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June 29, 2017

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Ms. Jennifer Rosser
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RE: Shiawassee County Road Commission Post-Retirement Health Care Benefits

Dear Jennifer:

Enclosed is a copy of the **revised** actuarial report for the Retiree Medical Benefits other than pension plan for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. The report was revised to reflect corrected benefit eligibility. This report is intended to assist you in complying with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Nos. 43 and 45. Your accountants will need much of the information included in this report for your financial statements.

If you have any questions about this report, or if your auditors need any additional information, please call me at (616) 742-9244.

Sincerely,

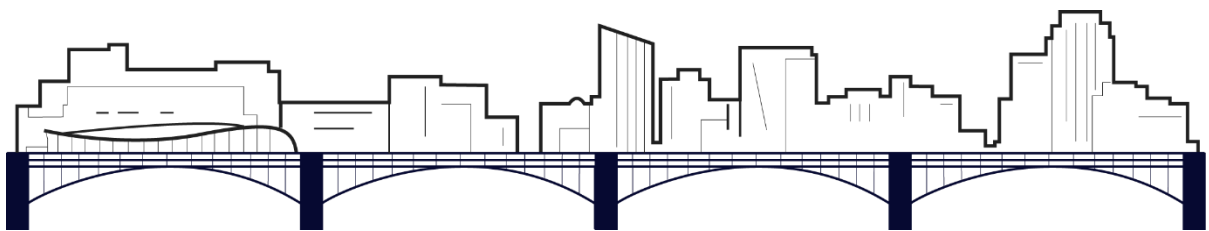
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Christian R. Veenstra
President / Enrolled Actuary

Enclosures

Shiawassee County Road Commission Retiree Medical Benefits Plan

Revised Actuarial Valuation Report
for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016



Report presented by:



June 2017

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INTRODUCTION AND CERTIFICATION

Watkins Ross is an independent employee benefits consulting firm providing actuarial and administrative services to clients who sponsor qualified retirement and other post-employment benefits plans. Our firm maintains no relationships with any of our clients that might impair the objectivity of our work.

The calculations summarized in this report involve actuarial calculations that require assumptions about future events. We believe that the assumptions used in the report are within the range of possible assumptions that are reasonable and appropriate for the purposes for which they have been used. However, other assumptions are also reasonable and appropriate and their use would produce different results.

This report was prepared by or under the supervision of employees of Watkins Ross who have obtained, through formal training and actual work experience, the knowledge and skills required to prepare valuations of plans providing post-employment benefits other than pensions.

The schedules included in this report have been prepared in order to provide the information necessary to comply with the GASB Statement Nos. 43 and 45. This information may be used for the preparation of the plan sponsor's financial statements and may be inappropriate for other purposes.

This report was prepared on the basis of participant data provided by the plan sponsor and our understanding of the terms of the plan under which benefits are being provided. We relied upon the data as submitted, and have no reason to believe that any information that would have had a material effect on the results of this valuation was overlooked in the preparation of the report.

The actuary certifying this report represents herself as meeting the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render actuarial opinions contained in the report.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview of Results for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016

| | 2014 | 2016 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Present value of projected benefits | Not avail. | \$ 4,521,083 |
| Actuarial Accrued Liability | | |
| Active employees | Not avail. | 1,077,972 |
| Retired employees | <u>Not avail.</u> | <u>3,346,087</u> |
| Total | \$ 6,278,803 | \$ 4,424,058 |
| Market value of assets | 296,805 | 337,342 |
| Unfunded or (funded) status | 5,981,998 | 4,086,716 |
| Annual Required Contribution (ARC): | | |
| Service cost | \$ 50,454 | \$ 12,782 |
| Amortization of unfunded liability | <u>414,025</u> | <u>517,340</u> |
| ARC | 464,479 | 530,122 |
| Contributions credited toward Annual Required Contribution: | | |
| Contributions to OPEB trust | Not avail. | \$ -0- |
| Retiree health premiums from general operating funds | <u>Not avail.</u> | <u>304,391</u> |
| Total OPEB contribution | \$ 261,772 | \$ 304,391 |

FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR OPEB PLAN TRUST

GASB STATEMENT NO. 43

FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR OPEB PLAN TRUST

Statement of Estimated Plan Net Assets as of December 31, 2016

Net assets as of December 31, 2016

| | | |
|--|----|---------|
| Net assets held in trust for post-retirement healthcare benefits | \$ | 337,342 |
|--|----|---------|

Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets for the Year Ending December 31, 2016

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----|---------------|
| Contributions | \$ | -0- |
| Gain/(Loss) | | 32,570 |
| Fees | | (791) |
| Benefits paid from trust | | -0- |
| Net increase / (decrease) | | 31,779 |
| Net assets held in trust | | |
| Beginning of year | | 305,563 |
| End of year | \$ | 337,342 |

OPEB Contribution for the Year Ending December 31, 2016

| | | |
|---|----|----------------|
| Contributions to OPEB trust | \$ | -0- |
| Retiree benefit payments from general operating funds | | <u>304,391</u> |
| Total contributions | \$ | 304,391 |

FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR OPEB PLAN TRUST

Notes to Plan's Financial Statements

Plan Description

1. The ***Shiawassee County Road Commission Post-Retirement Plan*** is a single employer post-retirement plan administered by the ***Shiawassee County Road Commission***.
2. Membership of the plan consisted of the following for the 2016 valuation:

| | 2014 | 2016 |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Retirees and Beneficiaries | 37 | 38 |
| Active plan Members | <u>15</u> | <u>8</u> |
| Total plan members | 52 | 46 |

3. A summary of the plan provisions is shown on page 13 of this report.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

1. The financial statements of the ***Shiawassee County Road Commission*** are prepared using a modified accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions, if any, are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The ***Shiawassee County Road Commission*** will make contributions to a trust to the extent possible. Benefit payments made from general operating funds are considered contribution for OPEB accounting purposes. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable according to the terms of the plan.
2. Plan investments are reported at fair market value.

Contributions and Reserves

1. The ***Shiawassee County Road Commission Retiree Medical Plan*** exists via provisions under the plan and is being funded under the authority of the trustees.
2. The plan's funding policy at this time is to contribute and pay benefits as they come due from general assets or the trust once the balance is sufficient.
3. It is assumed that there is no long-term contract for contributions to the plan.

Concentrations

Accounting rules require that a schedule of assets be prepared to show investments constituting more than 5% of plan assets. This information is not presented in this report but should be available on request from the plan's investment manager.

PLAN SPONSOR ACCOUNTING

GASB STATEMENT NO. 45

FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

PLAN SPONSOR ACCOUNTING

Notes to Employer's Financial Statements

Plan Description

1. The **Shiawassee County Road Commission Post-Retirement Plan** is a single employer plan administered by the **Shiawassee County Road Commission**.
2. The plan was established by the **Shiawassee County Road Commission** and can be amended at its discretion. A summary of the plan provisions is shown on page 13 of this report.
3. Information that can be used to prepare a financial report for the plan can be found on pages 7-9 of this report.

Funding Policy

1. The **Shiawassee County Road Commission** has the authority to establish and amend the obligations of the **Shiawassee County Road Commission** and plan members to contribute to the plan.
2. Actively employed individuals are currently not obligated to pre-fund retiree medical benefits.
3. The **Shiawassee County Road Commission** will, at this time, make contributions on a pay-as-you-go basis with additional amounts as the budget permits

Annual Required Contribution for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016

| | | |
|---|----|-----------|
| 1. Service Cost | \$ | 12,782 |
| 2. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) | | 4,086,716 |
| 3. Amortization Factor | | 7.899471 |
| 4. Amortization of UAAL = (2) / (3) | | 517,340 |
| 5. Annual Required Contribution (ARC) = (1)+(4) | \$ | 530,122 |

Annual Required Contribution for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017 \$ 567,847

Annual Cost for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

| | Fiscal Year Ending December 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2017 |
| 1. Annual Required Contribution (ARC) | \$ 530,122 | 567,847 |
| 2. Interest on Net OPEB Obligation | 166,759 | 172,063 |
| 3. Adjustment to ARC | (313,671) | (350,664) |
| 4. Annual OPEB Cost = (1) + (2) + (3) | 383,209 | 389,246 |
| 5. Contributions Made | <u>304,391</u> | TBD |
| 6. Increase in Net OPEB Obligation = (4) – (5) | 78,818 | TBD |
| 7. Net OPEB Obligation (Beginning of Year) | 2,477,839 | 2,556,657 |
| 8. Net OPEB Obligation (End of Year) = (6) + (7) | 2,556,657 | TBD |

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Funding Progress

| Actuarial Valuation Date | Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (a) | Market Value of Assets (b) | Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (a) – (b) | Funded Ratio (b) / (a) | Covered Payroll (c) | UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll [(a) – (b)] / (c) |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 12/31/2008 ¹ | \$14,736,962 | \$ 0 | \$14,736,962 | 0.00% | 1,200,784 | 1227% |
| 12/31/2011 ¹ | 12,191,914 | 229,878 | 11,962,036 | 1.89 | 1,092,679 | 1095 |
| 12/31/2014 ¹ | 6,278,803 | 296,805 | 5,981,998 | 4.73 | 960,704 | 623 |
| 12/31/2016 | 4,424,058 | 337,342 | 4,086,716 | 7.63 | Not avail. | N/A |

Schedule of Employer Contributions

| Year Ended 12/31 | Annual Required Contribution (a) | Annual OPEB Cost (b) | Contribution from Employees (c) | Contribution from Employer (d) | Total Amount Contributed (c) + (d) | Percentage of ARC Contributed (d) / (a) | Percentage of OPEB Cost Contributed (d) / (b) |
|---------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| 2008 | \$ 928,404 | \$ 928,404 | \$0 | \$ 593,668 | \$ 593,668 | 64% | 64% |
| 2009 | 928,404 | 935,697 | 0 | 774,024 | 774,024 | 83 | 83 |
| 2010 | 959,225 | 969,445 | 0 | 600,713 | 600,713 | 63 | 62 |
| 2011 | 810,620 | 827,314 | 0 | 570,318 | 570,318 | 70 | 69 |
| 2012 | 810,620 | 830,707 | 0 | 431,007 | 431,007 | 53 | 52 |
| ∞ 2013 | 810,620 | 835,564 | 0 | 380,712 | 380,712 | 47 | 46 |
| 2014 | 464,479 | 520,485 | 0 | 261,772 | 261,772 | 56 | 50 |
| 2015 | 464,479 | 523,766 | 0 | 281,329 | 281,329 | 61 | 54 |
| 2016 | 530,122 | 383,209 | 0 | 304,391 | 304,391 | 57 | 79 |

¹ Calculated by prior service provider

Development of Net OPEB Obligation

| Year | Net OPEB Obligation (NOO) BOY ¹ (a) | Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (b) | Amortization Factor (c) | Service Cost (d) | ARC | | Annual OPEB Cost | | | | Net OPEB Obligation (NOO) End of Year ² (a)+(i)-(j) |
|------|--|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|--|
| | | | | | Amort. of UAAL (e) = (b) / (c) | Annual Required Contribution (f) = (d) + (e) | Interest on BOY NOO (g) | Adjustment to ARC (h) = (a) / (c) | Annual OPEB Cost ² (i) = (f)+(g)-(h) | Contribution (j) | |
| 2008 | \$ -0- | \$14,736,962 | - | N/A | N/A | \$ 928,404 | - | - | 928,404 | 593,668 | 334,736 |
| 2009 | 334,736 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 928,404 | 23,431 | 16,138 | 935,697 | 774,024 | 496,409 |
| 2010 | 496,409 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 959,225 | 34,748 | 24,528 | 969,445 | 600,713 | 865,141 |
| 2011 | 865,141 | 11,962,036 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 810,620 | 60,560 | 43,866 | 827,314 | 570,318 | 1,122,137 |
| 2012 | 1,122,137 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 810,620 | 78,550 | 58,463 | 830,707 | 431,007 | 1,521,837 |
| 2013 | 1,521,837 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 810,620 | 106,529 | 81,585 | 835,564 | 380,712 | 1,976,689 |
| 2014 | 1,976,689 | 5,981,998 | N/A | 50,454 | 414,025 | 464,479 | 138,368 | 82,362 | 520,485 | 261,772 | 2,235,402 |
| 2015 | 2,235,402 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 464,479 | 156,478 | 97,191 | 523,766 | 281,329 | 2,477,839 |
| 2016 | 2,477,839 | 4,086,716 | 7.9 | 12,782 | 517,340 | 530,122 | 166,759 | 313,671 | 383,209 | 304,391 | 2,556,657 |

¹ BOY – Beginning of Year

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Significant Changes Since Prior Valuation

The gain prior to changes was due to the removal of the cost of coverage for spouses, per benefit clarification, and to demographic changes other than expected

Factors Significantly Affecting Trends

Assumption or method changes:

1. Mortality updated to contemporary tables
2. Retirement rates adopted
3. Trend rates were updated **from** National Health Expenditures Table 3 **to** 8.0% graded down 0.5% per year for 6 years to 5.0% for pre-65, 5.0% in all years for post-65
4. Salary scale lowered from 1.5% to 1.0%
5. Turnover table updated
6. Discount rate changed from 7.0% to 6.73%

Plan change:

1. No employer paid benefits for those hired after December 31, 1998

The information required for reporting purposes from the most recent actuarial valuation (regarding actuarial methods and assumptions used to determine the ARC) can be found on pages 11-12 of this report.

Reconciliation of Actuarial Liability

The actuarial liability decreased from \$6,278,803 as of December 31, 2014 to \$4,217,237 as of December 31, 2016. Reconciliation of the liability can be summarized as follows:

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| a. Actuarial accrued liability as of December 31, 2014 | \$ 6,278,803 ¹ |
| b. Gain/loss and assumption changes | (1,854,745) |
| c. Plan change | -0- |
| d. Actuarial method change | -0- |
| e. Actuarial accrued liability as of December 31, 2016 | \$ 4,424,058 |

(Gain)/loss and assumption changes – includes changes to: demographics, claims costs, retirement and turnover assumptions, mortality assumptions, medical inflation, salary scale, discount rate and method change from the Alternative Calculation method as calculated by the prior service provider.

¹ Calculated by prior service provider

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at the date indicated. Additional information as of the latest valuation date follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Valuation date | December 31, 2016 |
| Participant data as of | December 31, 2016 |
| Actuarial Methods | |
| Actuarial cost method | Entry Age Normal (level percent of pay) |
| Amortization method | Level percent, closed |
| Remaining amortization period | 10 years (based on average expected future service) |
| Asset valuation method | Market value as of December 31, 2016 |

Actuarial Assumptions

Discount rate – 6.73%

Rationale – Historical asset returns provided by Shiawassee County Road Commission

Salary scale – 1.0%

Rationale – Expected future pay increases provided by Shiawassee County Road Commission

Return on plan assets – 6.73%

Rationale – Historical asset returns provided by Shiawassee County Road Commission

Mortality rate – 2017 IRC 1.430(h) Annuitant and Non-annuitant (sex-distinct)

Rationale – Contemporary tables used for private pension plan funding

Utilization – Eligible employees will elect coverage at retirement consistent with current active coverage; actual coverage used for non-active

Rationale – Based on past employer experience

Turnover rates – Crocker-Sarason-Straight T-3, sample rates below

Rationale – Based on past employer experience

| Age | Rate |
|-----|------|
| 30 | 4.8% |
| 35 | 4.5 |
| 40 | 3.8 |
| 45 | 3.2 |
| 50 | 1.5 |

Retirement rates – see rates below

Rationale – Based on past employer experience

| Age | Rate | Age | Rate |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 55 | 18% | 61-63 | 24% |
| 56 | 15 | 64 | 27 |
| 57 | 10 | 65-69 | 30 |
| 58 | 15 | 70 | 100 |
| 59-60 | 20 | | |

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

Marital status – 75% of retirees are assumed to be married at retirement with males three years older than females; actual status used for retirees

Rationale – Based on past employer experience

Annual medical costs – see sample rates below

Rationale – actual annual pre-65 age-graded BCBS premiums for 2017; actual annual post-65 supplemental premiums for 2017

| Age | Annual Medical Rate per covered person | Age | Annual Medical Rate per covered person |
|-----|--|-----|--|
| 55 | \$ 6,503 | 61 | \$ 8,194 |
| 56 | 6,803 | 62 | 8,378 |
| 57 | 7,106 | 63 | 8,608 |
| 58 | 7,430 | 64 | 8,748 |
| 59 | 7,590 | 65+ | 4,254 ¹ |
| 60 | 7,914 | | |

Vision costs – \$6.01 per month for single coverage, \$9.16 per month for double coverage

Rationale – Actual post-65 2017 monthly vision premiums

Monthly HRA administrative fee – \$20.45 per retiree

Rationale – Actual pre-65 HRA premium

Medical, vision and administration inflation rate – Pre-65: 8.0% in 2018 graded down 0.5% per year to an ultimate rate of 5.0%; Post-65: 5.0% in all years

Rationale – Based on market expectations for increases in the cost of medical care

Implicit Subsidy – Not applicable

Rationale – Actual premiums are age-graded

Impact of Healthcare Reform

40% excise tax on “high cost” group health coverage

When aggregated, premiums are not projected to exceed 2020 thresholds for more than 20 years; The thresholds were indexed by CPI plus 1% in 2021 and CPI only beginning in 2022; The CPI is assumed to be 3% in 2021 and following

Individual or plan sponsor decisions

No change in behavior on account of Healthcare Reform was anticipated

Assumption changes since prior valuation

- Mortality tables updated
- Retirement table adopted
- Trend rates updated *from* National Health Expenditures Table 3 *to* 8.0% graded down 0.5% per year for 6 years to 5.0% for pre-65, 5.0% in all years for post-65
- Salary scale lowered from 1.5% to 1.0%
- Withdrawal rates updated
- Rate of return on assets and discount rate changed from 7.0% to 6.73%

Method change since prior valuation

- Amortization period lowered from 30 years to 10 years consistent with average future working life of active participants

¹ Does not include vision premium

SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS

Eligibility

| | |
|---|---|
| Hired prior to 1996 | Minimum of Age 55 with 25 years of service for retiree benefits |
| Hired after 1996 and prior to December 31, 1998 | Minimum of Age 60 with 10 years of service for retiree benefits |
| Hired on or after December 31, 1998 | No retiree benefits |

Employer benefits

Payment of medical and vision premiums for the retiree's lifetime; post-65 medical benefits are supplemental to Medicare

Spouse coverage

| | |
|--|--|
| Retirement between January 1, 1975 and December 31, 1991 | No benefits ¹ |
| Retirement between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1998 | Payment of medical and vision premiums for the spouse's lifetime |
| Retirement after December 31, 1998 | Payment of medical and vision premiums for the spouse's lifetime for retirees with 25 or more years of service at retirement |

Retiree contribution

None

Changes since prior valuation

None

¹ Two spouses have paid coverage by special arrangement

GLOSSARY

Actuarial Accrued Liability – The portion of the “actuarial present value of future benefit payments” that is allocated to past eligibility service. Sometimes referred to as “past service liability”.

Actuarial Assumptions – Estimates of future plan experience with respect to rate of mortality, disability, turnover, retirement, rate or rates of investment income or salary increases.

Actuarial Cost Method – A method of allocating the dollar amount of the “actuarial present value of future plan benefits” to past, current and future service.

Actuarial Present Value – The dollar value at the valuation date of benefit payments expected to be made in the future, taking into account the time value of money and the probability of payment.

Amortization – Paying off an interest-bearing liability by means of periodic payments of interest and principal.

Annual Required Contribution (ARC) – The ARC is the normal cost plus the portion of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to be amortized in the current period.

ARC Adjustment – A modification to the Annual Required Contribution designed to offset the portion of the amortization of unfunded liability already recognized in the OPEB obligation.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) – GASB is the private, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that works to create and improve the rules U.S. state and local governments follow when accounting for their finances and reporting them to the public.

Implicit Rate Subsidy – It is common practice for employers to allow retirees to continue in the employer’s group health insurance plan, often charging the retiree some portion of the premium charged to active employees. Under the theory that retirees have higher utilization of services, the difference between the true cost of providing retiree coverage and what the retiree is being charged is known as the implicit rate subsidy.

Normal Cost – The portion of the “actuarial present value of future benefit payments” that is allocated to one year of service. Sometimes referred to as “service cost”.

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) – OPEB are postemployment benefits other than pensions. OPEB generally takes the form of health insurance as well as dental, vision, prescription drugs or other health care benefits.

OPEB Cost – The portion of the ARC required to be recognized on the balance sheet for the year.

OPEB Obligation – The accumulation on the balance sheet of the net difference between the OPEB cost and contribution/benefit payments.

GLOSSARY

Reserve or Irrevocable Account – Funds that have been set aside specifically for retiree OPEB purposes and are not generally available for other uses.

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability – The difference between the actuarial accrued liability and valuation assets. Sometimes referred to as “unfunded accrued liability”.

Valuation Assets – The value of current plan assets recognized for valuation purposes.