



COMMISSIONERS
Jimmy Dimora
Peter Lawson Jones
Tim McCormack

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

Imposing immediate spending reductions for all Cuyahoga County departments exceeding 2002 budget appropriation levels.

WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners reviews, provides and approves funds used to support public services of all Cuyahoga County offices.

WHEREAS, the preparation of the 2002 budget was especially challenging because of the increasing stress on the County's revenue as a result of decreased local and state revenue sources.

WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners in December 2001 determined that in order to avoid a major 2002 operating deficit, County agencies, departments and elected officials would need to sustain a 10% general fund cut in the 2002 budget.

WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners has developed a monthly and quarterly budget and program report card.

WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners established a Budget Oversight Committee comprised of volunteer private and non-profit financial executives.

WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners is committed to providing quarterly reviews of departmental and agency budgets at regularly scheduled Commission meetings.

WHEREAS, a number of County agencies, departments and elected officials struggling to balance legitimate demands for critical services with the realization of reduced revenues have undertaken a number of operational efficiency initiatives.

AND, WHEREAS, the Office of Budget and Management, in conjunction with the respective staff from the various County agencies, has determined that 21 out of 42 accounts will exceed the respective appropriation levels if their spending continues at first quarter levels.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners sets forth their resolve to ensure a balanced budget for the 2002 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 21 aforementioned agencies be ordered to immediately impose spending reductions through all prudent cost cutting measures necessary to ensure a balanced budget for the 2002 fiscal year and advised that failure to immediately make the necessary budget sacrifices adversely affects the fiscal integrity of our entire community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners will be required to reduce appropriation measures that appear before them at their official Commission meetings for those agencies, departments and elected officials offices that are exceeding their respective appropriation levels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Budget and Management will continue to monitor and inform the administration of the progress of all 42 accounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that due to continued weak fiscal status of both local and state governmental entities, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners will not provide any additional appropriations to cover over spending.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners recognizes those that have met their goals and acknowledges their invaluable participation to date and urges the continuation of these positive efforts across all County agencies, departments and elected offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners has enacted a new travel policy and hiring restrictions for all Commission agencies and we urge all other elected officials, departments and agencies to enact similar policies to further reduce costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial well-being of Cuyahoga County requires the full cooperation and shared sacrifice in these extraordinary times of all departments, agencies and elected officials as well as their for-profit and non-profit partners, and further, that no department or agency receiving general fund dollars can be excluded for any reason from being a part of the County's budget reduction plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit one copy of this resolution to all Elected Officials, Court Administrators, directors, managers and fiscal officers.

On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Jones,
the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Dimora, Jones, McCormack.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Marjorie J. Pettus,
Clerk of the Board**

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