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Commissioners Approve Senior Services Levy for May 8 Ballot

DELAWARE—Today, Delaware County Commissioners approved a renewal of the Senior Services Levy at 1.2 mills, with an addition of 0.1 mills, to be placed on the May 8 ballot. This was the second vote of a two-step process.

“We are grateful and appreciative of the Delaware County Commissioners’ support for the senior services levy,” said Robert U. Horrocks, founding executive director of SourcePoint. “Its purpose has always been to fund services for the frailest and most vulnerable older adults in our community to help them live safely and independently in their own homes.”

SourcePoint’s in-home services, provided through the senior services levy, include care management, Meals on Wheels, emergency response systems, personal care and homemaker services, adult day services, medical transportation, behavioral and mental health counseling, and durable medical equipment. While nearly 75 percent of levy funds are used to support critical in-home care, they also enable SourcePoint to provide older residents with health and wellness programs, nutrition programs, insurance education, caregiver support, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Senior services levies can last no longer than five years, according to Ohio law. Funding from the current senior services operating levy in Delaware County, which was approved by voters in 2013, expires at the end of 2018.

“Our older population is one of the fastest growing in Ohio, and as we age the chances of moderate and severe disability increases,” Horrocks said. “This levy will enable us to keep pace with the growth well into the next decade and ensures that we will have no waiting list for homecare services. The new cost to property owners will be \$3.50 a year per \$100,000 of property valuation—less than a penny a day.”

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. Services and programs are supported in part by the local senior services levy, corporate and private donations, sponsorships, grants, and by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging. SourcePoint is a United Way agency.

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