

2026 Primary Election Levy Information

The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce gathers information regarding levies each year, providing members with the information about them needed to make informed voting decisions. The primary election will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. These two levies will appear on the ballot in Lucas County.

<h3>The Toledo Zoo</h3> <p>The Toledo Zoo is seeking a <i>reduced</i> 0.90-mill, 10-year levy to replace its two expiring levies.</p>	<h3>Lucas County - 911 Emergency Services</h3> <p>Lucas County is seeking an <i>increased</i> 0.80-mill, 5-year levy to replace its expiring levy.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Proposed Levy Costs</u></p> <p>Amount the new levy would generate annually: \$10,385,752</p> <p>Cost for taxpayers per year per \$100,000 of property value: \$32 (\$16.44 annual reduction compared to previous cost)</p>	<p align="center"><u>Proposed Levy Costs</u></p> <p>Amount the new levy would generate annually: \$9,230,891</p> <p>Cost for taxpayers per year per \$100,000 of property value: \$28 (\$9 annual increase compared to previous cost)</p>
<p>The Zoo's two current levies, a 1.00-mill, 10-year capital levy and a 0.65-mill, 5-year operations levy, will both expire at the end of 2026.</p> <p>The Zoo intends to use proceeds from the new levy to support a limited portion of operations and to fund essential capital projects focusing on renovating historic facilities and replacing outdated structures, including the renovation of the Carnivore Cafe and the Amphitheater, and the replacement of the existing Veterinary Hospital.</p> <p>The Zoo has worked to reduce its reliance on tax levy dollars and plans to eliminate its use of any tax dollars for operations by the end of the next 10-year period.</p>	<p>The current 0.70-mill, 5-year levy will expire at the end of 2026.</p> <p>The levy would support the costs of the 911 emergency telephone system and the countywide public safety communications system.</p> <p>The Board of Lucas County Commissioners determined that the 0.10-mill increase was necessary to account for increased operating budgets and future budget deficits.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Current Levy Costs</u></p> <p>The 0.65-mill levy currently generates approximately \$5,200,000 per year in revenue, costing taxpayers \$17.81 per year per \$100,000 of property value.</p> <p>The 1.00-mill levy currently generates approximately \$6,750,000 per year, costing taxpayers \$30.63 per year per \$100,000 of property value.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Current Levy Costs</u></p> <p>The 0.70-mill levy currently generates approximately \$5,318,041 per year in revenue, costing taxpayers \$19 per year per \$100,000 of property value.</p>