

Great Game of Huddle Notes

June 26, 2018

Crystal Richards, Highway Department's Administrative Services Manager, opened today's meeting and gave a recap of the revenue and expenses for Road and Bridge.

- Road and Bridge had an increase of over \$225,000 in their fund balance projection over last month, giving praise to Justin Hill for increasing their projections on interest income (bank and investment interest).
- The Highway Department also sold 4 lots that they owned on Elder Avenue for a prior project they were working with the City of Springfield on which involved extending Grand Avenue. After re-evaluating the project, it no longer appeared viable, so the property was sold for \$50,000.
- On the expense side of things, Road and Bridge had an approximate \$50,000 savings on their salary and benefits, due to having a difficult time hiring seasonal workers. All looks good though for this summer in reference to seasonal workers and the mowing projects.

Justin Hill, Greene County Treasurer, then took over to give an update on our May revenue and expenses, as well as briefly discuss the projections for the months ahead.

- **Assessor's Office:** Justin stated that there was personnel savings, with no major changes. All in all, the interest and revenue was increased across the board.
- Staff is currently getting ready for the Board of Equalization.
- **LEST II:** Not a lot of changes over the past month in regards to projections, other than being a tad below the 90-day reserve.
- **General Revenue Fund 1:** Due to projection changes, there is an increase in the Sheriff's Department fees. For example, the GCSO is seeing a continued increase in numbers involving the housing of Federal prisoners.
- **Collector's Commission:** Legislation passed that involved an increase in late fees on individuals paying their taxes late. This amount is put towards the CERF Retirement Fund; however, for the first few months of the year, this fund was inadvertently put into the wrong fund, but has since been corrected.
- On average, interests are going up, which allows for the purchase of bonds and fixed incomes at a discount.
- **General Expenditures Fund I:** Staying on track with the previous month activity. There is only a slight savings in salary and benefits.
- **General Fund Vacancy Analysis:** The Budget Office has successfully created a tool that helps us project salary and benefit savings. As the budget is created each year, there is an estimated amount of position vacancy budgeted. While these projections take into count our current known and past vacancies; the budget office is compiling past vacancy information to help predict a dollar volume of future vacancy impact.

- **General Revenue Fund 2:** This involves the new sales tax that was voted in last November. Jeff Scott explained that there has been a “slowing of the processing at the state level,” before we start receiving these dollars. The County is now more prepared and aware that the cash flow isn’t coming in as fast as initially predicted in regards to timing.
- **General Expenditures Fund II:** In regards to the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, the process of hiring new staff is slower than initially predicted, so they have experienced savings in salaries and benefits.
- **End of the year projections:** The General Revenue fund should have a balance of approximately \$3 million, with the General Revenue II fund having approximately \$12 million, with a combined total of just over \$15 million.
- Jeff Scott introduced Mike Cagle, the new Deputy Budget Officer.