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Committee of the Whole – Fiscal Budget Presentation

Good afternoon, Mike Chambers, Fiscal Office

### **Page 1 - Cover**

Thank you for the opportunity to present the Fiscal Office budget for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The look of the Fiscal Officer's budget has changed with the implementation of the ERP. Now included within the Fiscal budget is general fund and HHS Levy subsidies which in the past were separate line items. In addition, the office of OPD is now two separate departments, both of which will come before this committee presenting their respective budgets.

### **Page 2 - Departments**

This page represents a breakdown of the various departments with Fiscal. (Review List) In addition, a part of Consumer affairs falls under the Fiscal Office authority specifically the weights and measures team. This area protects consumers by verifying the gas pumps and the scales used in grocery stores are accurate.

This is a unique budget that includes several funding sources including general fund, auto title-general fund, real estate assessment fund, and delinquent tax fund.

### **Page 3- Budget**

This first two lines of the budget, Personnel Services, and other Expenditures, are primarily the budget of Fiscal Office. Personnel services is for the salary and benefits of the employees (278) Other Expenditures account for non-payroll operating expenses including:

Postage, tax systems, state auditor, Global Lease, Land Bank, Rock Hall -bed tax payment financial advisor, treasurer tax bills and postage, auto title leases, City of Cleveland payment for courts and public defender, general supplies, treasurer fees,

The Other Financing line-item accounts for Debt payments, General fund Subsidies, and the Health and Human Subsidies.

There are 278 FTEs within the Fiscal Office. We still have a handful of vacancies that we are still trying to fill. Throughout the last year I have transferred three employees from accounts payable to fill other open positions within the department. Auto title has a very high turn over of employees mainly to other jobs in the county. They are continuously interviewing for the entry level job. One position that I am still working to fill is the Controller. We made two offers to two

separate candidates and both declined, after the offer was made. Last week I asked HR to repost the position.

#### **Slide 4 – Real Estate Assessment Fund (REA)**

The Real Estate Assessment fund covers the cost of assessing real estate – (ORC 5713) including Appraisal, Transfers and Conveyances, Board of Revision, Tax Map, and other staff associated in the real estate valuation and maintenance. Listed on this slide are upcoming projects that I am currently reviewing with staff to determine final costs and timelines.

- Board of Revision – additional boards, and software upgrade (reinstallation)
- New Transfer system
- Sexennial Update
- GIS – website initiatives

Once I have fully vetted these projects/boards, I will come back and present the justification for each along with a funding estimate. All these projects are allowable expenses of the REA fund.

The current balance of the REA fund is \$30.2 million.