

Tuscarawas County Budget Commission

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August 26, 2024

TO: Fiscal Officers and Legislative Authorities of Municipalities, Townships and County
RE: August 5, 2024 Budget Commission Meeting

This letter is a follow up to discussion from the August 5, 2024 Budget Commission meeting. There are new statutory guidelines required for the Budget Commission's formula for disbursing local government funds. In the year 2000, the Tuscarawas County Budget Commission met with local governments and the majority of subdivisions agreed to an alternative formula for the distribution of local government monies. Our local governments agreed to continue this formula in 2010 and again in 2020.

However, the state legislature recently approved changes in Revised Code 5747.53. This now requires the Tuscarawas County Budget Commission conduct a public hearing with County, city, village and township governments to adopt an agreed upon formula. This type of public meeting is now required once every 4 years, with 2024 being the first year. The next public meeting will be in 4 years which will be during the year 2028.

The purpose of the public meeting is for the local governments to come together and produce a consensus formula which they want to live by, which will determine the allocation of local government funds to each of our political subdivisions.

Under the statutory formula, the County is permitted a maximum of 50% and Townships 10%. As you are aware the county had agreed many years ago to receive the lesser amount of 35% based on subdivision support of a one percent permissive sales tax. By adopting the alternative method, all the political subdivisions are assured of the additional funding which is specified in the alternative formula as long as the alternative formula is in effect.

The Budget Commission developed an alternative formula which we believe more appropriately allocates local government monies based on population for cities and villages; and road mileage and population for the townships. The purpose of altering the allocation formula is to make it more reflective of each entity's characteristics.

The current alternative formula distribution allocates funds as follows:

20% Townships – For townships, the formula is based on the most recent census population count and the most recent annual road mileage as certified by the County Engineer. 50% of the total township allocation is distributed based on the township road mileage in relation to the total road mileage of all township roads and 50% is based on township (excluding municipality) census population in relation to the total population of all townships.

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45% Municipalities – Municipal Local Governments are initially allocated 11.5% to Villages and 33.5% to Cities. Within each of these categories, local government is based completely upon census population of each entity in comparison to the total population per category in relation to the total population per total of Villages/Cities.

35% County – Tuscarawas County continues to receive 35% of the total local government funding under the alternative formula.

Revised Code 5747.53 requires us to produce an alternative formula. If such a formula cannot be agreed upon, the issue reverts to the Budget Commission to determine a formula. An alternative formula must be approved by County Commissioners, the City of New Philadelphia, and the majority of other entities included in the distribution. Each political subdivision must act on this proposal in an open session and indicate if we are to retain the current formula or suggest a new formula.

Action approving or denying continuation of the existing formula must be received. Each political subdivision must act on this in open session indicating if we are to keep the present formula or suggesting a new formula. If you do not agree with the current formula, reject the existing formula and suggest an alternative.


Attached is an example of a Resolution for continuation of the existing formula.


Please return your resolution to the Budget Commission no later than October 25, 2024. The Public Hearing will then be held Monday, November 4, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners William Winters Board Room to either approve continuation of the existing formula or to adopt a new formula.

If you have any questions, please contact any Budget Commission member.

We Thank You for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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Tuscarawas County Auditor


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Resolution 15-2024

Resolution accepting the alternate formula for distribution of Local Government and Local Government Revenue Assistance Funds as proposed by the Tuscarawas County Budget Commission and as prescribed in Section 5747.53 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The City Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio met on the 14th day of October, 2024 at the office of

City Council with the following members present:

Mr. Krambill

Mr. Zanger

Mr. Pace

Mrs. Ramos

Mr. Rejzbeer

Mr. Simmelink

Mr. Walker

Townships

20.00% of Total County Allocation – half of which is allocated to each individual township based on population of unincorporated area of each township in comparison to population of unincorporated areas of all townships; and with the remaining half allocated to each individual township based on road mileage of each township in comparison to road mileage of all townships. Population is to be based upon 2020 Census. Road mileage as determined by County Engineer.

Villages

11.50% of Total County Allocation – allocated to each individual village based on Tuscarawas County population of each village in comparison to Tuscarawas County population of all villages. Population is to be based upon 2020 Census.

Cities

33.50% of Total County Allocation – allocated to each individual city based on population of each city in comparison to population of all cities. Population is to be based upon 2020 Census.

County 35.00% of Total County Allocation

Mr Smetnik moved to adopt the following formula proposed by the

Tuscarawas County Budget Commission, for a four year period, commencing with calendar year

2025 and ending with calendar year 2028, to distribute Local Government and Local

Government Revenue Assistance Funds:

And that the Clerk of Council be directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the

Tuscarawas County Budget Commission. Mr Pace seconded

this resolution, the roll being called, the following vote resulted:

<u>Mr Krumboltz</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Mr Langer</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Mr Pace</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Mrs Ramos</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Mr Walker</u>	<u>Y</u>

Adopted this 14th day of Oct, 2024

Julie Cartright
Clerk of Council

City of Nav Pula

Tuscarawas County, Ohio