



Revenue update for Seneca County after August sales tax

[Tiffin, OH August 20, 2020] – This document includes charts and graphs related to the county’s revenue situation for this year. The latest sales tax report from the state was very positive, but it is yet unclear what the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will be on county revenues. The Budget Commission reduced its General Fund revenue projection for 2020 by \$2 million in April. The commission initially expected about \$17.5 million in revenue for 2020 but lowered that to \$15.5 million amid the health crisis. The budget commission is set to meet again on Sept. 9 to ponder the latest figures. The commission could revise the 2020 revenue certification at the meeting.

This document deals mainly with sales tax receipts, which were projected to make up about \$8.1 million, or 46.3 percent of total General Fund revenue in 2020. It is still not clear how much the other income streams will be affected. County officials occasionally use the sales tax as a general indicator of the health of the economy. The four other major revenue streams in the General Fund as initially projected for 2020 include:

- Property tax amounts to about 13.1 percent of annual revenues (~\$2.3 million)
- Casino tax revenue amounts to about 3.8 percent of annual revenues (~\$660,000)
- Jail housing amounts to about 8 percent (~\$1.4 million)
- Local Government Funds from the state amount to about 4.5 percent of annual revenues (~\$790,000)

These top five revenue streams amount to about 75.7 percent of budgeted revenue for 2020.

When reviewing this data, please consider that 2019’s \$18 million in General Fund revenue was the second-highest mark the county has reached since 2008.

See below for charts and graphs.



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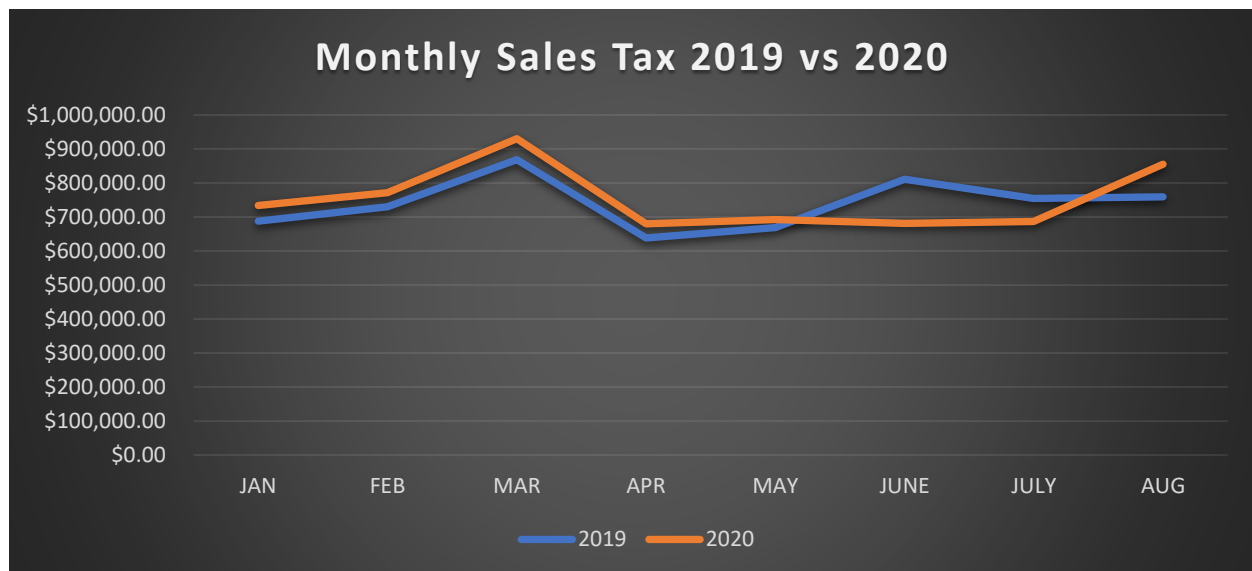
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This chart shows sales tax revenue for each month from 2019 and 2020. Please remember that there is a lag in the sales tax which is between two and three months. Some of this is received by the county two months after the tax is assessed, while some of it is received in about three months.

Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG
2019	\$687,624.38	\$730,251.63	\$868,597.15	\$638,315.84	\$669,264.27	\$811,183.52	\$754,476.06	\$758,970.14
2020	\$733,690.81	\$771,889.80	\$930,334.11	\$679,946.81	\$692,449.62	\$681,505.05	\$686,622.16	\$855,028.06

This line graph compares monthly sales tax revenues from 2019 and 2020.





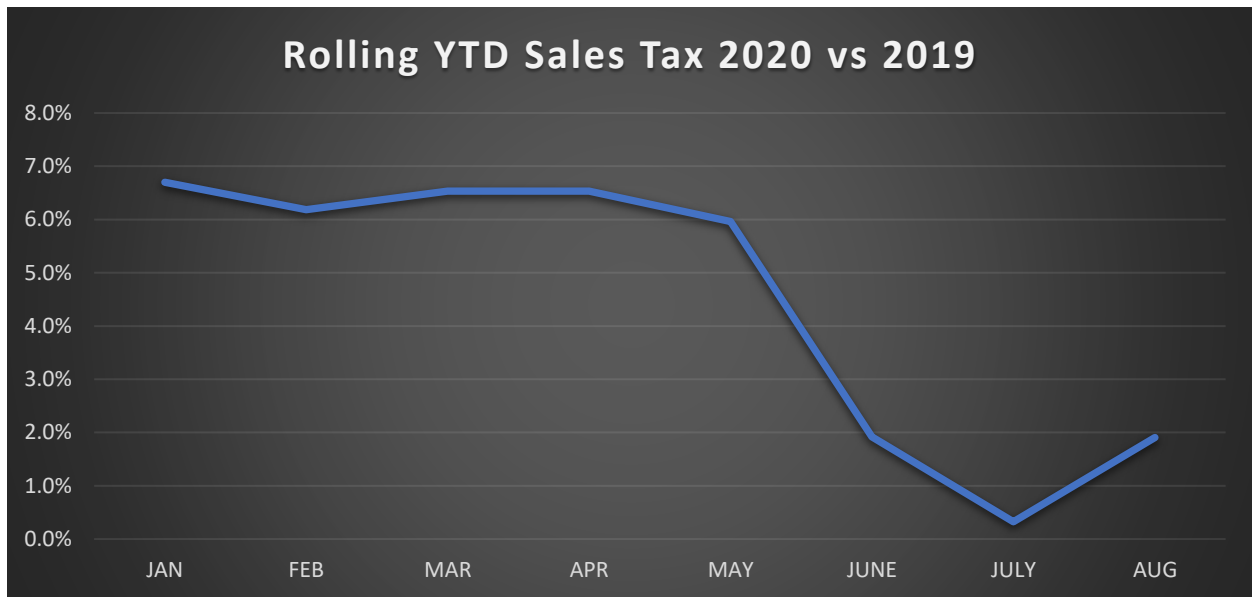
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This chart and the corresponding graph show the year-to-date percentage of how 2020 sales tax receipts compared to 2019's figures at the end of each listed month.

Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG
2019	\$687,624.38	\$1,417,876.01	\$2,286,473.16	\$2,924,789.00	\$3,594,053.27	\$4,405,236.79	\$5,159,712.85	\$5,918,682.99
2020	\$733,690.81	\$1,505,580.61	\$2,435,914.72	\$3,115,861.53	\$3,808,311.15	\$4,489,816.20	\$5,176,438.36	\$6,031,466.42
Change	6.7%	6.2%	6.5%	6.5%	6.0%	1.9%	0.3%	1.9%



** For further explanation of this data, please see the August 20th post-meeting release.*