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County Commissioners Approve Senior Services Levy for Fall Ballot

DELAWARE COUNTY—Today, Delaware County Commissioners approved a renewal of the Senior Services Levy at 1.3 mills, with an addition of 0.1 mills, to be placed on the Nov. 8 ballot.

“We are grateful to the county commissioners for their continued support of the levy,” said Fara Waugh, CEO of SourcePoint. “This funding will allow us to sustain the vital aging services we have put in place for the last 30 years and maintain our support of the growing older population in Delaware County.”

The property tax levy provides over 80% of the nonprofit organization’s funding, which supports in-home care services like care management, Meals on Wheels, personal care, emergency response systems, adult day services, medical transportation, and more. While about 65% of levy funds support critical in-home care, they also enable SourcePoint to provide older adults with insurance counseling, caregiver support, social engagement, health and wellness programs, arts and education, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Senior services levies can last no longer than five years according to Ohio law. Funding from the current senior services levy in Delaware County expires at the end of 2023. The levy on the November ballot, if approved, will provide funding from 2024 through 2028.

“Our 55-plus population is one of the fastest growing in Ohio, with the 85+ population growing even faster,” said Waugh. “The good news is that, with levy support, Delaware County has a system in place to keep pace with the population growth and address increased costs for critical supplies like food for our Meals on Wheels program. The new annual cost to property owners will be \$35.10 per \$100,000 of assessed property value, a modest increase of \$3.50 compared to what we pay today.”

SourcePoint is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides professional expertise, services, and programs for Delaware County adults who want to thrive after 55 and family caregivers. Services and programs are supported in part by the local senior services levy, corporate and private donations, grants, the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, and United Way of Delaware County.