

RE: Questions about total funding available for New Senior Center and for renovations for "Chardon Square" per Court settlement

My answers are below:

1) Only the \$1.8 million is earmarked for senior center construction. Part of the \$2.3M could be transferred to senior center construction (as they did last year about \$800K) but that levy money is their operating fund. No other funding sources have been determined for this project. I sincerely doubt that the Commissioners would authorize any sort of tax hike to build a new senior center. As of right now we are planning to save up enough to build what we need and then build it.

2) For the Courthouse project we have the \$10 million from the ARPA money (third fund from the top) and the \$7.6 million from the Capital Reserve Fund Phase 1 & 2 (last fund at the bottom). Between the two of these funding sources we should be able to meet our \$15 million obligation. We also still have about a year and half to squirrel away funds as well as utilize part of the \$4.4 million in the Building Improvements Fund although this fund is for all County buildings not just the Courthouse. I am going to try and have \$20 million available for the Courthouse project and this is not including the money that the City of Chardon is obligated to spend for the project.

Let me know if you have any other questions. Just a reminder after today I will be out for a few weeks so hopefully everything is quiet while I am gone. Take care and have a good day. Thanks!

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