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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET HEARINGS

Monday, August 22, 2016

Brookens Administrative Center, Lyle Shields Meeting Room

1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alix, Berkson, Cowart, Esry, Harper, Harrison, Hartke, Hiser, Maxwell, McGuire, Mitchell, Quisenberry, Petrie, Rector, Weibel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anderson, Carter, Jay, Michaels, Rosales, Schroeder, Schwartz

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Snider (County Administrator), Tami Ogden (Deputy County Administrator of Finance), Duane Northrup (Coroner), Dr. John Peterson (Board of Health), Jane Quinlan (Regional Office of Education), Ginger Boaz (Extension Education), Elizabeth Murphy (RPC), Chris Ward (RPC), Lynn Canfield (MHB/DDB), Susan Fowler (MHB/DDB), Deb Roush (MHB/DDB), Adelaide Aime (Children's Advocacy Center), Stephanie Joos (Animal Control), Jeff Blue (Highway), and Linda Lane (Recording secretary)

CALL TO ORDER

County Board Chair Petrie called the hearing to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A verbal roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by Ms. Cowart to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Anderson. **MOTION carried with unanimous support.**

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Coroner

Mr. Northrup commented that the budget is fairly constant with last year. He noted the IDPH grant is typically an annual grant in the amount of \$4,625 collected from fees on death certificates. He said they received an additional \$5,000 mid-year in federal money, but that it is probably a one-time thing. He said they haven't received the \$4,625 from the State because those expenditures haven't been approved yet. Mr. Northrup said statutory fees vary depending on the cases. He said he lowered the reimbursement of Coroner's costs a bit and those come from fees charged to other counties for use of our facilities for autopsies. He said the U of I may not be using cadavers next year and he had to adjust for not having that \$5,500. He also reported that he could end up over budget this year due to an influx in June and July with autopsies and toxicologies. He said that new this year are synthetic drugs that labs are having trouble testing, and that there are additional fees for additional testing. He hopes it will average out later in the year. Mr. Northrup also pointed out that fuel costs are lowered by \$500 for next year.

Mr. Mitchell asked how Champaign County ranks against other counties for statutory fees. Mr. Northrup replied he's not sure but thinks higher because we have a higher case load and Carle's trauma center. Mr. Mitchell said he wants to make sure it's enough to cover expenses. Mr. Northrup said the reimbursement fees for autopsies rank comparable to other counties and raised the charges a bit at the beginning of this year.

Mr. Mitchell asked if they can handle a mass event. Mr. Northrup answered that Champaign County is required to have a mass fatality plan and would be the go-to county if something major happened.

Mr. Maxwell wanted to know the ramifications of a three-day power outage would be. Mr. Northrup replied that it would be significant for bodies, tissue and toxicology samples collected over the past three years, and tissue samples from homicide cases that they are required to keep forever. He said if can't get backup power on within a couple hours it would be significant for the stored samples and the bodies. He pointed out that a mortuary in a different state was criminally charged for not keeping bodies properly refrigerated. He noted there is a law requiring the bodies be kept in a certain condition.

Mr. McGuire asked if the State is helping pay for indigent burials. Mr. Northrup replied that indigent and unclaimed are different and the State has public aid funds and will pay a maximum of \$1,600 and either \$44 or \$22 for cremation of indigents. He said there are a few places that will do cremation for that amount. He said if the deceased is an honorably discharged veteran he will contact the VA.

Mr. McGuire wanted to know if the State paid \$6,500 salary stipend came in. Ms. Ogden thought they had received some but isn't sure specifically about the coroner's.

Mr. Quisenberry asked what the volume of samples is. Mr. Northrup replied that in the walk-in freezer they have three out of four shelves that are almost full with copy paper size boxes. He said in homicide cases they to keep that evidence forever. Mr. Quisenberry asked if every county in Illinois has a facility to keep samples indefinitely. Mr. Northrup answered yes and said that they send samples back to the county they did the autopsy for. He also said their policy is that if it's not a homicide case they can dispose of the samples after three years. Mr. Quisenberry asked how often they get a request for samples older than three years. Mr. Northrup said not often. Mr. Quisenberry asked if there is a service available for deep storage. Mr. Northrup answered no.

Ms. Petrie asked if conferences and training are mandated. Mr. Northrup replied yes. Ms. Petrie asked about the procedural aspect of notification of deaths to have on public record. Mr. Northrup summarized the steps taken to identify the person and notify next of kin. Mr. Quisenberry felt Ms. Petrie's point of trying to put this on the public record seems like something that should be talked about at Justice and Social Services, or at a meeting where constituents would be expecting to hear things about policy. He said if they are going to talk about the policy on every bit of this budget or other implications that Ms. Petrie wants to get on the public record he feels out of order. Ms. Petrie pointed to number one under objectives.

Ms. Harrison asked about heroine deaths and how is he planning for next year. Mr. Northrup said they had seen a steady increase every year from 2010-2014. He feels at the end of 2015 the policies of police, EMS, and fire to start carrying Narcan will create a dip in deaths.

Mr. Alix said after talking to Mr. Snider and Ms. Ogden about the process they go through, he thought they decided to use a process similar to past years where each department presents a budget. He said he wanted to provide a bit of context in terms of things to be looking for while hearing the proposals. He said they know they will see a substantial increase in healthcare costs, and due primarily to that thinks will see a half million-dollar deficit in the budget. He said they need to be looking for things to cut, ways to generate more revenue, ways to reduce services. Mr. Alix said it may not be an issue for this budget, but it is likely to be an issue for budgets in years going forward, is if the facilities sales tax referendum doesn't pass they need to think about substantial cuts in services to generate the revenue needed for the more critical objectives of the facility plan. Mr. Alix felt the only current way of finding and extra \$1 million or \$2 million to address facility issues is with substantial cuts in staffing and substantial cuts in services.

Champaign County Board of Health

Dr. Peterson this budget is another incremental increase. He reported total revenues of \$880,000 and they have seen an increase in property tax percentage. He said they try to target a 25% carryover in the fund balance and are at 32% for this budget. He stated there were no fee increase this year, but actively investigating that. He reported that they did receive their Health Protection Grant from the State. He said major unknowns now are TB and Zika. Dr. Peterson said that TB has an increased resistance to medications worldwide. He said that there is a species of mosquito in Central Illinois that can transmit Zika, and some of the 15,000 international students coming to the U of I are coming from active Zika areas. He said there is a potential for active transmission. He said there are no cases at this point. Dr. Peterson said they kept the Smile Healthy budget at \$45,000 as is it now more efficiently housed within Frances Nelson Community Center that gets much larger reimbursement on Medicaid.

Ms. Berkson said they do a lot of things but the budget only says \$807,000 in professional services. She wanted to know what that was for. Dr. Peterson replied chiefly staff and he supplied a budget detail. Ms. Ogden noted that the Board did not receive the breakdown. Dr. Peterson said he can make that available.

Mr. McGuire noted a significant increase in cost per capita and wanted to know why compared to the number of inspections. Dr. Peterson said he wasn't sure but most of the 4.4% increase is in personnel and benefits. He said they also had a large increase in the IMRF three years ago that is reflected in the expenses. Mr. McGuire asked the Administrator if our staff has had those increases when they've not hired, held the budget, and not been able to increase maintenance in the facilities. Mr. Snider replied it's not necessarily because of wage increases but more likely because they were hit with IMRF surcharges due to retirements which have increased personnel costs. Ms. Ogden noted the 4% increase in salaries was not passed on to the County.

Mr. Harper asked if we have the ability to trap for Zika and treat the area. Dr. Peterson answered no but if there were an active infection they would do what Florida is doing. He said they don't have that capability in the County for that type of mass problem. He said they do have the ability for surveillance as part of West Nile. He said that Zika is tested at the mosquito

level and there haven't been any cases yet. Mr. Harper pointed out that the standing water near Mayview is a perfect breeding ground. Dr. Peterson replied that is correct but that area seems to be a municipal or County drainage issue. Mr. Quisenberry asked if the mosquitos here that can transfer Zika are capable of over wintering and harboring the virus. Dr. Peterson said he doesn't know that.

Mr. Quisenberry noted the target fund balance is 25% but the budget shows a 32% balance. He wanted to know if there is something on the horizon or if it will continue to go up. Dr. Peterson felt it will continue to go up.

Mr. Weibel entered at 6:50 pm.

Mr. McGuire noted it's not part of this budget, but he knows there's a fee process going on. Given Mr. Quisenberry's question about the 30% fund balance and some of the fees that were discussed are tripled, Mr. McGuire wanted to know what will happen to the fund balance if they follow through with those. Dr. Peterson stated it would be revenue neutral because the discussion was to increase the fee but have a give-back if the food businesses accepted the placard program. Ms. Berkson wanted to know if the fund balance increase was a surprise why it's budgeted for another \$55,000. Dr. Peterson replied it's the way it appears to be going and is based on the increased property tax revenue. Discussion continued regarding the increase.

Regional Office of Education

Ms. Quinlan stated they provide services and programs primarily for pre-k through 12 but also for GED. She said many of their duties are required by statute and she listed some of the responsibilities. She noted the funds from the County provide salaries for people to provide those statutory requirements. She said they administer a variety of grants for specific programs and services to the schools. She said they distribute over \$1 million per month from the County sales tax for school facilities. She noted that the ROE was granted accreditation from the Advanced Ed Accreditation Commission this past summer. Ms. Quinlan said that Champaign and Ford Counties both contribute to the budget based on percentage of total assessed valuation. She said there is no increase except in IMRF and Health Alliance. She noted that staff remains the same and no raises are budgeted.

Mr. Hartke asked if the 1% sales tax distribution is done on a per student enrollment basis or on where the money is raised. Ms. Quinlan replied on a per student basis determined annually.

Mr. Weibel asked about office relocation. Ms. Quinlan responded that they have not found a sight yet and can stay where they are until next June. Mr. Weibel commented that more money could be needed for a new facility. Ms. Quinlan replied yes but they are trying to find space with similar rent.

Mr. Alix asked what group they are part of for health insurance. Ms. Quinlan answered they are their own group with Health Alliance. Mr. Alix wanted to know if they could go into a group with a school district, the cities, or the County. Ms. Quinlan replied they have not looked into the cities or the County but thought they will need to look into it. Mr. Alix asked how many regional offices there are and are they all on their own plan. Ms. Quinlan replied 35 and it's different depending on the office. Ms. Berkson said if they were going to join with us it should be before the negotiations, not after. Ms. Quinlan said they just renewed their health insurance.

Extension Education

Ms. Boaz noted the budget covers a four county area, but she tried to provide more detail this year and broke the budget down by county. She noted they have a levy that is supposed to be matched by the State but they have not received the 2016 budget which is about \$600,000. She said they did receive the Federal funding and are always actively looking for grants. Ms. Boaz said the reduced budget is due to holding four FTEs and four program staff that are unfilled. She noted that a nutrition and wellness educator will be added through a grant. She summarized the positions that remain open. She said that because of the uncertainty of the State budget they will not replace one administrative position. Ms. Boaz felt they had enough funds to get through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 if they don't get the State money. She said they got a \$100,000 Federal grant to build a commercial kitchen, which will be in rented space at the health department. She reported there has been an increase in some local donations and she mentioned some other grants they've received. She said local funding from the County pays for about 94% of personnel costs.

Ms. Berkson noted there is a lot about where the money goes but all she sees in one line. Ms. Ogden replied that the breakdown was not included and she will send it out. Ms. Berkson commented that it's hard to do due diligence when there is only a one line expenditure report.

Mr. Alix asked who the intended audience is for the educational commercial kitchen. Ms. Boaz replied mostly parents with children, but would like it to be more of a business model later. Mr. Alix asked if it is primarily to teach skills to be used with the family and not for restaurant workers. Ms. Boaz answered that is correct. Mr. Alix suggested they could use it, possibly with Public Health, to train restaurant workers and use as a revenue source to defray the cost of the facility. Ms. Boaz said they are talking to Public Health about that. Ms. Petrie asked if the levy is at its max or is there leeway. Ms. Boaz said there is some leeway.

Regional Planning Commission, Head Start, WIA & USDA Funds

Ms. Murphy began by saying RPC is a complicated budget because they are mostly grant funded. She said grants can run multiple years but they have budgeted for the County's fiscal year. She expects Federal and State grants to account for four-fifths of their budget. Salaries and benefits represent two-thirds of RPC's budget, and due to uncertainty with the State budget this budget could be increased or decreased and some programs could be eliminated. Ms. Murphy commented that they are lucky because most of the money is Federal pass-through.

Operating Fund

Ms. Murphy said this fund looks to have limited growth next year. She listed three new programs from IDOT. She said the budget also includes County and rural transit which has expanded service into Rantoul. Ms. Murphy summarized some of the other grants they receive. The significant delays in State reimbursement have negatively affected cash flow, which they expect to continue. She said it will present challenges in 2017 but they are positioned to ensure they have an adequate cash reserve and a fund balance to sustain the highs and lows.

Early Childhood Fund

Ms. Murphy said early childhood is expected to grow. She stated they have applied for additional pre-school for all expansion funding from the State. This is federal pass-through money which will allow them to leverage their Federal Head Start money in order to serve additional families and extend their day. She said this is not for new enrollment, but expanding the current enrollment, and they will need additional center based options. She said they will not know about the funding until October. Ms. Murphy said this fund accommodates the potential transfer of some funds to allow them, if the expansion fund is received, to secure an ADA compliant facility and additional classrooms.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Fund

Ms. Murphy said this used to be called the Workforce Development Fund. She noted that the State held back 12% for the Governor's office statewide initiatives. She said they may serve fewer adults because of that, but noted they've been instructed by the State that they can apply to receive those funds for special initiatives. The program participants are linked with other RPC social service programs.

Economic Development Fund & USDA Economic Development Fund

Ms. Murphy said this fund accommodates commercial loans to businesses with a required job creation element. She stated this loan fund has not grown since 2009 due to lack of business investing and low loan demand. She said indications are that loan demand will increase in 2017. The USDA Revolving Loan Fund provides revolving loan fund activity of \$25,000 or less in rural communities, and can provide both commercial and public sector lending. She said this program has been very successful.

Ms. Murphy noted in the FY17 budget the administrative costs are 8% of the operating budget, which allows them to be competitive in the grant arena. She stated benefit costs are expected to increase significantly. She said they are poised for stable growth in 2017, and will continue to look for expanded opportunities, especially in transportation and early childhood development.

Ms. Ward reported that the County planning contract and membership contribution is budgeted at a 0% increase. She listed other items, all with a 0% increase. She noted that CUUATS has a 5% increase over last year. She said this money matches Federal and State funding to help with transportation planning engineering. Ms. Ward said court diversion has a slight decrease, and police training has a 5% increase tied to State grant contributions.

Ms. Berkson commented that senior services never seem to go up and wanted to know if the services are remaining the same or going down. Ms. Ward said they leverage that with some other funding, private donations, and staff has been reduced. Ms. Murphy said they are continuing to see a decline in State and Federal funding and it seems the State wants to shift priorities.

Mr. Hartke asked if the projected salaries for 2016 is down due to Mr. Moore leaving. Ms. Murphy said it is a budgeted amount and the CEO search committee is conducting a search so the budget accommodates the threshold. Mr. Hartke asked if the goal is to hire close to Mr. Moore's level. Ms. Murphy replied yes. Mr. Hartke asked why there are FTE fluctuations through the years at a variation of about \$1 million. Ms. Murphy explained that staff has not increased but staff can be charged to different grants and programs. She said the actual numbers will be lower.

Mr. Alix commented that in the Head Start budget the \$550,000 increase in revenue is assuming the grant happens. He wanted to know if it doesn't if that means the expansion won't happen. Ms. Murphy replied that is correct. She said they are expecting it to be funded and to be permanent money, but they won't know until October. Discussion continued regarding cuts and possible funding.

Ms. Petrie asked how homeless people find out about the programs and how many people have they been able to service. Ms. Murphy said the family emergency shelter on Park Street has been successful and the shelter is always full. She said they can target these families and help them with other RPC services. She said they just started so don't have numbers yet.

Mental Health Board & Developmental Disabilities Board

Ms. Fowler announced that the two board have offered the Executive Director position to Ms. Canfield.

Ms. Canfield noted that she didn't develop the board documents this year. She noted this year they had a lot of support from MHB/DDB board members. She said one of the documents is to clear out Access Initiative as they received a check that was under expended, weren't given permission to use it, and had to return it. She said the CILA fund is broken out at the request of the Auditor but does not represent any change in investments.

Ms. Fowler noted part of the MHB budget is shared with the DDB and about 17% goes to developmental disabilities and summarized the programs and services. She said the agencies apply for funding annually and explained the priorities. Ms. Canfield said that at Francis Nelson and Promise they expect to have 20% of patients with no benefits through Medicaid, so this might be a request seen every year.

Mr. Maxwell said his understanding was at the time this was set up it was going to be a bridge and wanted to know if it was permanent now. Ms. Canfield replied with the State stop gap it was cut and will not come back. She said it is a one-year fund and they may request it again.

Mr. Alix noted a significant percentage of people receiving treatment at Promise aren't covered by Medicaid and wanted to know if it's because of how long the State takes to approve applications or do they have income but don't qualify to receive Medicaid. Ms. Canfield replied its people who are more difficult to engage and the homeless.

Mr. McGuire said there is no detox center in Champaign County. Ms. Canfield responded that they aren't investing in a center but in prevention and substance abuse services. Mr. McGuire asked if grants are performance based. Ms. Canfield replied that they collect a lot of data on the performance of contracts and DD services are very expensive across the country, but they do have a lot of accountability.

Mr. Maxwell felt some questions could be answered with more detail and would like to see a supplement with breakdowns. He wanted to know if Parenting with Love and Limits is effective for the investment. Ms. Fowler stated it serves about 60 families per year. It's fairly intensive individual and group sessions with statistics showing it is very effective in reducing recidivism, but they need to look at ways to reduce costs. Mr. Maxwell asked for a supplemental with more detail on CILA and the mortgage balances. Ms. Berkson felt that \$10,000 per person is a very reasonable cost for the level of care in PLL. Ms. Canfield said Champaign County was a model community for the program.

Mr. Hartke asked if the \$300,000 grant for Access Initiative had to be returned because they didn't fund the program this year. Ms. Canfield said she didn't think so, but when it was discovered they asked the Federal government if they could use it for other programs and were told no.

Mr. Hartke noted the appointed official salary shows a 36% drop, but noted for reference RPC said they are hiring at about the same level. He noted there was only a 9% cut to replace the County Administrator. Mr. Hartke asked if it was a decision of MHB to hire at this salary. Ms. Fowler said they had active discussions at both boards about the probability of funding the position at a lower level, but they wanted to make sure the salary was competitive and commensurate with experience. She said they are in contract negotiations now and this was an effort to project. Mr. Hartke commented they want to convince the community they want to invest in mental health. Discussion continued regarding salary.

Mr. Alix asked what the estimated demand for CILA is. Ms. Canfield replied that it's hard to understand the real need. She stated there is a large class action law suit in Illinois because it appears the State isn't in compliance. She said people are given the choice of CILA or home-based support, and most take home-based because they can get the services. Ms. Roush said many families can't wait so they choose home-based services. Mr. Alix asked the number of people from Champaign County who are in CILAs outside the County and the demand would be to bring everybody home. Ms. Roush said it has to do with the PUNS system which is in flux and some went by the wayside.

Ms. Petrie said it isn't clear in the budget what amount of the DD revenue goes to support the personnel costs. She said that is all on the MH side. Ms. Canfield thought it's 42.15%. Ms. Petrie felt it should be in the DD budget. She noted MHB and DDB says approximately 92% of funds raised through the levy goes to programs, but she would like to see more data. She said with the discussion in the community of the need for a mental health or behavioral health center, the things being funded aren't tangible to that and hopes there is a shift of funding from some services to a center. Ms. Canfield responded that \$4 million of the allocation dollars must be used strictly for people deemed by the State with DD. Ms. Petrie stated that many people with DD also have MH issues. Ms. Canfield agreed that it's about half. She said they should assure the County dollars are the last dollars, and they have a rule in the statute to be doing planning with the State to make sure Federal and State funding come this way. Discussions continued.

Children's Advocacy Center

Ms. Aime began by giving an overview of what CAC does. She said the numbers are spending authority rather than a strict budget because they only spend money that has already come in or they have a contract for. She said to give flexibility she put an extra \$20,000 in revenue and \$20,000 in expenditures in case a large donation comes in. She said they have officially been contracted to provide CAC services to Ford County and are working on the intergovernmental agreements. She said DCFS gave extra money to cover those children. Ms. Aime pointed out their main funding source is DCFS and they received all the money they were promised. They also receive Federal pass-through money. She said in the spring the CAC came to the Board to ask for a one-time bridge funding to retain an experienced staff person so there was an 18-month gap in funding. She said the Board provided 12 month of funding and the other 6 months were funded out of reserve. Ms. Aime said they anticipate the new funding to start July 1, 2017, so a half-year of that amount is in this budget. There were no questions.

Animal Control Funds

Ms. Joos said she hoped to have a balanced budget this year but insurance increases affected things in a negative way. She stated they need to purchase two new MDCs in 2017 for the animal control officers. She said the MDCs they have now they inherited from the Sheriff's office in 2005 and because they don't carry radios in the field the MDCs are the primary way to communicate with dispatch. Ms. Joos noted there is a \$20,000 increase in expenditures, and said to offset insurance increases she has a part-time position open that she could try to do away with it in FY17. She stated that revenue didn't increase much and they are a long way from the \$67,000 in capital expensed needed to do some replacement for the kennels. She said they will continue to work hard to keep within their means and work within a shoestring budget.

Mr. Alix asked how many people are in the field at any given time. Ms. Joos answered that a shift size is two. Mr. Alix wanted to know if they'd looked at the cost of carrying radios. Ms. Joos replied that it's comparable to the MDCs. Mr. Alix expressed some concern about safety and asked if they have cell phones. Ms. Joos said they do have County issued cell phones.

Ms. Berkson asked why the revenue dropped \$40,000 from FY15-FY16. Mr. Alix responded that they lost four contracts with some of the villages. Ms. Petrie noted that a question was asked of Ms. Joos last week about how the villages were doing and if she felt they might come back. Ms. Joos said the villages stated they are still maintaining they can't afford to pay for the service at the cost. Ms. Berkson asked if it might make sense to go back to the old way of funding. Mr. Alix replied no.

Mr. Mitchell asked if they could use interns from the U of I vet school. Ms. Joos replied that she's not sure it's in the County's best interest because of the high risks and the type of animals they have.

Ms. Berkson asked if expenditures keep increasing and revenues keep declining if the new way of doing things is worth it. Mr. Alix said the problem before was they weren't charging enough to cover the cost of the services, and felt they still might not be charging enough. Ms. Berkson argued that they aren't doing any better. Mr. Alix replied that if they could get the cities to agree to cover our health insurance costs they could solve that problem. He said the long-term sustainability is the key. Mr. Maxwell noted a sincere effort has been made to try to make ends meet and the Board may have to look at the possibility of giving extra help and will have to keep an eye on it.

Highway Funds

Mr. Blue said that Highway works out of seven different funds, four of which are budgeted through the County Board.

Highway Fund

Mr. Blue said this is their main operating fund where they pay all of their personnel, buy equipment, and pay for commodities and utilities. He stated they purchased four new tandem trucks out of the Highway Fund by borrowing from reserves and budgeting a zero cost line item next year to put the money back in the reserves. He stated no construction is done unless money comes in, then the money goes out. He said the Highway Facility bond was paid off in the FY2016 budget and the money was put into highway facility repair and maintenance. Mr. Blue said they maintain 200 miles of road with 20 FTEs. He noted the pavement condition index is at 80 which is excellent, but there are some roads that need to be taken care of in 2017 and 2018.

Bridge Fund

Mr. Blue said it's hard to predict from year to year how much money they will spend because of the processes they have to go through before the projects get started. He reported that IDOT has a new rating system and are taking a much harder look at older structures, and are re-evaluating those structures based on new criteria. He explained how funding is determined for project between the Townships and County. Mr. Blue stated there are four bridges to replace that are already, or will be, posted based on IDOT's new criteria. Two are on Monticello Road and both will be done at the same time so the road is only shut down once. The others are on Hensley Rd and CR9. He said he doesn't see the pressure on the fund dropping with the new IDOT system and thinks it will increase. Mr. Blue reported they got funding for 2021 for a bridge that is posted on the Pesotum road to replace as a major bridge program project, but he's convinced IDOT to do it in 2018 since it's already posted and deteriorating quickly.

MFT Funds

Mr. Blue said this is their major budget item as far as building roadways and taking care of the maintenance on them. He noted budget hasn't changed in ten years and has actually has gone down a bit. He said MFT hasn't increase in IL since 1990. He said there only a few major projects out of MFT next year. CR23 has an index of 35-40 and the cost is estimated at \$2.1 million. Mr. Blue said the other \$1.1 million project is Lincoln Avenue, but it hasn't made it to letting because of land acquisition issues. He stated they hope to have it resolved so it can be bid on the November IDOT letting. He stated the costs for that project have increased due to the extra time, but are fortunate that CUUATS has granted 80% match on the increases.

Federal Aid Matching Fund

Mr. Blue said this is a revenue source that was down to almost nothing and that Mr. Maxwell convinced the Board to put money back into this. He stated that they are close to \$100,000 per year, and that if they save for a few years they can match a Federal aid job with an 80/20 split. He said they get \$800,000 per year is Federal STR money.

Mr. Blue summarized some of the highlights from each fund. Mr. Maxwell noted the legal rate on the Federal Aid Matching is .05, and we are extending about .0025, 5% of the legal rate if they didn't have PTELL. He said it sounds like Mr. Blue needs another \$100,000 to match the annual federal aid allotment, and he hopes they can do that.

Mr. Esry said it sounds like a good job on Hwy 16 as it was unexpected since it's not that old. Mr. Blue said once they get past the really old structures that appear to be in good shape, they get to the bridges built in the 70's and 80's and the beams don't like salt. He said they are building six bridges next year and he expects to stay on the pace for a few years to get caught up.

Mr. Alix said they can hope that leadership in Springfield understands the need to raise MFT. Mr. Blue agreed.

Mr. Weibel asked how much they sold the old trucks for. Mr. Blue replied that they haven't sold them yet and are looking at different options.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Petrie declared the hearing adjourned at 9:44 p.m.