Highway Department

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

DESCRIPTION

The Road Machinery Fund is responsible for procuring and maintaining all equipment required to operate the county highway department.

The fund generates its revenue by maintaining all vehicles and equipment owned by the Batavia Bus Service (Dial-a-Bus), the Sheriff's Department (red and whites), Soil and Water Conservation, ARC and the County Motor Pool (Internal Service Fund).

BUDGET SUMMARY

Appropriations	Actual 2014	Adopted 2015	Adopted 2016	Proposed 2017
Salary/Fringe	553,661	570,427	483,455	505,261
Equipment	259,024	331,000	154,297	114,773
Contractual	1,523,120	1,508,582	1,195,759	1,216,836
Principal/Interest On Debt	0	0	0	0
Total	2,335,805	2,410,009	1,833,511	1,836,870
Revenue	2,187,783	2,219,915	1,802,742	1,771,261
Fund Balance Contribution	148,022	190,094	30,769	65,609

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Road Machinery Fund continues to support its fund balance through controlled expenditures and the use of a flat shop rate for work on non-departmental vehicles and equipment. The shop rate increased to $63/hr this year—the first increase in several years. The Road Machinery Fund for 2017 plans to purchase a service truck and two pickup trucks for engineering and the fleet maintenance division. There are also several lease-purchase payments to be made on past equipment acquisitions. Lease payments for 2017 include the third of five annual payments for the Dozer and Loader and the second of five for the Wheeled Excavator.

The shop rate is one of the primary revenue sources that support the Road Machinery Fund. The other main source is revenue from Equipment Rental through the County Road Fund. Other large sources of revenue are from the sale of fuels and repairs to outside equipment.

The largest purchase item under the Road Machinery Budget continues to be

both diesel and unleaded fuel. Prices have stabilized around $2.00 per gallon. All outside agencies are charged a flat rate of $0.10 per gallon for operation and maintenance of the fuel farms at both the County Highway Department and the Town of Batavia.

We continue to experience significant expenses in terms of the operation and maintenance of the highway fleet. Several aging pieces of equipment require significant expense including a few of the older trucks that have gone beyond the typical 10-12 year replacement cycle. The backlog in equipment replacements due to lean budget years has delayed these replacements. Even with help from Asset Acquisition it is still difficult to catch up on these needed replacements.

The deletion of one shop mechanic helped to regenerate fund balance in 2016 as the unexpended fund balance increased from $30,769 to $269,517. The ARC work that had dropped in 2015 has returned and as such the expense line for Repair to Other Depts was increased with offsetting revenue. It is anticipated that the fund balance should continue to grow and allow the department to clear out some of the equipment replacement backlog.

INDICATORS

WORK ORDERS	Actual 2015	Estimated 2016	Estimated 2017
ARC	325	395	395
Motor Pool	268	275	370
Dial-a-Bus	281	280	280
Highway Department*	535	520	520
Sheriff's Department	172	178	175
Park and Forestry	19	17	18
Airport	3	2	3
Buildings and Grounds	6	6	5
BCIL	2	0	0
Emergency Services	6	6	8
Soil and Water Conservation	2	0	2

* Includes only regularly scheduled maintenance and does not include road service calls

Vehicles and equipment the Road Machinery Fund services:

Highway Department	**125**
Motor Pool	**48**
Other Departments	**124**
Total	**297**