

Scioto County Board of DD Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2014
Scioto County Commissioners' Office – 3:45 p.m.

Members Present: J. Michael Thoroughman, Chair, Klaire L. Purtee, Rodney Barnett
Ex-officio: Julie Monroe, Superintendent and Matt Purcell, Director of Finance

Others Present: David Green, Scioto County Auditor, Heather Cunningham, Scioto County Chief Deputy Auditor, Mark Kuhn, Scioto County Prosecutor's Office

The finance committee meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m. by J. Michael Thoroughman, Chair.

- 1) Overview of current budget forecast and financial needs including:
 - Recent actions that have increased revenue
 - Further cost containment measures

Mrs. Monroe and Mr. Purcell reviewed the budget forecast and impending 2.5 million dollar deficit to occur over fiscal years 2016 and 2017 if everything remains status quo, and projections remain stable. They explained that although several cost containment measures have been taken over the past several years such as not filling vacated positions, and most recently a freeze on staff wages, it is crucial that additional levy dollars be obtained to continue the same level of service to the ever growing number of service recipients. Since no new tax levy dollars have been obtained since 2006 (through the passage of a levy in 2005) the program has operated on the same amount of local revenue for the past nine years, despite serving nearly double the amount of people. Although the Board did renew an existing levy in 2011, it did not yield any additional dollars, but rather kept the levy revenue flat.

It was also explained by Mr. Purcell that since 2011 several actions have been taken to increase the amount of revenue brought in, specifically through refinancing of adult day services provided by the Board so that Medicaid dollars could be drawn down through waivers, as well as entering into the Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) program, Tax Equity Subsidy Increase, TCM Productivity Initiative, and participating in the Bridges to Transition program.

- 2) Review of levy scenarios
 - Replacing current levies
 - New mills – varying amounts

Scioto County Auditor, David Green, presented information about all of the Board's current levies to determine if a replacement would yield enough funds to sustain services for the next five years. Since some of the levies are over three decades old, replacing them would not bring in near the amount of revenue needed to fill the projected deficit.

Matt Purcell reviewed a levy scenarios spreadsheet that illustrated what varying amounts of new funding through levy mills would bring in and for how long. The committee also discussed termed levies versus continuing and decided on a five year termed levy. That would necessitate the passing of a 2.5 mill levy to remain status quo, based on projections, for the next five years.

The committee discussed the option of running a levy under two mills, such as 1.90 or 1.95 mills. Mr. Purcell shared numbers he had ran assuming a 1.90 levy for five years with the committee. He explained that it would be possible, but only if programmatic changes were made within the five year period. Specifically, he discussed increasing program revenue and continuing to look at ways to operate more efficiently. The committee members agreed that the SCBDD should continue to look at all options of operating more efficiently, as we need to show we are committed to being good stewards of tax dollars.

3) Recommendations to full Board

Mr. Barnett made a motion to recommend at the December Board meeting, a 1.95 mill levy, termed for five years, in May of 2015. Mrs. Purtee seconded and the motion carried.

Mrs. Purtee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. and Mr. Barnett seconded and the motion carried.

Submitted by,

Stephanie Childers, Recording Secretary