COUNTY BRIDGE FUND 084-060

This fund is used to fund projects that involve bridge construction through county and township governments. The maximum tax rate for the County Bridge Fund is 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The current tax rate is 3.13 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Champaign County Highway Department, in association with the Township Highway Commissioners, has been given the opportunity and distinct responsibility to provide a safe rural transportation system for the citizens of Champaign County. The County Highway Department employs its engineering expertise and vocational knowledge to provide reasonable, sensible, and responsible solutions to the challenges facing Champaign County in solicitous response to the needs of the county residents.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

This fund is used first to match funding to construct bridges through the Township Bridge Program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The Township Bridge Program funding has remained steady for the past 10 years and the County Highway Department continues to have a need to construct approximately ten bridges per year to meet the sixty-year lifecycle of the bridges in Champaign County. The cost of bridge construction has risen approximately 75% during that same ten years. Therefore, it is challenging to maintain the current sixty-year lifecycle as well as continuing to look for ways to construct bridges with a longer life. Recently (2015) IDOT began to re-rate bridges for weight limits based on new criteria from FHWA. This has caused us to schedule replacement of some county highway bridges sooner than we had originally planned, causing an increase in expenditures until we catch up with the new ratings system.

In FY2017, the County prepared its levy to capture new growth revenue in a potential favorable ruling in the hospital property tax exemption case. In March 2017, the case was remanded to the Circuit Court, and the County amended its budgets since it would not receive any additional revenue in the fiscal year. In FY2018, the County will again approve its levy to capture new growth in the event of a favorable ruling prior to the Board of Review certifying the books. In FY2018, there is an additional \$37,352 budgeted in property tax revenue in the County Bridge budget.

FINANCIAL

		Fund 084 Dept 060	2016 Actual	2017 Original	2017 Projected	2018 Budget
311	23	CURR PROP TX-CNTY BRIDGE	\$1,150,527	\$1,235,028	\$1,191,368	\$1,288,145
313	23	RE BACKTAX-COUNTY BRIDGE	\$678	\$0	\$0	\$0
314	10	MOBILE HOME TAX	\$1,064	\$0	\$0	\$0
315	10	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$810	\$0	\$0	\$0
		PROPERTY TAXES	\$1,153,079	\$1,235,028	\$1,191,368	\$1,288,145
337	20	TOWNSHIP REIMBURSEMENT	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$0
		FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL SHARED REVENUE	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$0

		Fund 084 Dept 060	2016 Actual	2017 Original	2017 Projected	2018 Budget
361 369	10 90	INVESTMENT INTEREST OTHER MISC. REVENUE MISCELLANEOUS	\$11,317 \$500 \$11,817	\$5,000 \$0 \$5,000	\$10,000 \$1,100 \$11,100	\$10,000 \$1,000 \$11,000
		REVENUE TOTALS	\$1,164,986	\$1,240,028	\$1,202,468	\$1,299,145
533 533 533	4 48 70	ENGINEERING SERVICES ROAD/BRIDGE MAINTENANCE LEGAL NOTICES,ADVERTISING SERVICES	\$273,534 \$113,747 \$547 \$387,828	\$400,000 \$50,000 \$1,000 \$451,000	\$200,000 \$50,000 \$1,000 \$251,000	\$300,000 \$50,000 \$1,000 \$351,000
544	10	BRIDGES & CULVERTS	\$434,262	\$1,500,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,800,000
		CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TOTALS	\$434,262 \$822,090	\$1,500,000 \$1,951,000	\$1,650,000 \$1,901,000	\$1,800,000 \$2,151,000

FUND BALANCE

FY2016 Actual	FY2017 Projected	FY2018 Budgeted		
\$3,129,641	\$2,431,109	\$1,579,254		

The minimum fund balance goal is \$1,000,000. The fund balance is needed in order to be able to react to emergency type projects, which need to be implemented in quick order.

The fluctuation in fund balance is dependent on the timing of the completion of projects – in some fiscal years expenditure will exceed revenue – typically followed by a fiscal year in which the reverse is true. The FY2017 projected and FY2018 budgeted both show expenditures exceeding revenues to reconstruct bridges that have been downgraded by IDOT due to the new rating system.

EXPENSE PER CAPITA (IN ACTUAL DOLLARS)

FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	
\$7.19	\$5.53	\$7.38	\$9.70	\$10.70	

ALIGNMENT to STRATEGIC PLAN

CB Goal 2 – Champaign County maintains high quality public facilities and highways and provides a safe rural transportation system and infrastructure

• The County Highway Department has a goal to keep every bridge in Champaign County from being weight restricted and/or causing safety concerns. We inspect every bridge on the county, township and small municipal roadway system on a 4-year, 2-year or 1-year frequency based on the condition rating of the bridge.

DESCRIPTION

To design and construct bridges in the most cost effective manner possible.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. To have awarded project cost within +/- 5% of engineer design cost estimate
- 2. To keep actual project cost within +/- 5% of awarded project cost
- 3. To complete construction projects on schedule

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	2016	2017	2018
Indicator	Actual	Projected	Budgeted
Bridge projects designed	9	6	5
Bridge projects – constructed, supervised, and inspected	9	6	5
Actual Bridge project award cost as % of design	88%	95%	100%
Actual Bridge project construction cost as % of award	99%	100%	100%
Projects completed on schedule	100%	100%	100%