Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) includes medical and prescription coverage for retirees. Funds are being accumulated to meet this future liability.

	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	Increase
Sources of Funding	Actual	Budget	Budget	(Decrease)
OPEB Contribution - Transfer from General Fund	\$10,056,900	\$9,632,900	\$10,253,580	\$620,680
Retiree Medicare Part D	226,975	0	0	0
Retiree Contributions	425,337	0	0	0
Interest	2,135	0	0	0
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	6,512,261	0	0	0
Total Sources of Funding	\$17,223,608	\$9,632,900	\$10,253,580	\$620,680

Uses of Funding				
Budgeted Employer OPEB Trust Contribution	\$0	\$5,150,000	\$5,300,000	\$150,000
Audit fees	4,800	0	0	0
Consulting fees	5,000	0	0	0
Retiree Health Benefit Payments	4,001,567	4,482,900	4,953,580	470,680
Total Uses of Funding	\$4,011,367	\$9,632,900	\$10,253,580	\$620,680

Pension Trust Fund

The Carroll County Pension Plan, a defined benefit pension plan, was implemented July 1, 2003. The Plan covers regular noncontractual employees hired July 1, 1985 and after, and provides a monthly payment to retirees beginning at age 62 or after 30 years of service. Reduced payments are available to retirees at age 55 in cases where age plus years of County service equals or exceeds 80. In October 2009, the Pension Plan was enhanced and County contributions to the 401(k) accounts of County Pension Plan participants were discontinued. Administrative and oversight functions of the Plan are the responsibility of the Pension Plan Committee, consisting of four individuals set forth in the Plan document and two Plan participants selected by the County Commissioners.

	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	Increase
Sources of Funding	Actual	Budget	Budget	(Decrease)
Employer Pension Contribution	\$2,367,000	\$2,558,020	\$2,542,100	(\$15,920)
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	7,867,123	0	0	0
Employee Pension Contribution	1,573,433	0	0	0
Total Sources of Funding	\$11,807,556	\$2,558,020	\$2,542,100	(\$15,920)

Uses of Funding				
Legal fees	\$1,376	\$0	\$0	\$0
Audit fees	3,600	0	0	0
Consulting fees	40,361	0	0	0
Employee Pension Fund Payments	924,686	0	0	0
Budgeted Employer Pension Contribution	0	2,558,020	2,542,100	(15,920)
Total Uses of Funding	\$970,023	\$2,558,020	\$2,542,100	(\$15,920)

Certified Law Officers Pension Trust Fund

The Carroll County Certified Law Officers Pension Plan, a defined benefit pension plan, was established October 1, 2009. The Plan covers certified law enforcement officers employed by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. A monthly benefit is provided for officers who attain 25 years of service or who leave employment after age 55 with at least 15 years of service. Officers with at least 15 but less than 25 years of service who leave employment prior to age 55 are eligible for a monthly pension at age 62. The Plan's Administrative Committee, consisting of four individuals as set forth in the Plan Document and two Pension plan participants selected by the County Commissioners, has responsibility for the oversight and administrative functions of the Plan.

	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	Increase
Sources of Funding	Actual	Budget	Budget	(Decrease)
Employer Pension Contribution	\$869,760	\$835,380	\$868,880	\$33,500
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	992,039	0	0	0
Employee Pension Contribution	580,222	0	0	0
Total Sources of Funding	\$2,442,021	\$835,380	\$868,880	\$33,500

Uses of Funding				
Legal fees	\$516	\$0	\$0	\$0
Audit fees	1,200	0	0	0
Consulting fees	14,159	0	0	0
Other Misc. Fees	5,362	0	0	0
Certified Law Officers Pension Fund Payments	124,016	0	0	0
Budgeted Employer Pension Contribution	0	835,380	868,880	33,500
Total Uses of Funding	\$145,253	\$835,380	\$868,880	\$33,500

Length of Service Award Program Trust Fund

The Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Pension Trust Fund, a defined benefit pension plan, was implemented July 1, 2004. The Plan covers all volunteer firemen meeting eligibility requirements and provides a monthly payment to retirees beginning at age 62.

	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	Increase
Sources of Funding	Actual	Budget	Budget	(Decrease)
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$1,310,932	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer from General Fund	250,000	250,000	0	(250,000)
Total Sources of Funding	\$1,560,932	\$250,000	\$0	(\$250,000)

Uses of Funding				
Death Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Audit fees	2,400	0	0	0
Consulting fees	551	0	0	0
Other Professional Services	4,278	0	0	0
LOSAP Pension Fund Payments	607,733	250,000	0	(250,000)
Total Uses of Funding	\$614,962	\$250,000	\$0	(\$250,000)

Special Revenue Fund

A Special Revenue fund captures dedicated revenues until they are appropriated for use in other funds in a given year. Ag Transfer Tax is collected on the sale of agricultural property that it is being re-zoned from agricultural to another classification. The proceeds are used to help fund the Agricultural Land Preservation Program. Cable Franchise Fee is 5% of gross cable television revenue. Proceeds are used for expenditures that fund public interest and educational programming, and the administration of the cable franchise agreement. Hotel Rental Tax is tax applied to the hotel room rate and paid by the hotel guest. Proceeds of this tax are used for tourism and promotion of the County. Impact fees are collected at the time a permit is issued for the construction of a new home. There are two types of fees: schools and parks. A project is eligible for impact fee funding if the project is being created to alleviate pressures related to growth as described in the impact fee ordinance. In September 2012, the Commissioners voted to temporarily reduce the school impact fee to zero. The fee will remain at zero until FY 17.

	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	Increase
Sources of Funding	Actual	Budget	Budget	(Decrease)
Ag Transfer Tax	\$365,510	\$30,000	\$425,000	\$395,000
Cable Franchise Fee	1,390,284	966,359	1,190,910	224,551
Hotel Rental Tax	309,992	359,641	351,200	(8,441)
Impact Fees	206,711	318,000	500,000	182,000
Interest and Gain/(Loss)	2,677	0	0	0
Total Sources of Funding	\$2,275,174	\$1,674,000	\$2,467,110	\$793,110

Uses of Funding				
Transfer to Capital	\$208,657	\$348,000	\$925,000	\$577,000
Transfer to Operating	1,351,995	1,326,000	1,542,110	216,110
Total Uses of Funding	\$1,560,652	\$1,674,000	\$2,467,110	\$793,110

Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund

The Watershed Protection and Restoration Special Revenue Fund was established in FY 15 to ensure adequate funding for operating expenses related to the County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Watershed Restoration efforts. Property Tax revenue equal to the projected operating expenses for this purpose will be dedicated to the fund on an annual basis.

	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	Increase
Sources of Funding	Actual	Budget	Budget	(Decrease)
Dedicated Property Tax	\$0	\$1,066,890	\$1,098,230	\$31,340
Total Sources of Funding	\$0	\$1,066,890	\$1,098,230	\$31,340

Uses of Funding				
Personnel	\$0	\$907,950	\$927,230	\$19,280
Operating	0	158,940	171,000	12,060
Total Uses of Funding	\$0	\$1,066,890	\$1,098,230	\$31,340

Positions		
Title	Type	FTE
Bureau Chief, Resource Management	Full-time	0.75
Chief Reviewer/Inspector	Full-time	0.30
Deputy Director, Land Use, Planning and Dev.	Full-time	0.30
Environmental Inspector/Grading Reviewer	Full-time	1.00
Floodplain Mgt. Specialist	Full-time	0.80
Forest Conservation Specialist	Full-time	0.10
NPDES Compliance Specialist	Full-time	1.00
Administrative Office Associate	Full-time	1.00
Office Associate	Full-time	0.15
Program Engineer	Full-time	0.40
Stormwater Management Review Assistant	Full-time	0.60
Water Resource Specialist	Full-time	1.60
Water Resource Supervisor	Full-time	0.80
Water Resource Technician	Full-time	0.80
Watershed Grants Analyst	Full-time	1.00
Watershed Management Specialist	Full-time	0.80
Watershed Restoration Engineer	Full-time	0.80
Total		12.20

All, or a portion of, the above positions are funding through the Watershed Protection and Restoration fund. The remainder of the Deputy Director and Administrative Office Associate salaries are charged to Land Use Planning and Development. All other positions with split salaries are charged to the Bureau of Resource Management.