Department of Development as required for Local Government distribution and according to the report the incorporated areas make up more than 81.00% at 82.61%. Since the percentage of incorporated areas is more than 81.00% there will be no change to the current distribution formula. Mr. Snodgrass made a motion to accept the census report. Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass informed Budget Commission that Tax Settlement received a Resolution from the Board of County Commissioners requesting to forego the collection of the Tuberculosis Clinic levy for the year 2025. This would amount to savings of \$4 per \$100,000 home. Mr. Snodgrass expressed the difference between voted outside millage and unvoted inside millage stating that all Political Subdivisions with inside millage are going to be receiving additional monies due to the reappraisal. Some months ago, a presentation was given by Mr. Snodgrass to the Townships Association indicating that they would receive additional funds, which is where taxpayers will be paying a bit more. However, these communities can send a letter to the Budget Commission requesting to forego some collections or just a portion of it for a given year as the Board of Commissioners have done today. Mr. Snodgrass made a motion to accept the Resolution. Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Beat stated that the 2025 Local Government entitlement is \$12,262,833. Dates have already been scheduled for an open meeting for Local Governments to come and discuss any concerns on August 20, 2024 and a meeting on August 26, 2024 to approve/disapprove the alternative percentages. Mr. Snodgrass noted that the state has required Budget Commission to have a meeting at least every 5 years to review the alternative percentages and our meetings have been held every year. Mrs. Beat continued stating the 2025 Public Library Fund entitlement is \$11,435,382 and the meeting to discuss the entitlement is scheduled for September 9, 2024.


Mrs. Beat requested Budget Commission to approve a letter of request for an extension of time from the state to complete all Local Government budgets from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Snodgrass made a motion to approve the letter requesting a local government budget extension from September 1, 2024 to October 1, 2024. Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.


Lastly, Mrs. Beat reminded Budget Commission that included in their packet is the tentative Budget Commission Meeting Dates for 2025.

Mr. Snodgrass made a motion to go into executive session due to a pending litigation. Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.

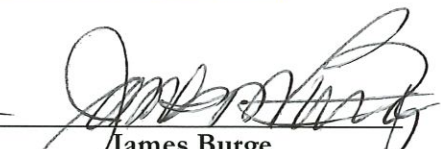
There being no further business. Mr. Talarek made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.

  
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J. Craig Snodgrass

CPA, CGFM, Auditor

  
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Daniel J. Talarek

Treasurer

  
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James Burge

Assistant Prosecutor

**BUDGET COMMISSION MINUTES-OPEN MEETING FOR ALL SUBDIVISIONS  
FOR THE 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTION**

**August 20, 2024**

**TIME:** 11:00 A.M.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** TIM COCHEY, CHIEF DEPUTY OF FINANCE  
JAMES BURGE, ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR  
CARMELLA PHILLIPS, ASST. CHIEF DEPUTY OF FINANCE  
MIKE NAEGELE, BUDGET DEPT.  
ALEX DEMARCO, COMPTROLLER  
KRISTINE GARCIA, TAX SETTLEMENT

***LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ATTENDANCE PER INVITATION***

BRENDA PHILLIPS, AMHERST CITY  
BETH KROSSE, OBERLIN CITY  
MICHELLE HENKE, SOUTH AMHERST VILLAGE

**Journal Entries**

- **Discussion of the 2025 Local Government Entitlement and Percentages.**

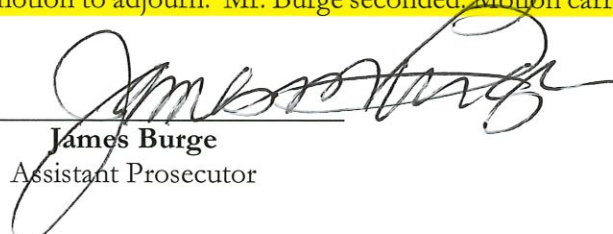
**2025 Local Government Entitlement Meeting**

Mr. Cochey opened the meeting by stating that the population/census report was given during the August 12, 2024, Budget Commission meeting. According to the report the incorporated areas make up more than 81.00%. When the percentage was calculated earlier in the month it was originally 82.61% but has since changed to 82.55%. Since the percentage is still over 81.00%, there will be no change to the current formula that was signed in 2003 and took effect in 2004. Mr. Cochey stated that the county General Fund receives 30% of the entitlement at \$3,678,849.90 which is an increase of \$20,944.80 compared to last year's amount and Lorain City receives 27.412% which amounts to about \$3.3 million. The total estimated Local Government entitlement for 2025 is \$12,262,833, this is an increase in comparison to last year's entitlement amount of \$69,816. Mr. Cochey noted that these numbers can change providing examples from the Local Government entitlement certified in July of 2022 for the 2023 calendar year being \$12.8 million and only receiving about \$12.2 million. Another example being the 2024 entitlement certified in July of 2023 for \$12.1 million but only coming away with about \$11.9 million.

Mr. Cochey stated that on August 26, 2024, Budget Commission will meet again to approve/disapprove the Local Government distribution percentages as this gives local governments the opportunity to reach out with any questions or concerns prior to Budget Commission approving distribution percentages.

There being no further business. Mr. Cochey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Burge seconded. Motion carried.

  
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**Tim Cochey**  
Chief Deputy of Finance

  
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**James Burge**  
Assistant Prosecutor