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Unofficial primary election results available

CCAO has compiled the unofficial election results for all county commissioner, county executive and county council races from Tuesday's primary election. Results for all countywide ballot issues have also been included. All reported results are unofficial at this time. Certified election results will be available later this month.

[CCAO Primary Election Unofficial Results Page](#)

DeWine, Whaley win primaries and move on to November General Election



Governor Mike DeWine and former Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley won their parties' primaries on Tuesday night, setting up the November General Election gubernatorial contest. DeWine bested former Congressman Jim Renacci, Joe Blystone and former state Representative Ron Hood in the GOP contest. Whaley defeated former Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley in the Democratic primary. The November General Election will be held on November 8, 2022.

The list of election results for other statewide and judicial races can be accessed at the Ohio Secretary of State website: <https://liveresults.ohiosos.gov>

Governor DeWine announces \$51 million traffic safety grant awards

On Thursday, Governor Mike DeWine along with Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jack Marchbanks announced \$51 million in grant fund awards for 44 safety improvement projects across the state. Specifically, the grants are aimed at reducing pedestrian-involved traffic crashes and preventing roadway departures.

Of the \$51 million in total awards, \$30 million will go to local governments. Counties receiving grants include Guernsey, Tuscarawas, Clark, Richland, Delaware, Wayne, Lucas and Franklin Counties.

"This is a serious problem, and we certainly believe that distracted driving is contributing to this alarming increase in pedestrian-involved and roadway departure crashes," said Governor DeWine. "The funding we're awarding today, most of which is going to local governments, will be used to make the physical changes needed to help prevent crashes, but a cultural change around distracted driving is needed as well. I continue to encourage members of the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation to put more restrictions around mobile device usage while driving to make it clear that distracted driving won't be tolerated in Ohio."

The full list of grant awards and project descriptions can be accessed [here](#).

State revenues far exceed expectations for April

The Ohio Office of Budget and Management on Thursday released its preliminary revenue figures for the month of April. The month was particularly strong for the state, with collections coming in \$1 billion over estimate - \$3.3 billion collected compared to estimates of \$2.3 billion.

Much of the surge in revenues was due to the personal income tax, which beat estimates by nearly \$900 million. Meanwhile, non-auto sales tax exceeded estimates by 12.7 percent while auto sales tax ran nearly 11.6 percent over estimate.

For the fiscal year, the state is running nearly \$2.5 billion over estimates.

The full preliminary revenue report for April can be found [here](#).

Governor announces grant opportunities for recruitment and retention of first responders

Gov. DeWine this week announced that the Ohio Emergency Management Agency is now accepting applications for the Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention and Resilience Program. The \$70 million grant program, made available through the American Rescue Plan, is dedicated to helping first responders counter various pressing issues exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, including stress and decreased staffing levels.

"Ohio first responders stand ready to protect, defend and provide life-saving services to the citizens of Ohio every day of the year, often putting themselves at risk both physically and mentally," said DeWine. "With these funds, my goal is to help local agencies keep first responders on the job and attract more qualified Ohioans to seek careers in public safety professions."

Law enforcement, emergency medical service and fire agencies are among the entities eligible to apply for these funds. Grant awards may be used for priorities including wellness programs to address mental, physical and emotional health challenges; recruitment and retention efforts; onboarding and training costs; and explorer programs to engage young adults about first responder careers.

Entities can apply for up to two years of funding. For technical assistance, contact Ohio EMA at 614-306-8461 and ask to speak to the grants coordinator.

State redistricting commission resubmits third version of state legislative district maps

Facing a Friday deadline set by the Ohio Supreme Court, the Ohio Redistricting Commission on Thursday resubmitted the third legislative map that had previously been submitted on Feb. 24 to be used only in the 2022 elections. The plan passed by a 4-3 vote. Before the vote, Secretary of State Frank LaRose said this was the "only viable option" to effectively hold the second primary election on Aug. 2, which his office and the bipartisan Ohio Association of Election Officials consider the only eligible date. The last date in which a new map could have been ordered and implemented without altering current statutory deadlines was April 20, and he had been told that there are not enough votes in the House or Senate to pass emergency legislation delaying the primary. Absent further changes, a federal judge panel is expected to mandate the usage of the third version maps as part of an August 2nd primary election for General Assembly seats and state central committee races.