



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**  
**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**2:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:**

- a) R2023-0293: A Resolution declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of Cuyahoga County the question of the renewal of a 4.8-mill tax levy for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services, for eight years, outside the ten-mill limitation, in accordance with Section 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 3]
  
- b) R2023-0294: A Resolution determining to proceed with submitting to the electors of Cuyahoga County the question of renewing an existing 4.8-mill tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services, for eight years, in accordance with Section 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 6]

**5. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE/CONFIRMATION HEARING:**

- a) R2023-0304: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Michael W. Chambers, upon his taking the oath of office, as County Fiscal Officer; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 10]

## **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Pending or imminent court action

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2023-0293

Sponsored by: **County Executive Ronayne, Council President Jones and Councilmembers Conwell, Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Turner, Stephens and Simon**

**A Resolution** declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of Cuyahoga County the question of the renewal of a 4.8-mill tax levy for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services, for eight years, outside the ten-mill limitation, in accordance with Section 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2016, the electors of Cuyahoga County approved the renewal of a 4.8-mill property tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services, for eight years, the last collection of which will occur in calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council wishes to declare the necessity of submitting to the electors of Cuyahoga County at the election to be held on March 19, 2024, the question of the renewal of said levy, for eight years, to commence in tax year 2024 with first collection in calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution be immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to meet the Board of Elections' deadlines, and to continue the usual and daily operation of County departments, offices and agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** This County Council determines and declares that it is necessary to renew the levy of a tax outside the ten-mill limitation at the rate of 4.8 mills for each one dollar of taxable value for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services, for eight years, and to submit the question of the renewal of said tax to the electors of the entire territory of Cuyahoga County at the election to be held on March 19, 2024, in accordance with Section 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code. The renewal tax would first be levied in tax year 2024, first be collected in calendar year 2025, and be levied upon the entire territory of the County.

**SECTION 2.** The Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Fiscal Officer for the certification of the total current tax valuation of the County, the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 4.8-mill renewal levy, and any other information required to be certified by Council pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 5705.03(B)(2).

**SECTION 3.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County, the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County, and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature; (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter; or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Executive

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 10, 2023  
Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2023-0294

Sponsored by: **County Executive Ronayne, Council President Jones and Councilmembers Conwell, Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Turner, Stephens and Simon**

**A Resolution** determining to proceed with submitting to the electors of Cuyahoga County the question of renewing an existing 4.8-mill tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services, for eight years, in accordance with Section 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, the County Council adopted Resolution No. R2023-XXXX on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of the County the question of a renewal of an existing 4.8-mill property tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services, for eight years; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Officer has advised and certified to the County Council that: (a) the property tax revenue that will be produced (annually) by the stated millage, assuming the taxable value of the County remains constant throughout the life of the renewal levy, is \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (b) the total taxable value of the County used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and (c) the millage for the requested levy is 4.8 mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer's appraised value (collectively, the "Fiscal Officer's Certifications"); and

WHEREAS, the County Council having declared the necessity of submitting the question of the renewal levy to the electors of Cuyahoga County, and the County Fiscal Officer having made the necessary certifications, Council desires now to proceed with the submission of said question to the electors on the March 19, 2024 ballot by the adoption of this Resolution and the filing of the necessary documents with the Board of Elections prior to the December 20, 2023 filing deadline; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution be immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to meet the Board of Elections' deadlines, and to continue the usual and daily operation of County departments, offices and agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The County Council acknowledges its receipt of and accepts the Fiscal Officer's Certifications.

**SECTION 2.** Pursuant to Section 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code, the County Council declares that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the County, and that it is necessary to renew the levy of a tax in excess of such limitation at the rate of 4.8 mills for each one dollar of taxable value for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services, for eight years, to commence in tax year 2024, with the proceeds of such renewal levy first being available to the County in calendar year 2025; the County Council therefore determines to proceed with the submission of the question of said renewal levy to the electors of the County at the election to be held on March 19, 2024, at the time specified by the Board of Elections.

**SECTION 3.** In the event that the Ohio legislature reschedules the March 19, 2024 primary election, the tax levy renewal question shall be submitted to the electors on the rescheduled primary election date.

**SECTION 4.** The Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to certify immediately to the Board of Elections: (i) a copy of the Resolution referred to in the first preamble to this Resolution; (ii) the Fiscal Officer's Certifications; and (iii) a copy of this Resolution. This County Council requests that the Board of Elections give notice of the election and prepare the necessary ballots and supplies for the election in accordance with the law.

**SECTION 5.** The Director of the Board of Elections is hereby directed to cause notice of the election to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, or as provided in Section 7.16 of the Revised Code, and if the Board of Elections operates and maintains a web site, the Board of Elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for 30 days prior to the election. The notice of the election shall state: (a) the purpose of the proposed renewal levy; (b) the levy's estimated annual collections; (c) the rate of the proposed renewal levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value; (d) the estimated effective rate of the renewal levy, expressed in dollars for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer's appraised value; (e) the number of years that the renewal levy will be in effect; (f) first month and year in which the renewal tax will be levied; and (g) the time and place of the election, unless the aforesaid requirements are changed or otherwise required by law. The Director of the Board of Elections is hereby directed to certify the result of the election, immediately after the canvas by the Board of Elections, to the taxing authority of the County, in order to permit the enactment of such levy, if approved by the electorate, for a period of eight years, beginning with

the tax list and duplicate for the year 2024, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to the County in the calendar year 2025.

**SECTION 6.** The form of the Ballot to be used at such election shall be as follows:

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Cuyahoga County for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services that the county fiscal officer estimates will collect \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually, at a rate not exceeding 4.8 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer's appraised value, for eight years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

**SECTION 7.** If the ballot measure in Section 6 receives a majority affirmative vote, as necessary for its passage, the levied tax shall go into effect for the duration and at the rate provided in this Resolution.

**SECTION 8.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County, the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County, and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature; (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter; or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 9.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.





**County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
**Resolution No. R2023-0304**

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Ronayne</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> confirming the County Executive's appointment of Michael W. Chambers, upon his taking the oath of office, as County Fiscal Officer; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, the County Fiscal Officer shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 5.02 of the Charter provides for the powers, duties and qualifications of the County Fiscal Officer; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Michael W. Chambers for appointment to the position of County Fiscal Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Council conducted a confirmation hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Michael W. Chambers to the position of County Fiscal Officer; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of Michael W. Chambers to serve as County Fiscal Officer upon his taking the oath of office.

**SECTION 2.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

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County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 24, 2023

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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Cuyahoga County

Chris Ronayne  
Cuyahoga County Executive

October 17, 2023

Pernel Jones, Jr., President  
Cuyahoga County Council  
Cuyahoga County Administration Building  
2079 E.9th, 8th Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: *Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer*

Dear Council President Jones,

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.02 of the Cuyahoga County Charter, I am pleased to nominate **Michael Chambers** as the next Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County. Mr. Chambers is a Certified Public Accountant and has 5 years of experience in the management of financial matters of a political subdivision.

Mr. Chamber's background includes serving as Senior Business Services Manager/Fiscal Officer for Cuyahoga County's Department of Public Works; serving as Fiscal Officer for Cuyahoga County Engineer; Assistant City Controller for the City of Cleveland; and serving as Assistant Supervisor for the Accounting/Cashiering Department for the Cuyahoga County Treasurer. Mr. Chamber's experience with finance, the goals of the county and local government are pertinent in ensuring that the County stays on the proper fiscal course in order to sustain or advance current services, programs and developments.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Zoe Toscos in my office at 216-443-8356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne".

Chris Ronayne  
County Executive

# Michael W. Chambers, CPA

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Experienced, dedicated, and trusted financial professional with a proven history of implementing fiscal accountability, streamlining expenditures, increasing productivity, and protecting public resources.

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## EXPERIENCE

<b>Fiscal Officer – Chief Financial Officer</b> Cuyahoga County	<i>2019 – Pres.</i>
<b>Operations and Finance Administrator</b> DPW-Cuyahoga County	<i>2016 – 2019</i>
<b>Senior Business Services Manager/ Fiscal Officer</b> DPW-Cuyahoga County	<i>2011 – 2016</i>
<b>Fiscal Officer</b> Cuyahoga County Engineer	<i>2001 – 2011</i>
<b>Assistant City Controller</b> City of Cleveland	<i>1999 – 2001</i>
<b>Supervisor, Accounting Department</b> Cuyahoga County Treasurer	<i>1990 – 1999</i>

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## LICENSE/EDUCATION

<b>Certified Public Accountant</b> State of Ohio	<i>2000</i>
<b>Bachelor of Business Administration</b> Cleveland State University	<i>1990</i>

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## SKILLS

- CFO for one of the top 35 counties in the Country
  - Experienced financial leader of large local government with a \$1.7 billion, (Debt \$1.1 billion),
  - Responsible for annual audit, property tax collections (\$3 billion), accounts payable, revenue, payroll, appraisal, auto title, budget commission, transfer and recording, and real property
  - Skilled employment manager of large departments (270 direct employees / 7,000 indirect)
  - Strategic Planner and Change Agent
  - Excellent communication skills and negotiator
  - Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
  - Microsoft Office proficiency in Word, Excel, Outlook, Infor, OnBase, and PowerPoint
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**Michael W. Chambers CPA**



**SERVICE/AFFILIATIONS**

- Youth Basketball Coach
  - Professional Standards and Responsibility – Ethics Compliance – (OSCPA)
  - Member of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, Government Finance Officers Association, County Auditors Association, County Recorders Association, Audit Committee, Board of Control, Records Commission, and Budget Commission
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