

# Committee to Save Senior Services

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## **Former State Representative Joan Lawrence to Lead Senior Levy Campaign**

Former State Representative and Director of the Ohio Department of Aging, Joan W. Lawrence of Galena will lead efforts to continue senior services in Delaware County. Lawrence will Chair the Committee to Save Senior Services which has been organized to promote the passage of the senior services levy which provides in-home services through Delaware County.

The current five year levy expires at the end of the year and by state law must be taken back to voters for approval if levy services are to be continued. The senior services levy will be on the ballot on August 5, 2008

“Joan Lawrence has a life long history of service to others and she will bring both a tremendous understanding of the issues that face older adults and their families and great leadership to the campaign”, said Bob Horrocks, director of the Council for Older Adults of Delaware County.

I am very impressed by the quality of care and the system of services that have been developed in Delaware County as the result of our local senior service levy. I am proud to serve as chair to this important local campaign”, Lawrence said.

Lawrence currently serves as a member of the Executive Council of AARP OHIO and as a member of the Equal Justice Foundation Board. She was the Director of the Ohio Department of Aging from 1999 to 2005 and was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives serving Delaware County from 1983 to 1999. Additionally, Lawrence has also served as the President of the League of Woman Voters of Ohio from 1975 to 1977 and on the Big Walnut Board of Education from 1970 to 1973.

In Delaware County the senior services levy supports a variety of in-home and community services such as meals on wheels, personal care, transportation, adult day care, homemaking services, chore services, home repair, insurance counseling and more. By state law, senior service levies can last no longer than five years. The current senior services levy was approved by voters in 2003 and will expire at the end of this year. The levy request is for 0.9 mills and will cost property owners an additional \$9.95 per year for each \$100,000 of property valuation.

For more information concerning the senior services levy in Delaware County visit [www.saveseniorservices.org](http://www.saveseniorservices.org).

