JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FOURTH QUARTER MEETING November 29, 2017

The Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement (JCPER) held its 4th Quarter Meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 1pm in Senate Committee Room 2. Chairman Schaaf called the meeting to order. Joint Committee members in attendance were Senators Rizzo, Schaaf, and Walsh and Representatives Anders, Bernskoetter, Brown (27), Shull (16), and Walker (03). Senators Curls, Koenig, and Wallingford and Representative Runions were not in attendance.

Chairman Schaaf turned the meeting over to the Executive Director, Michael Ruff. The 2017 Watch List, highlighting plans that are below seventy percent funded on a market value basis, was presented to the Committee. Twenty-seven plans are on the current Watch List compared to twenty-two from the previous year. Each plan on the Watch List was contacted and given an opportunity to provide a response. Ten plans provided written responses, which were included in the committee members' packets. One plan, the Kansas City Public School Retirement System (KCPSRS), requested to respond in person at the meeting.

The JCPER then received a presentation from Ms. Christine Gierer, Executive Director of the KCPSRS in response to the Plan's first appearance on the Watch List. Ms. Gierer explained that the System's funded ratio was very strong until the 2008 economic downturn. Additionally, changes in the Kansas City School District, the largest employer in the retirement system, have occurred and impacted the retirement system; the school district's boundary line with Independence School District was moved and, later, a right-sizing effort was implemented with school closures resulting in a major decrease in employees and teachers and a significant decline in the active member to retiree member ratio. The KCPSRS contribution rate range is set by state statute. 2013 legislation permitted an increase in the contribu-It is currently at the statutory cap of 18% (9% active members and 9% employer). Analyses conducted during 2016 indicate the need to increase the contribution rate to continue funding the ARC. Ms. Gierer stated that the System will be seeking legislation for a 1.5% employer rate increase in 2019 and again in 2020 and to remove the cap from the statute.

The Director provided updates on several plan developments starting with St. Louis County Retirement Plan. The November 28th Council meeting resulted in two changes to the Plan: The one-third reduction in County pension benefits for the elected prosecutor was reinstated, and the County Council passed the new tier for new hires (lower benefit multiplier for new hires, increased vesting, increased retirement age, and mandatory 4% employee contribution). Next, the Director informed the Committee that the City of Overland did certify the increase in the property tax levy used to fund their Police Retirement Fund in late September, resulting in a positive funding increase. Finally, the Sheriff's Retirement System was discussed. A lawsuit had been filed against the System challenging the validity of the \$3 court surcharge (the System's funding mechanism) as applied to municipal courts. The System has filed a motion to dismiss, and briefs are being filed on this motion. Any updates will be provided at the next meeting.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT Fourth QUARTER MEETING November 16, 2016 (Continued)

Both St. Louis County and St. Louis City passed Proposition P. In the County, this half-cent sales tax will be used for police services. In the City, the tax will be used for public safety, including police and firefighter compensation. As salaries increase for both the County and the City law enforcement personnel, so will pension benefits that they accrue, requiring larger contributions to the plans.

Quarterly plan investment reporting was reviewed from the third quarter of 2017, ending September 30th. The returns are broken down into 12 months, 36 months, and 60 months. Of the plans that reported quarterly investment returns, the majority (68%) had double-digit returns for the 12 month period. In general, investment markets have been up for the past year since the November 2016 election.

With no further business being presented, the committee adjourned.

Michael Ruff

Executive Director



JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

4th QUARTER MEETING November 29, 2017 1 p.m.— Senate Committee Room 2

AGENDA

Roll Call

Presentation of Annual Watch List Presentation by Kansas City Public School Retirement System

Plan Developments

St. Louis County Retirement Plan Overland Police Retirement Plan Sheriffs' Retirement System

Proposition P Discussion

Quarterly Investment Reporting

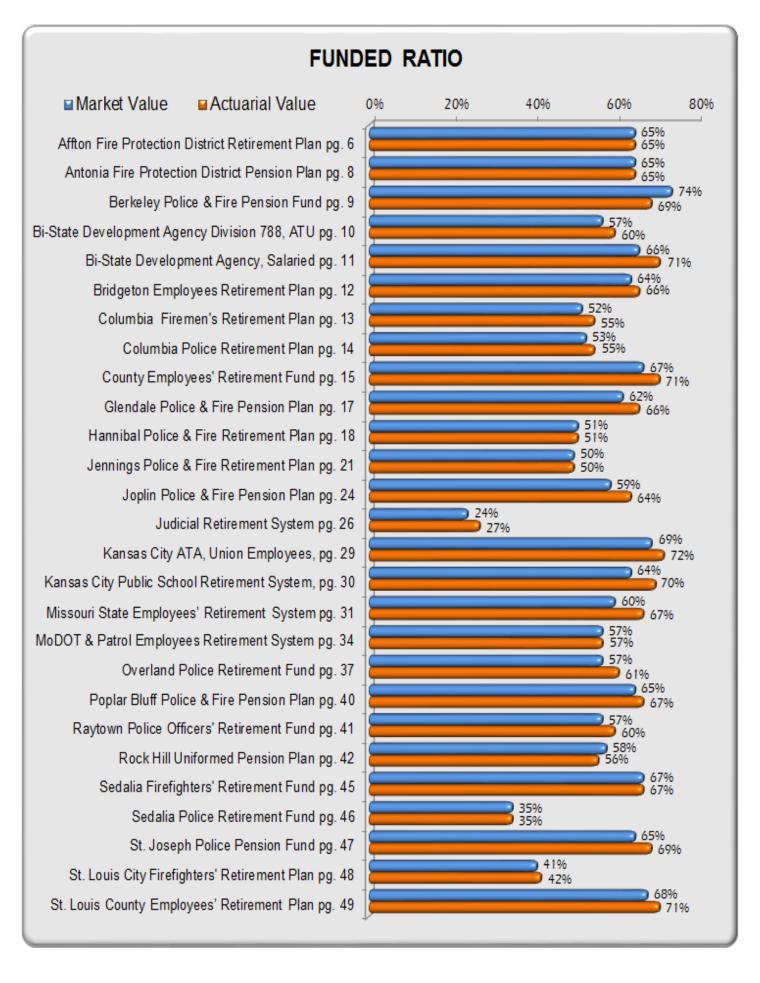




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WATCH LIST

November 2017

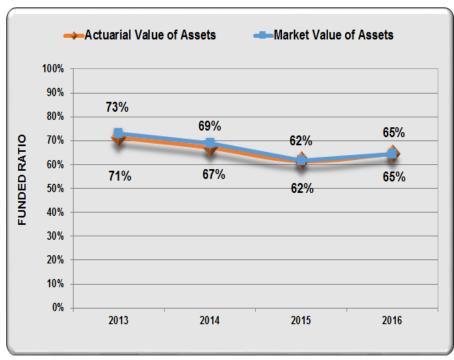


Please Note: 1. For purposes of the Watch List, the term "inactive" includes terminated vested, retired, surviving beneficiary, disabled members, and for some plans, terminated nonvested members who have not withdrawn employee contributions.

2. The term "interest" under Actuarial Assumptions refers to the assumed rate of return for investments.

AFFTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RETIREMENT PLAN

- Rate of return on investments equaled 8.07% (Market) vs. 6.5% assumed.
- Employer contribution is funded by a property tax levy. At the April 2017 election, the voters adopted an increase in the tax levy of twenty-five cents. In response to an April 2017 JCPER communication, an attorney for the district wrote "The directors are aware of the challenges and are dedicated to improving the pension plan."
- Assets are valued at market value except for 2008 loss which was smoothed over 5 years.
- Effective with the 1/1/16 valuation, the actuarial cost method was changed from the Aggregate method to the Entry Age Normal Method with a 30-year amortization of the unfunded liability.
- Plan provisions were modified effective 01/01/13. The benefit multiplier was changed from 2.1667% to 1.7333%. Accrued benefits are not modified; however, new and prospective service will be at new provision levels. Lump sum benefit payments were also ceased.
- Employee contributions were implemented in 2010 at 4% and then 7% thereafter.



January 1,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2016	\$453,879	\$300,389	66%
2015	\$315,183	\$304,357	97%
2014	\$248,521	\$300,403	120%
2013	\$264,490	\$298,054	113%

As of 1/1/17

Market Value: \$7,931,637 Actuarial Value: \$7,931,637 AAL: \$12,285,739

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 39 Inactive: 26

Normal Retirement Formula:

1.7333% of three-year average monthly compensation times service, maximum of 30 years.

Normal Retirement Benefits:

Age 60 with 5 years of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: No COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 6.5% **Salary:** 3.5%

From: Nickolas Fahs

To: Michael Ruff; "John Hefele"; "Frank Vatterott"

Subject: RE: Affton Fire Protection District Pension Plan

Date: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:47:35 AM

Feel free to contact Mr. Vatterott and Hefele again this year.

Nick

From: Michael Ruff [mailto:mruff@senate.mo.gov]

Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 3:47 PM

To: nfahs@afftonfire.com

Subject: Affton Fire Protection District Pension Plan

Dear Chief Fahs:

Each year, the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement staff compiles a report for the committee's review that includes any defined benefit retirement plan that has a funded ratio of less than 70% on a market value basis. We have used information submitted to the committee as part of the plan year 2016 survey to prepare this report. This report is designed to increase awareness of trends in plan funding and contribution levels.

I am attaching an information page relating to Affton FPD that will be presented to the committee at its fourth quarter meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 1pm in Senate Committee Room 2. Please feel free to review this information and respond with any additional information or thoughts you deem appropriate. If you would like to respond, please provide any information or comments by Friday, November 17, 2017. In the past year, I have spoken with both John Hefele and Frank Vatterott on behalf of Affton FPD regarding the plan's funding and April's tax levy increase. I would be happy to speak with them again if you would like.

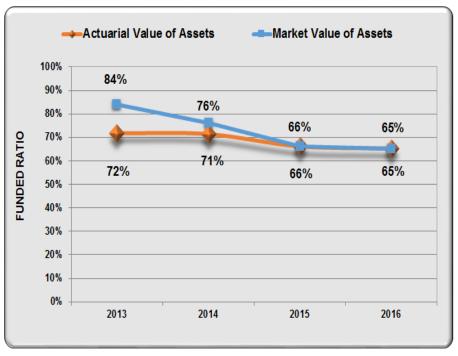
Thank you for your consideration and ongoing cooperation with the JCPER. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Ruff
Executive Director
Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement
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Jefferson City, MO 65101
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mruff@senate.mo.gov

ANTONIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PENSION PLAN

- Rate of return on investments equaled 5.42% vs. 6.0% assumed.
- Updated mortality tables.
- The plan experienced demographic losses due to people working another year past their normal retirement age of 55. The Plan changed the assumed retirement age to age 60 to better reflect when members actually retire.
- Plan was frozen in February 2009. The FPD implemented a defined contribution plan for employees in 2010. The DC plan was terminated and proceeds distributed in 2013. Joined LAGERS in July 2012.
- Lump sum payment option eliminated.
- Closed 15-year amortization policy beginning in 2014 for payment of unfunded liabilities.



January 1,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2017	\$112,452	N/A	N/A
2016	\$104,304	101,925	98%
2015	\$85,237	\$74,250	87%
2014	\$68,700	\$75,000	109%
2013	\$58,625	\$75,000	128%

As of 1/1/17

Market Value: \$2,079,590 Actuarial Value: \$2,079,590 AAL: \$3,189,496

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 15 Inactive: 6

Normal Retirement Formula: 2.25% of compensation for first 24 years of service plus 1% for

the next 6 years of service Formula frozen 01/01/09

Normal Retirement Benefits: Age 55 or 30 years of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

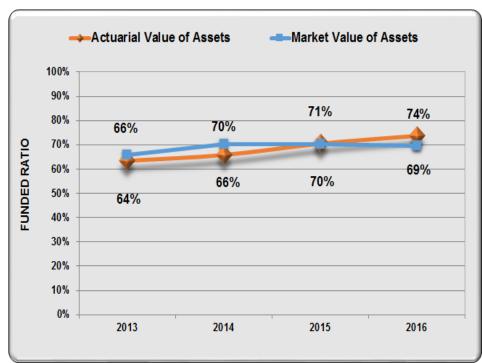
COLA: No COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 6% Salary: N/A

BERKELEY POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND

- Rate of return on investments equaled 0% (Market) & 5.5% (Actuarial) vs. 7.5% assumed.
- Lowered the assumed rate of return for investments from 7.5 to 7.0.
- The plan is funded by a dedicated tax levy that has been insufficient to meet the actuary's recommended contribution since 2003. At the April 2016 election, the tax levy was increased from \$0.11 to \$0.33 per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- Voters adopted plan changes at the April 2016 election, including decreasing the multiplier from 2.5 to 2.0 for service earned on/after 1/1/17; eliminating the COLA after 7/1/15, and only refunding 2/3s of a member's contributions upon retirement.
- The actuarial cost statement for the April 2016 plan changes notes that the "changes are projected to improve the ability of the plan to meet its obligations."
- Employees contribute 6% to this plan.
- The actuary notes that the plan experienced a small actuarial gain primarily due to six employee terminations.
- On the JCPER Watch List from 2010-2014.



Year ending 6/30,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2017	\$924,236	N/A	N/A
2016	\$1,060,472	\$199,306	19%
2015	\$1,247,121	\$198,187	16%
2014	\$1,337,551	\$204,885	15%
2013	\$1,279,952	\$186,654	15%

As of 6/30/16

Market Value: \$11,890,389
Actuarial Value: \$12,638,858
AAL: \$17,125,602

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 52 Inactive: 55

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

Average salary times 2.5% times years of service to a maximum of 20 years plus average salary times 1% times years of service in excess of 20 years to a maximum of 5 years.

Maximum: 55% of compensation

Normal Retirement Benefits:

Age 55 with 10 years of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

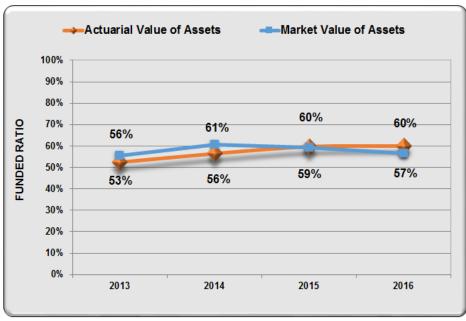
COLA: No COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7% Salary: 4%

BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DIVISION 788, A.T.U.

- Rate of return on investments equaled –3.4% (Market) and 6.6% (Actuarial) vs. 7.25% assumed.
- Effective with the 4/1/16 valuation, the assumed rate of return was lowered from 7.25% to 7%.
- Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability is amortized on a closed 30-year period effective April 1, 2003.
- At the 12/10/15 meeting, the Pension Committee adopted the weekly contribution amount of \$173.03 per active participant.
- With the April 1, 2010 actuarial valuation, an additional 5 year weekly contribution of \$8.87 was calculated for the plan to achieve a 60% funded ratio. The actuary has estimated this same amount would be required to achieve a 65% and 70% funded ratio over 5 years. This additional contribution continues to be made.
- The Employer continues to meet the full ADC.
- Effective April 1, 2015, this plan merged with the 788 Clerical Unit ATU plan pursuant to a resolution and vote of the membership and acceptance by the plans' pension committees. The Clerical Unit ATU plan had previously been on the JCPER Watch List.
- The contribution history below is taken from the plan's 3/31/16 Financial Statements (pg. 23), which revised the contribution history to include the previous amounts from the Clerical Plan.



FY ending 6/30,	EMPLOYER RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	EMPLOYER ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2016	\$9,342,714	\$9,342,714	100%
2015	\$9,199,407	\$9,199,407	100%
2014	\$9,249,791	\$9,249,791	100%
2013	\$8,157,204	\$8,157,204	100%
2012	\$7,307,095	\$7,307,095	100%

As of 4/1/16

Market Value: \$ 116,103,177 Actuarial Value: \$ 122,802,782 AAL: \$ 205,061,983

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 1,378 Inactive: 1,309

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

\$40 times years of service for those retiring with less than 25 years of service \$55 times years of service for those retiring with 25 or more years of service

Normal Retirement Benefits: 25 years of service, age 65, or

age 55 with 20 years of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

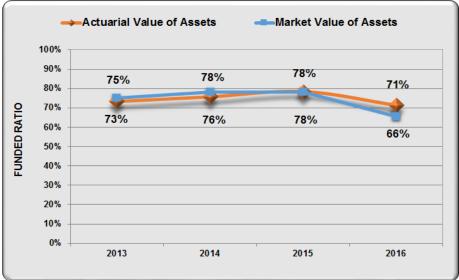
COLA: Ad Hoc COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7%

BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, PENSION PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES

- Rate of return on investments equaled -3.6% (Market) and 4.5% (Actuarial) vs. 7.5% assumed.
- Effective with the 6/1/16 valuation, the assumed rate of return was lowered from 7.5% to 7%.
- The actuary attributes an increase in the recommended contribution to three primary reasons: average salary increases higher than the assumed rate, the decrease in the assumed rate of return, and actual investment return lower than the assumed rate.
- Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability is amortized on a closed 30-year period effective April 1, 2010.
- The Employer continues to meet the full ADC.
- Employees contribute 3% to the plan.
- The Plan was closed on 7/1/13 to new participants.



FY end- ing 6/30,	EMPLOYER RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION*	EMPLOYER ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION*	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2016	\$2,752,597	\$2,752,597	100%
2015	\$3,500,784	\$3,500,784	100%
2014	\$4,998,198	\$4,998,198	100%
2013	\$4,370,010	\$4,370,010	100%
2012	\$3,129,976	\$3,129,976	100%

^{*}Contribution history is from Financial Statements, Year Ended May 31, 2016, Page 23, Schedule of Employer Contributions

As of 6/1/16

Market Value: \$ 54,855,337 Actuarial Value: \$ 59,578,888 AAL: \$ 83,570,358

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 329 Inactive: 462

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula: 1.5% of compensation times years of service

Normal Retirement Benefits: Age 60 with 5 years of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

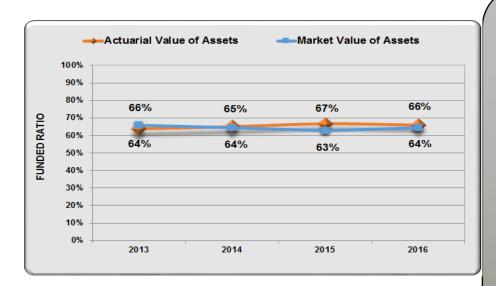
COLA: No COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7% **Salary:** 4.5%

BRIDGETON EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN

- Rate of return on investments equaled 7.64% (Market) and 3.5% (Actuarial) vs. assumed 7.5%.
- The plan was frozen to new employees as of January 1, 2012.
- The plan uses an open 30-year period for amortization of unfunded liabilities. The actuary comments that "the current funding policy is not projected to pay down the unfunded actuarial accrued liability in the absence of emerging gains or contributions in excess of the policy amount...consideration should be given to reviewing the funding policy."
- In April 2015, voters approved a hotel/motel tax increase to generate an additional \$900,000 in revenue annually. According to the State Auditor, city officials are increasing the annual contribution by \$200,000 each year until the full contribution is met.
- The Employer has not met the ARC since 2007. The actuary comments that "the chief reasons for the increase in annual cost as a percentage of payroll is that actual City contributions fell short of target contributions along with the fact that the payroll is declining as the plan is closed to new entrants."
- For employees hired after 1/1/12, the City uses a matching component to its 457 deferred compensation plan.
- Audited by the State Auditor in 2016 with an overall performance rating of Poor.
- Included on the State Auditor's "watch list" in 2014.



Janu- ary 1,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2017	\$1,687,909	N/A	N/A
2016	\$1,680,519	\$1,525,000	91%
2015	\$1,750,340	\$1,200,000	68%
2014	\$1,740,187	\$1,000,000	57%
2013	\$1,767,398	\$1,000,000	57%

As of 01/01/17

Market Value: \$27,602,613 Actuarial Value: \$28,190,166 AAL: \$42,833,166

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 94 Inactive: 157

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula: 2% of compensation times years of service

Normal Retirement Benefits: Age 60 with 5 years of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: No COLA

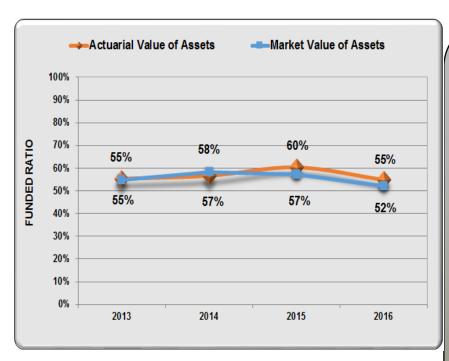
ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS: Interest: 7.5% Salary: 4%

*Market Value from actuarial valuation as of 1/1/17 including accrued contribution of \$1,525,000.

COLUMBIA FIREMEN & POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

- The Fire and Police plans are commingled for investment purposes. Rate of return on investments equaled 6.2% (Market) & 5.7% (Actuarial) vs. 7.5% assumed. Investment gains/losses are smoothed over a 4 year period.
- The plan's actuary completed a five year experience study for the period 10/1/10—9/30/15. The board modified economic and demographic assumptions, including lowering assumed rate of return from 7.5 to 7 and payroll growth from 3.5 to 3.25, and changing the amortization period for unfunded liabilities from 23 years to 30 years.
- The employer continues to meet or exceed the ARC. For fiscal year 2015, the City contributed an additional \$5 million in excess of the recommended contribution, divided between the two plans. The actuary notes that "For the continued well-being of the fund, the fund must receive contributions at least at the levels recommended in the actuarial valuation."
- A new tier of provisions were passed for employees hired <u>on or after October 1, 2012</u>. These provisions include, but are not limited to, modified age and service requirements for retirement eligibility, modified benefit multiplier with no retiree COLA, fire member contribution reduced to 4% of pay, and automatic survivor benefit replaced with a survivor option at retirement with member's reduced benefit. The actuary notes that "employer normal cost contributions will decrease as a percentage of payroll as more active members become covered under the post October 1, 2012 benefit provisions."
- Fire employees contribute 16.32% of pay (4% for those hired on/after 10/01/12) and do not participate in Social Security.
- Police employees contribute between 7.45% & 8.35% of pay (4.5% for those hired on/after 10/01/12) & do participate in Social Security.
- These plans were included on the State Auditor's watch list in 2014.

FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT FUND



Yr End- ing 9/30,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2016	\$5,226,250	\$5,226,250	100%
2015	\$4,751,496	\$7,751,496	163%
2014	\$4,674,412	\$4,674,412	100%
2013	\$4,382,296	\$4,382,296	100%

AS OF 9/30/16

Market Value: \$ 71,733,972 Actuarial Value: \$ 75,438,867 AAL: \$ 137,828,858

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 139 Inactive: 161

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

3.5% of compensation for the first 20 years + 2% for next 5 years. Max 80% of compensation; 2% of compensation < 20 years. New hires: 2.5% of compensation x yrs of service, no max.

Normal Retirement Benefits:

Age 65 or 20 years of service Age 55 with 5 yrs of service or Rule of 80 (new hires)

COLA: Annual Max of 2%

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7% Salary: 3.25%

COLUMBIA FIREMEN & POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (CONTINUED)

POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

As of 09/30/16

 Market Value:
 \$48,252,081
 Membership:

 Actuarial Value:
 \$50,744,190
 Active:
 151

 AAL:
 \$91,623,783
 Inactive:
 173

Normal Retirement Formula:

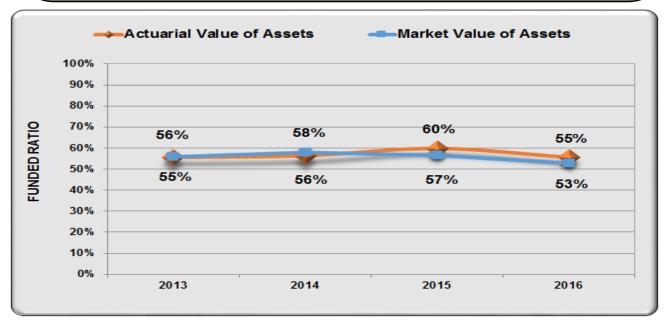
3% of compensation for first 20 years + 2% for next 5 years Maximum: 70% of compensation 2.0% of compensation up to 25 years + 1.5% each year over 25 years Max—57.5% of compensation (new hires)

Normal Retirement Benefits: COLA: Annual Amount Max: 0.6%

20 years of service, or age 65

25 years of service or age 65 (new hires)

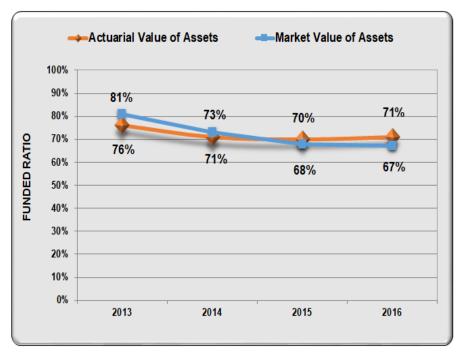
ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS: Interest: 7% Salary: 3.25%



Yr ending 9/30,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBU- TION	PERCENT CON- TRIBUTED
2016	\$3,812,192	\$3,812,192	100%
2015	\$3,486,784	\$5,486,784	157%
2014	\$3,245,420	\$3,245,420	100%
2013	\$3,243,455	\$3,243,455	100%

COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

- Rate of return on investments equaled 5.01% (market) and 7.06% (actuarial) vs. 7.5% assumed. Investment gains and losses are smoothed over a five year period.
- CERF was established in 1994 and is funded through county receipts of fee and penalty revenue and employee contributions. The actuary comments that "the Fund is highly dependent on county contributions that are not directly related to its funding requirements or to how benefits are accrued." In addition, "actual fee based contributions for 2016 totaled \$20.3 million which is less than the 2016 Actuarially Determined Contribution of \$25.6 million."
- In the 2017 regular legislative session, the General Assembly passed SB 62, which, in part, increased several of the fees and penalties that are used to fund CERF. These increases are estimated to result in an additional \$8 million annually. The increases become effective 1/1/18.
- Employees hired on or after 2/25/02 contribute 6% of pay (non-LAGERS members) and 4% of pay (LAGERS members).
- The plan updated its mortality tables effective with the January 1, 2016 actuarial valuation.



Funded ratios are based on asset values from January 1, 2017 valuation, page 4.

Year end- ing 12/31,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2017	\$26,677,238	N/A	N/A
2016	\$25,608,251	\$20,329,625	79%
2015	\$22,051,507	\$19,968,537	90.6%
2014	\$18,623,038	\$19,781,514	106%
2013	\$19,441,738	\$20,348,888	105%

As of 1/1/17

Market Value: \$450,770,049 Actuarial Value: \$477,065,373 AAL: \$672,625,878

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 11,303 **Inactive:** 7054

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula: \$29 times years of service; Greater of flat dollar formula, TRR formula-Social Security offset or prior plan formula.

Normal Retirement Benefits: Age 62 with 8 years of service

Social Security: Yes

COLA: Annual Max 1%, Total Max 50%, Percent of CPI: 100%

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7.5% Salary: 2.5%



COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

November 14, 2017

Mr. Michael Ruff Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement State Capitol, Room 219-A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Ruff:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide updated information about the County Employees' Retirement Fund, CERF, to include significant events since our January 1, 2017 valuation.

Our actuary, Michael Zwiener of Milliman, has confirmed that CERF has experienced a significant increase in the value of its investments since the first of the year, increasing from \$450 million to a bit over \$495 million as of mid-October. If these investment gains hold through the end of the year, we project CERF's funded ratio on December 31, 2017 will be approximately 72%.

On a longer time horizon, it is estimated that recently enacted SB 62 will provide an increase of about 20-25% in annual funding to CERF beginning in 2018. This additional funding is important for CERF to maintain (and improve) its financial position.

During 2017, CERF passed the 5,000 mark with respect to the number of retired members and beneficiaries receiving monthly benefits.

CERF continues to be a meaningful benefit for the over 11,500 county employees who are members of the system. A significant portion of CERF members are county deputy sheriffs and road and bridge workers. The average salary of county employees is \$35,481. The CERF retirement benefit is a key component of the overall compensation package of many county employees, allowing them to retire with some dignity from a lifetime of serving the public.

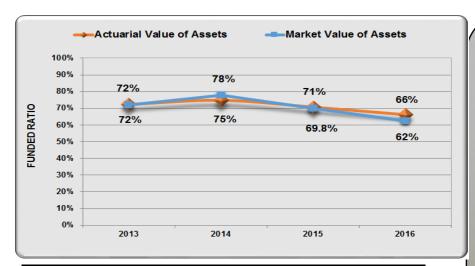
The Board of CERF is appreciative of the legislative support of SB 62 during the 2017 session and looks forward to continuing offer the membership valued benefits.

Sincerely,

Sarah Maxwell Executive Director Majure

GLENDALE POLICE & FIRE PENSION PLAN

- Investment return equaled 0.9% (market) and 5.5% (actuarial) vs. 7.5% assumed.
- The plan made four assumption changes: updated mortality tables, lowered the assumed rate
 of return for investments from 7.5 to 7.25, lowered the salary increase scale from 3.75 to 3.5,
 and adjusted the employee turnover assumption. The net impact is an increase in liabilities of
 1.8%.
- Effective with the July 1, 2015 valuation, the plan changed its cost method from Aggregate to Entry Age Normal with a 20-year open amortization period for unfunded liabilities.
- The plan's actuary attributes this year's increase in the City's contribution to a poor asset return and the shortfall in the targeted contribution versus the actual contribution.
- The plan is funded from two sources: a dedicated property tax levy and an employee contribution of 3.25%. The plan's financial statements note that "these are at this time fixed sources of revenue, which are not tied to actuarial experience of this plan, and are not tied to the actuarially recommended contribution."
- The tax levy has only produced sufficient revenue to meet the full annual required contribution one time (2007) since 2002. Current tax rate of \$0.08 (residential and commercial) and \$0.1 (personal) per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- The City's Financial Statements state that "With the plan approximately five million underfunded it has been decided by the Pension Board that steps need to be taken to reduce the underfunded amount. The steps to be taken have yet to be determined as of this writing."



Year End- ing 6/30,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2017	\$370,101	N/A	N/A
2016	\$333,799	\$130,235	39%
2015	\$294,386	\$130,695	45%
2014	\$305,702	\$127,993	42%
2013	\$311,625	\$128,584	41%

As of 7/1/16

Market Value: \$4,982,916 Actuarial Value: \$5,297,142 AAL: \$7,994,061

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 25 Inactive: 20

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula: 50% of compensation for first 20 years of service plus 1% of compensation for each year

over 20 years

Normal Retirement Benefits: Age 55 with 15 years of service

Social Security Coverage:

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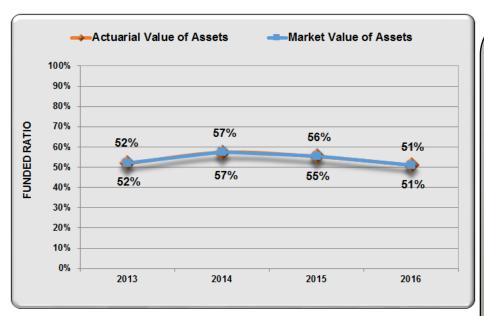
COLA: No COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7.25% **Salary:** 3.5%

HANNIBAL POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT PLAN

- Rate of return on investments equaled 1.7% (Market) vs. 7.5% assumed.
- The plan does not smooth investment gains/losses.
- The plan lowered the assumed rate of return for investments from 7.5 to 7, updated mortality tables, and adopted a closed 20-year amortization policy with fixed bases for payment of unfunded liabilities.
- Plan members do not participate in Social Security.
- The actuary writes "The main driver of the increase in the unfunded liability (and thus, the decrease in funded status) was the change in interest rate from 7.5% to 7.0%, which added \$1.7 million to the liability. Another large factor was a return on assets approximately \$890 thousand less than expected. A third contributing factor is updating the mortality tables, which produced an increase of almost \$455 thousand. Over the last five years, the city has contributed well in excess of the recommended contribution. A pattern of less than adequate funding could decrease the funded status of the Plan to a point from which it would be very difficult to recover."
- The City changed the Plan to permit contracting with Standard Insurance for disability coverage.
- The City made multiple plan modifications effective <u>7/1/11</u> including: Increasing mandatory employee contributions from 9.5% of pay to 12%, 11.4% annual minimum City contribution (plus tax revenue) will be modified to provide that the City's contribution will not be reduced unless the plan is determined to be at least 80% funded.
- Effective July 1, 2016, the employee contribution rate will increase by one-half percent annually until it reaches 15% on July 1, 2021.



Year end- ing 6/30,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CON- TRIBUTED
2017	\$1,193,766	N/A	N/A
2016	\$1,066,446	\$1,264,977	119%
2015	\$984,663	\$1,183,568	120%
2014	\$994,809	\$1,214,217	122%
2013	\$1,010,251	\$1,212,249	120%

As of 6/30/16

Market Value:

\$15,628,079

Actuarial Value:

\$15,628,079

AAL:

\$30,515,641

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 75 Inactive: 69

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

65% of compensation for first 25 years of service, plus 1% for each of the next 5 years of service in excess of 25

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Maximum: 70% of compensation

Normal Retirement Benefits:

Age 55 or 25 years of service

Social Security Coverage: No

COLA: Ad Hoc COLA

No COLA if Funded Ratio below

50%

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS: Interest: 7% **Salary:** 3.5%

From: Angel Zerbonia
To: Michael Ruff

Cc: <u>Mike Benjamin (MBenjamin@hannibalfire.com)</u>

Subject: RE: Hannibal Police & Fire

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 7:56:14 AM

Importance: High

Michael:

I have no additional comments and have reached out to other Board members and our actuary, none of which have additional comments either.

Please let me know if you need anything further from me.

When things slow down a bit here, I would like to take a trip to visit you all and the committee, possibly during a meeting, if allowed. Plesae let me know what the schedules are.

Thanks,

Angel

From: Michael Ruff [mailto:mruff@senate.mo.gov]

Sent: Friday, November 3, 2017 4:48 PM

To: Angel Zerbonia <AZerbonia@hannibal-mo.gov>

Subject: Hannibal Police & Fire

Dear Angel,

Each year, the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement staff compiles a report for the committee's review that includes any defined benefit retirement plan that has a funded ratio of less than 70% on a market value basis. Based on information submitted to the JCPER as part of the plan year 2016 survey, Hannibal Police & Fire Retirement Plan will be included in the report. This report is designed to increase awareness of trends in plan funding and contribution levels.

I am attaching an information page relating to the retirement plan that will be presented to the committee at its fourth quarter meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 1pm in Senate Committee Room 2. Please feel free to review this information and respond with any additional information or thoughts you deem appropriate. If you would like to respond, please provide any information or comments by Friday, November 17, 2017.

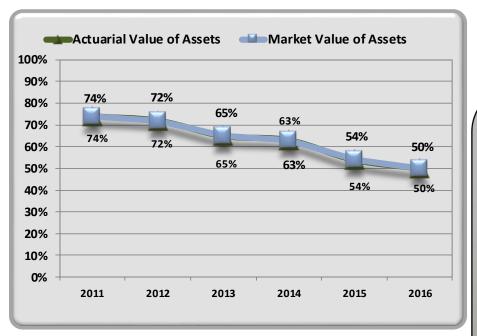
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Sincerely,

Michael Ruff Executive Director Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement State Capitol, Room 219-A Jefferson City, MO 65101 573-751-1280 mruff@senate.mo.gov

JENNINGS POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT FUND

- Rate of return on investments equaled -1.01% (Market) vs. 6% assumed.
- In August 2017, the City Council passed legislation to enter into an agreement with LAGERS to transfer administration of the plan to LAGERS under section 70.621. The City has been working with LAGERS on the transfer, which may be completed by the end of calendar year 2017.
- Funded ratio has been decreasing since 1996 (94.29% in 1996 —> 50% in 2016). The City has met the ARC two years (2010 & 2011) since 1999. The contribution is tied to a tax levy. At the April 2016 election, voters approved a property tax increase of 12.5 cents, from 24.5 cents to 37 cents. The fund is projected to be solvent through its remaining lifetime.
- Closed 15-year period for amortization of unfunded liabilities. As of 4/1/16, 12 years remain.
- Plan was closed in 1987 with new hires joining LAGERS. No active members remain in the plan: all members are now retired.
- The Police Department was disbanded in 2011 with the St. Louis County Police Department being contracted for public safety purposes. Voters approved the dissolving of the Fire Department in August 2014 with the city cooperating with Riverview FPD for fire services.



Yr End- ing 3/31,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2016	\$462,216	\$189,890	41%
2015	\$345,068	\$194,976	57%
2014	\$315,629	\$195,337	62%
2013	\$244,685	\$203,049	83%
2012	\$209,394	\$203,184	97%
2011	\$201,076	\$210,405	105%

As of 04/01/16

Market Value: \$4,184,172 Actuarial Value: \$4,184,172 AAL: \$8,291,582

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 0 Inactive: 39

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

2.25% of compensation times years of

Maximum: 50% of compensation

Normal Retirement Benefits:

Age 55 with 20 years of service Age 65 with 15 years of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: No COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS: Interest: 6% Salary: N/A

Plan Closed in 1987 with New Hires joining LAGERS.

From: Bob Wilson

To: Michael Ruff; rjohnson@cityofjennings.org
Cc: Joseph Zlotopolski (jzlotopolski@gmail.com)
Subject: RE: Jennings Police & Fire Pension Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 7:47:10 AM

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If/when asked, my statement intends to be "Jennings has successfully entered into an agreement with LAGERS to transfer administration of the Jennings Public Safety Fund to LAGERS in accordance with 70.621 RSMo. (HB 1443 The LAGERS Legacy Plan bill) effective December 1, 2017. LAGERS will administer all facets of that plan. LAGERS has established a 15 year closed payment plan by which all obligations will be settled and all earned employee benefits shall be paid in full." This is a successful testament to the good work of the Missouri Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement and the Missouri General Assembly in passing HB 1443.

Michael – I'll of course add any other commentary or answer other questions as needed.

Robert L. Wilson, CEBS | Executive Secretary



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From: Michael Ruff [mailto:mruff@senate.mo.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 9:06 AM
To: rjohnson@cityofjennings.org; Bob Wilson
Subject: Jennings Police & Fire Pension Plan

Dear Ms. Johnson and Mr. Wilson:

Each year, the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement staff compiles a report for the committee's review that includes any defined benefit retirement plan that has a funded ratio of less than 70% on a market value basis. Based on information submitted to the JCPER as part of the plan year 2016 survey and the April 1, 2016 actuarial valuation, the Jennings Police & Fire Pension Plan will be included in the report. This report is designed to increase awareness of trends in plan funding and contribution levels. For the past two years, I have been in contact with either former finance director Beverly Roche or the plan's actuary, Matt Rustige, about the plan. The JCPER is aware that plan has several unique circumstances (closed since 1987, all members are now retired) and that the City's taxpayers recently voted to increase funding for the plan. The JCPER is also aware that the City is working to transfer administration of the plan to LAGERS.

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information or thoughts you deem appropriate. If you would like to respond, please provide any information or comments by Friday, November 17, 2017.

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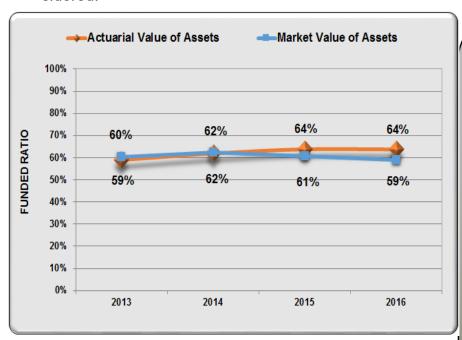
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JOPLIN POLICE & FIRE PENSION PLAN

- Rate of return on investments equaled 6.2% (Market) & 7.3% (Actuarial) vs. 7% assumed.
- Updated mortality tables.
- Investment gains/losses are smoothed over a 5 year period.
- Closed 30-year period as of 11/01/06 for amortization of unfunded liabilities.
- Modified plan assumptions in 2011 included, but not limited to, mortality, inflation rate and retirement rates resulted in approximately \$5 million increase in plan liabilities. These modifications were based on the most recent experience study.
- A new tier was implemented for those hired after 1/31/09 with provisions including normal retirement service of 25 years (from 20) and maximum benefit of 60% of compensation (from 65%).
- Employees contribute 18.08% of pay, which is refunded at retirement. Those hired under new benefit tier contribute 10% of pay without refund.
- The actuary comments "Given the importance of benefit security to any retirement system, we suggest that contributions to the Plan in excess of those presented in this report be considered."



FY End- ing 10/31,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION*	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION*	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2018	\$2,706,972	N/A	N/A
2017	\$2,657,867	N/A	N/A
2016	\$2,708,565	\$2,619,993	96.7%
2015	\$2,721,986	\$2,662,322	97.8%
2014	\$2,737,752	\$2,919,862	107%
2013	\$2,580,017	\$3,718,194	144%

As of 10/31/16

Market Value: \$36,129,267 Actuarial Value: \$38,951,859 AAL: \$61,224,035

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 199 Inactive: 160

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

Hired after 1/31/09: 2.2% of compensation for first 25 years of service, plus 1% for each of the next 5 years

of service

Maximum: 60% of compensation

Normal Retirement Benefits: Age 60 or 25 years of service

Social Security Coverage: No

COLA: No COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS: Interest: 7% **Salary:** 2.5%

*Contribution information is taken from Actuarial Valuation Report as of October 31, 2016, Page I-2, Schedule of Employer Contributions From: <u>Haase, Leslie</u>
To: <u>Michael Ruff</u>

Subject: RE: Joplin Police & Fire Pension Plan

Date: Friday, November 10, 2017 8:27:13 AM

Thanks, Michael. I don't believe we have any comments.

Leslie

From: Michael Ruff [mailto:mruff@senate.mo.gov] Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 9:13 AM

To: Haase, Leslie

Subject: Joplin Police & Fire Pension Plan

Dear Ms. Haase:

Each year, the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement staff compiles a report for the committee's review that includes any defined benefit retirement plan that has a funded ratio of less than 70% on a market value basis. Based on information submitted to the JCPER as part of the plan year 2016 survey, the Joplin Police & Fire Pension Plan will be included in the report. This report is designed to increase awareness of trends in plan funding and contribution levels.

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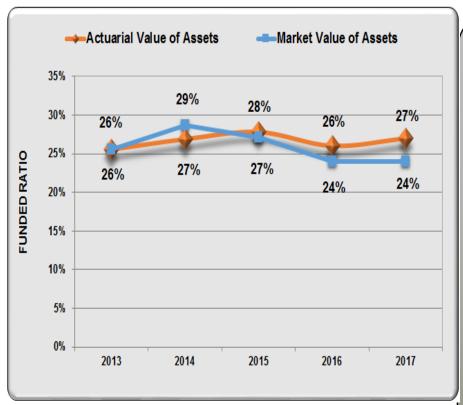
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JUDICIAL RETIREMENT PLAN

- For the year ending 6/30/17, rate of return on investments equaled 3.53% (Market) and 5.18% (Actuarial) vs. 7.65% assumed.
- In June 2017, the board made no changes to its policy of lowering its assumed rate of return. As a result, the rate decreased from 7.65 to 7.5. The policy provides an additional decrease of 0.15 annually until it reaches 7.05.
- In plan year 2014, the board adopted a closed 30-year amortization period for unfunded liabilities.
- New tier provisions were passed in 2010 requiring increased age and service requirements, as well as employee contributions of 4% for judges serving for the first time on or after 01/01/11.
- Previously, the Board of Trustees voted to certify an annual contribution rate minimum of 58.45% of payroll until the plan's funded ratio is at least 80%.
- Prior to 1998, the plan was funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.
- The employer continues to meet or exceed the ADC.



FY Ending 6/30,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2017	\$32,670,710	\$34,246,826	104.8%
2016	\$33,642,497	\$33,642,497	100%
2015	\$32,696,686	\$32,696,686	100%
2014	\$29,264,877	\$29,264,877	100%
2013	\$28,330,648	\$28,330,648	100%

As of 6/30/17

Market Value: \$137,634,941 Actuarial Value: \$151,828,631 AAL: \$564,417,925

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 410 Inactive: 585*

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

50% of compensation;

Less than service requirement:

Pro-rated benefit based on service

Normal Retirement Benefits:

Age 62 with 12 years of service; Age 60 with 15 years of service; Age 55 with 20 years of service

Serving for first time on or after 01/01/11:

Age 67 with 12 years of service, or Age 62 with 20 years of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: Annual Amount Max: 5% Percent of CPI: 80%

Actuarial Assumptions:

Interest: 7.5% Salary: 3%

*Includes one member on leave of absence.

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November 14, 2017

Mr. Michael Ruff, Executive Director Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement State Capitol, Room 219-A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Michael:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the inclusion of the Judicial Retirement Plan (Judicial Plan) on the annual "Watch List" of the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement (JCPER). We would like to offer the following information for the Committee's review.

As you are aware, the Judicial Plan was operated on a pay-as-you-go basis prior to 1998 when the law was changed to require that the plan be funded on an actuarial basis. The funded status of the Judicial Plan was 0% in 1999 and has increased to the June 30, 2017 funded ratio of 26.9%.

In June 2016, the MOSERS Board of Trustees adopted a policy to reduce the plan's investment rate of return assumption from 8.0% to 7.65%. This policy provides for an annual reduction of the plan's investment rate of return assumption by 15 basis points until reaching 7.05% for the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation (see table below).

Actuarial Valuation Date	Employer Contribution Applied	ROR Assumption	ROR Assumption (without Inflation Assumption)
June 30, 2016	FY18	7.65%	5.15%
June 30, 2017	FY19	7.50%	5.00%
June 30, 2018	FY20	7.35%	4.85%
June 30, 2019	FY21	7.20%	4.70%
June 30, 2020	FY22	7.05%	4.55%

This board-adopted policy is intended to more closely align the fund's investment return assumption with future capital market expectations. While public pension funds across the state and nation are re-evaluating the appropriate level of investment return assumption to reduce the long-term investment risk, such reduction often requires an increased Employer Contribution Rate to the plan and results in a decreased Funded Ratio. The information contained in the June 30, 2017 annual actuarial valuation (see below) illustrates how a change in the investment return assumption rate can significantly affect the plan's Employer Contribution Rate and Funded Ratio.

JUDICIAL PLAN SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Investment Return Assumption	6.50%	7.00%	7.50%	8.00%	8.50%
Total Employer Contribution (% of pay)	69.44%	66.46%	63.71%	61.17%	58.80%
Total Employer Contribution (\$ in millions)	\$43.0	\$41.1	\$39.4	\$37.9	\$36.4
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$151.8	\$151.8	\$151.8	\$151.8	\$151.8
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$622.2	\$592.2	\$564.4	\$538.8	\$515.0
Funded Ratio	24.4%	25.6%	26.9%	28.2%	29.5%

2010 Pension Reform

As you are aware, the General Assembly passed pension reform relative to judges in the 2010 special session. This reform was implemented as the "Judicial Plan 2011" for judges serving for the first time on or after January 1, 2011. As included in the June 30, 2017 annual actuarial valuation, the ongoing annual cost of the **Judicial Plan 2011** (known as the "Employer Normal Cost") is <u>15.93% of pay</u>, compared to the **pre-2011** annual cost of <u>23.42% of pay</u>. Approximately 32% of the 410 Judicial Plan active employees are Judicial Plan 2011 members.

Judicial Plan Actuarial Valuation Results as of 06/30/17	P	ercents of Payro	5 11
	Pre 01/01/11	Post 01/01/11	Weighted
	<u>Hires</u>	<u>Hires</u>	Average
Normal Cost	23.42%	19.93%	22.29%
Less Member Contributions	0.00%	4.00%	1.29%
Employer Normal Cost	23.42%	15.93%	21.00%
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (UAAL)			
(27-year level % of payrol amortization)			42.71%
Total FY19 Computed Employer Contribution Rate			63.71%
Estimated Employer Contribution (\$ in Millions)			\$39.4

We hope this information is helpful to the JCPER as it conducts its proceedings. If you have any questions or we can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

John Watson

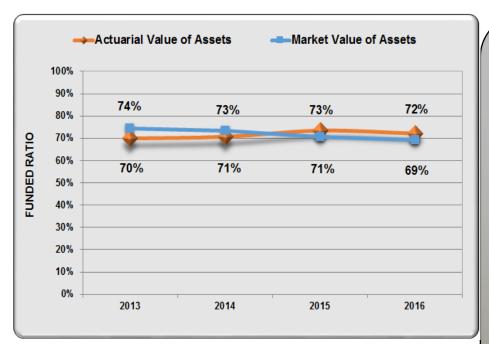
John Watson

Executive Director

cc: MOSERS Board of Trustees

KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY UNION EMPLOYEES' FUNDED PENSION PLAN

- The rate of return on investments was 7.52% (Market) and 7.58% (Actuarial) versus 7.5%.
- Lowered the assumed rate of return for investments from 7.5% to 7.0%.
- Investment gains and losses are smoothed over five years.
- Adopted a closed amortization policy for unfunded liabilities on 1/1/13. Initial unfunded liabilities are amortized over a closed 30-year period. Additional unfunded liabilities are amortized over layered closed 15-year periods.
- Employees contribute 3.75% of pay.



Year ending 12/31,	RECOMMENDED EMPLOYER CON- TRIBUTION*	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION*	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2016	\$2,530,180	\$2,530,180	100%
2015	\$2,436,703	\$2,436,703	100%
2014	\$2,210,419	\$2,490,987	112%
2013	\$2,161,149	\$2,050,024	95%
2012	\$2,348,733	\$2,090,240	89%
2011	\$2,441,900	\$2,051,196	84%

As of 1/1/17

Market Value: \$45,288,373 Actuarial Value: \$47,143,196 AAL: \$65,361,393

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 525 Inactive: 270

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

1.28% of Average Monthly Earnings times Credited Service (no maximum).

Normal Retirement Eligibility:

Age 62 and 10 years of service or Age 60 with 30 years of service.

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: None

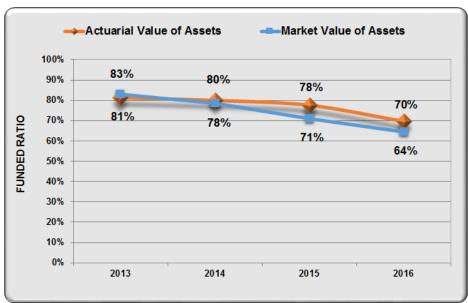
ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7% **Salary**: 4.25%

^{*}Contribution history is taken from Kansas City Area Transportation Authority Union Employees' Funded Pension Plan, Financial Report, December 31, 2016, page 16.

KANSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

- For the year ending 12/31/16, rate of return on investments equaled 7.39% (Market) and 5.5% (Actuarial) versus 8.0% assumed.
- Completed a five year experience study for the period ending in 2015. Adjusted multiple assumptions, including. but not limited to: lowered assumed rate of return from 8.0 to 7.75; decreased inflation from 3 to 2.75; adjusted mortality tables; reduced disability rates.
- Changed the amortization policy for payment of unfunded liabilities from an open 30-year period to a layered approach: initial UAAL as of 1/1/17 is amortized over a closed 30-year period with additional pieces amortized over a closed 20-year period.
- The General Assembly passed legislation in 2013 that established a new tier for employees hired on or after January 1, 2014. New hires receive a 1.75 benefit multiplier (versus 2.0) and increased age and service requirements of age 62 & five years of service or rule of 80 (versus age 60 & five years of service or rule of 75). The legislation gave the board of trustees authority to increase the employer and employee contribution rates to 9% each, which the board has done.
- The actuary writes "The System's funded ratio was very strong (near or above 100%) until recent years when the recognition of the market downturn of 2008 has been fully reflected. Future investment experience will be the largest driver of the System's funded ratio in future years. However, contributions at the full actuarial contribution rate will also be important to the System's long-term funding."
- The actuary projects a declining funded ratio over a thirty-year period and urges the system's board of trustees to study the situation and make appropriate modifications, which might include benefit changes or increase in contribution rates.



Year ending 12/31,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION* (In thousands)	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION* (In thousands)	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2016	20,224	16,280	80%
2015	18,856	14,492	77%
2014	19,401	13,288	68%
2013	20,995	12,094	58%

*Contribution history from PSRS-KC Financial Statements, Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, Page 28, Schedules of Employers' Contributions.

As of 1/1/17

Market Value: \$631,442,613 **Actuarial Value: \$684.412.437** AAL: \$981,514,827

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 3701 Inactive: 6820*

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

2% of compensation times years of service. Hired on/after 1/1/14: 1.75% times years of service.

Normal Retirement Eligibility:

Age 60 with 5 years of service or Rule of 75. Hired on/after 1/1/14: Age 62 with 5 years of service or rule of 80.

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: Ad Hoc COLA Annual Max: 3%

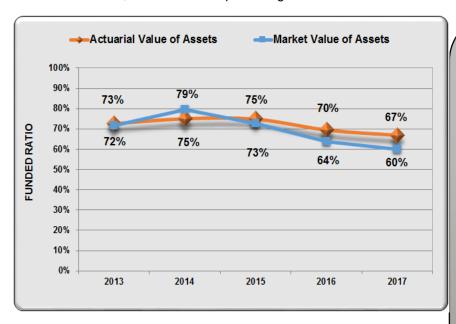
ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7.75% Salary: 3.5%

*34% of inactive members are terminated nonvested and will not receive a pension benefit as of 1/1/17.

MISSOURI STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

- For the year ending June 30, 2017, rate of return on investments equaled 3.45% (market) and 4.97% (actuarial) vs. 7.65% assumed.
- In June 2017, the board made no changes to its policy of lowering its assumed rate of return. As a result, the rate decreased from 7.65 to 7.5. The policy provides an additional decrease of 0.15 annually until it reaches 7.05.
- The computed employer contribution rate as a percent of payroll increased to 20.21% for FY19 from 19.45% in FY18. The plan had an experience loss due to investment losses, higher than expected salary increases, active retirement experience, and service purchases.
- The actuary explains that "The actuarial required contribution has been made each year, but unfavorable asset and liability experience, along with significant changes in the actuarial assumptions, has caused MSEPs to go from almost 100% funded in 2001 to the current 67% level."
- The board has implemented a terminated vested buy-out program authorized by SB 62 (2017), which is likely to reduce actuarial accrued liabilities.
- New tier provisions were passed in 2010 requiring increased age and service requirements, as well as employee
 contributions of 4% for employees hired for the first time on or after 01/01/11. The actuary writes "...since all new
 employees are covered under a less costly benefit structure, until all new employees are covered under MSEP
 2011 benefits, the normal cost percentage will continue to decrease."



Yr End- ing June 30,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	% CONTRIB- UTED
2017	\$322,772,697	\$335,217,422	104%
2016	\$329,957,369	\$329,957,369	100%
2015	\$329,752,832	\$329,752,832	100%
2014	\$326,370,336	\$326,370,336	100%
2013	\$274,655,284	\$274,655,284	100%

As of 6/30/17

Market Value: \$7,945,358,298 Actuarial Value: \$8,872,381,848 AAL: \$13,152,273,895

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 48,910 **Inactive:** 71,064

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

MSEP 2000: 1.7% of compensation times years of service, plus 0.8% to age 62 (under Rule of 80)

Normal Retirement Eligibility:

Age 62 with 5 years of service or Rule of 80

Hired for the first time on or after 1/1/11: Age 67 with 10* years of service or Rule of 90

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: Annual Max 5% Percent of CPI: 80%

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7.5% **Salary:** 3.0%

*Section 104.1091 of CCS/HCS/SS/SB 62 (2017) reduced vesting period to 5 years effective 1/1/18.

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November 14, 2017

Mr. Michael Ruff, Executive Director Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement State Capitol, Room 219-A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Michael:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the inclusion of the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS) on the annual "Watch List" of the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement (JCPER). We would like to offer the following information for the Committee's review.

In June 2016, the MOSERS Board of Trustees adopted a policy to reduce the plan's investment rate of return assumption from 8.0% to 7.65%. This policy provides for an annual reduction of the plan's investment rate of return assumption by 15 basis points until reaching 7.05% for the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation (see table below).

Actuarial Valuation Date	Employer Contribution Applied	ROR Assumption	ROR Assumption (without Inflation Assumption)
June 30, 2016	FY18	7.65%	5.15%
June 30, 2017	FY19	7.50%	5.00%
June 30, 2018	FY20	7.35%	4.85%
June 30, 2019	FY21	7.20%	4.70%
June 30, 2020	FY22	7.05%	4.55%

This board-adopted policy is intended to more closely align the fund's investment return assumption with future capital market expectations. While public pension funds across the state and nation are re-evaluating the appropriate level of investment return assumption to reduce the long-term investment risk, such reduction often requires an increased Employer Contribution Rate to the plan and results in a decreased Funded Ratio. The information contained in the June 30, 2017 annual actuarial valuation (see below) illustrates how a change in the investment return assumption rate can significantly affect the plan's Employer Contribution Rate and Funded Ratio.

MOSERS SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Investment Return Assumption	6.50%	7.00%	7.50%	8.00%	8.50%
Total Employer Contribution (% of pay)	25.32%	22.70%	20.21%	17.80%	15.49%
Total Employer Contribution (\$ in millions)	\$529.6	\$474.8	\$422.7	\$372.3	\$324.0
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$8,872.4	\$8,872.4	\$8,872.4	\$8,872.4	\$8,872.4
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$14,649.4	\$13,867.7	\$13,152.3	\$12,496.1	\$11,893.0
Funded Ratio	60.6%	64.0%	67.5%	71.0%	74.6%

2010 Pension Reform

As you are aware, the General Assembly passed pension reform relative to state employees in the 2010 special session. This reform was implemented as the "MSEP 2011" for state employees hired for the first time on or after January 1, 2011. As included in the June 30, 2017 annual actuarial valuation, the ongoing annual cost of the **MSEP 2011** (known as the "Employer Normal Cost") is <u>3.62% of pay</u>, compared to the **pre-2011** annual cost of <u>8.77% of pay</u>. Approximately 41% of the 48,900 MOSERS' active employees are MSEP 2011 members.

Actuarial Valuation Results as of 06/30/17	Percents of Payroll		
	MSEP & MSEP 2000	MSEP 2011	Weighted <u>Average</u>
Normal Cost	8.77%	7.62%	8.39%
Less Member Contributions	0.00%	4.00%	1.34%
Employer Normal Cost	8.77%	3.62%	7.05%
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (UAAL) (27-year level % of payrol amortization)			13.16%
Total FY19 Computed Employer Contribution Rate			20.21%
Estimated Employer Contribution (\$ in Millions)			\$422.7

Important developments since June 30, 2017

With the passage of Senate Bill 62 during the 2017 legislative session, MOSERS' staff has facilitated a terminated-vested buyout program to 17,000 MOSERS members who are vested in a retirement benefit with MOSERS but have since left state employment. This program has a participation window that closes on November 30, 2017. As of November 14, 2017:

- •MOSERS has received 2,865 applications for participation in the Buyout Program,
- •Total MOSERS liability eliminated through the program exceeds \$61 million and net liability eliminated exceeds \$24 million.

Senate Bill 62 also contained a legislative package that reduces the vesting period from 10 years to 5 years for active members of the MSEP 2011 tier. According to the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation, the reduced vesting legislative package resulted in **reduced** MOSERS' plan liability of approximately \$1.7 million.

We hope this information is helpful to the JCPER as it conducts its proceedings. If you have any questions or we can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

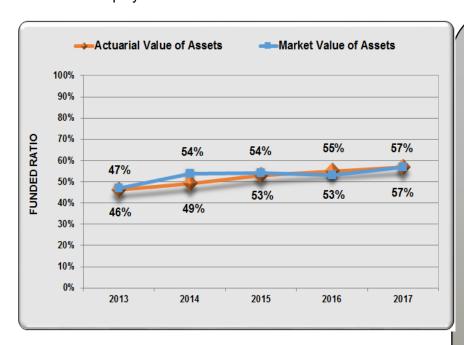
Sincerely,

John Watson Executive Director

cc: MOSERS Board of Trustees

MoDOT & HIGHWAY PATROL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

- Rate of return on investments equaled 11.2% (Market) and 6.2% (Actuarial) vs. 7.75% assumed.
- Investment gains/losses are smoothed over a 3-year period.
- The next experience study will likely be conducted before the 6/30/18 valuation date, at which time the actuary may recommend adjusting certain assumptions. In addition, the actuary recommends that "economic assumptions be reviewed annually each spring before the next valuation cycle begins."
- The board has implemented a terminated vested buy-out program as authorized by SB 62 (2017). The program may reduce plan liabilities.
- New tier provisions were passed in 2010 requiring increased age and service requirements, increased vesting period and employee contributions for employees hired for the first time on or after 01/01/11. As of 06/30/17, 2,255 members were covered under the 2011 tier.
- Employees hired for the first time on or after 1/1/11 contribute 4% of pay.
- As of 6/30/17, closed 7-year amortization period for unfunded retiree liabilities and closed 22-year amortization period for the remaining unfunded liabilities (for the plan year beginning 7/1/18).
- In September 2014, the Board established a "rate stabilization reserve fund" from experience gains to attempt to maintain the employer contribution rate at or close to its current level.
- The Employer continues to meet the ADC.



	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
16/17	\$206,562,924	\$206,562,924	100%
15/16	\$199,609,396	\$199,609,396	100%
14/15	\$200,638,571	\$200,638,571	100%
13/14	\$183,358,841	\$183,358,841	100%
12/13	\$170,836,117	\$170,836,117	100%

As of 6/30/17

Market Value: \$2,169,775,040 Actuarial Value: \$2,172,787,144 AAL: \$3,802,443,730

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 7,456 **Inactive:** 11,155

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

MSEP 2000: 1.7% of compensation times years of service, plus 0.8% to Age 62 (under Rule of 80)

Normal Retirement Benefits:

Age 62 with 5 years service, or Rule of 80 (Age 48)

Uniformed Patrol: Mandatory retirement at Age 60

Hired for first time on or after 01/01/11*: Age 67 w 10 years service, or Rule of 90 (Age 55)

Uniformed Patrol: Age 55 with 10 years service. Mandatory retirement age of 60.

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: Annual Amount Max: 5% Percent of CPI: 80%

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7.75% **Salary:** 3.50%

*Section 104.1091 of CCS/HCS/SS/SB 62 (2017) reduced vesting period to 5 years effective 1/1/18.

 From:
 Scott Simon

 To:
 Michael Ruff

 Subject:
 RE: MPERS

Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 11:25:06 AM

Michael, Just a couple things to mention. Readers might believe mandatory retirement does not apply under the 2011 Tier since it is not also included there. I understand most of our membership is covered by the closed plans (which includes Year 2000), nonetheless, the "current" benefit provisions for new hires are the 2011 Tier provisions—seems to me that you could highlight those details and forgo the closed plan details.

Thanks for the chance to review.

SS



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From: Michael Ruff [mailto:mruff@senate.mo.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 9:34 AM **To:** Scott Simon < Scott.Simon@mpers.org>

Subject: MPERS

Dear Scott:

Each year, the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement staff compiles a report for the committee's review that includes any defined benefit retirement plan that has a funded ratio of less than 70% on a market value basis. Based on the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation, MPERS will be included in the report. This report is designed to increase awareness of trends in plan funding and contribution levels.

I am attaching an information page relating to MPERS that will be presented to the committee at its fourth quarter meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 1pm in Senate Committee Room 2. Please feel free to review this information and respond with any additional information or thoughts you deem appropriate. If you would like to respond, please provide any information or comments by Friday, November 17, 2017.

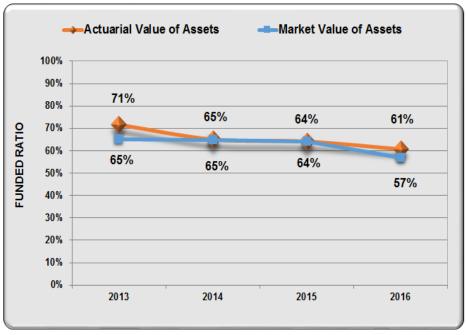
Thank you for your consideration and ongoing cooperation with the JCPER. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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OVERLAND POLICE RETIREMENT FUND

- Rate of return on investments equaled –2.3% (Market) and 4.2% (Actuarial) vs. 7% assumed.
- City Council adopted three changes to the plan in 2017: increased employee contributions from 5% to 7.5%, phased out a retroactive COLA for certain members, and changed the refund of employee contributions upon retirement provision so employee contributions made after April 1, 2017 will not be refunded upon retirement.
- The employer contribution is supported by a tax levy of \$0.12 that has been insufficient to meet the ADC since 2008. In August 2017, the voters approved a tax levy increase. On 9/25/17, the City Council set a tax rate of \$0.24 residential, \$0.36 commercial, \$0.367 residential. Certified by the State Auditor on 9/27/17.
- The City made multiple changes to actuarial assumptions in 2014 based on the results of a five-year experience study, including lowering the assumed rate of return from 7.5 to 7.0 and updating mortality tables.
- The plan smooths investment gains and losses over five years.



	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2017	\$1,136,068	N/A	N/A
2016	\$1,085,072	\$242,311	22%
2015	\$1,072,917	\$251,812	23%
2014	\$863,157	\$240,878	28%
2013	\$801,961	\$268,988	34%
2012	\$693,886	\$271,164	39%

As of 04/01/16

Market Value: \$12,158,302 Actuarial Value: \$12,998,479 AAL: \$21,251,150

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 47 Inactive: 39

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula: 2.5% of compensation for first 20 years of service, plus 1.5% for each of the next 10 years of service

Normal Retirement Benefits:

20 years of service, or Age 62 w/ 18 years of service, or SSA full retirement age w/ 5 years of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: Annual Max: 3% Percent of CPI: 60%

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS: Interest: 7% **Salary:** 3.5%

From: Melissa Burton
To: Michael Ruff

Subject: Re: Overland Police Retirement Fund

Date: Monday, November 6, 2017 10:01:06 AM

Michael,

I will forward to the Police Pension Board of Trustees for their action. Since you have covered all the changes made to the plan, I am not sure the Board will send a response.

Thank you for the information.

Respectfully,

Melissa

Melissa J. Burton, MMC/MPCC City Clerk City of Overland 9119 Lackland Road Overland, MO 63114 (314) 428-4321

>>> Michael Ruff <mruff@senate.mo.gov> 11/6/2017 9:40 AM >>>

Dear Melissa:

Each year, the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement staff compiles a report for the committee's review that includes any defined benefit retirement plan that has a funded ratio of less than 70% on a market value basis. Based on information submitted to the JCPER as part of the plan year 2016 survey, the Overland Police Retirement Fund will be included in this report. This report is designed to increase awareness of trends in plan funding and contribution levels.

I am attaching an information page relating to the retirement plan that will be presented to the committee at its fourth quarter meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 1pm in Senate Committee Room 2. Please feel free to review this information and respond with any additional information or thoughts you deem appropriate. If you would like to respond, please provide any information or comments by Friday, November 17, 2017.

You and I have spoken several times about the recent plan changes and the increase in the tax levy used to fund the plan. I have included these changes on the information page and I plan to clarify to the committee that these changes were made after the 4/1/16 actuarial valuation.

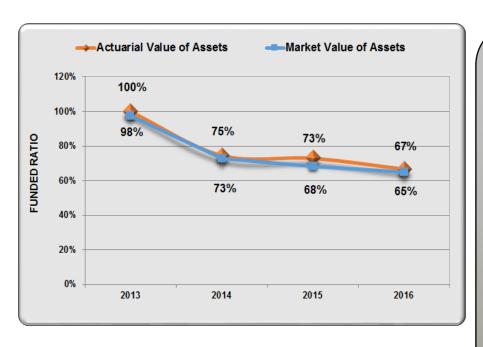
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Sincerely,

Michael Ruff Executive Director Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement State Capitol, Room 219-A Jefferson City, MO 65101 573-751-1280 mruff@senate.mo.gov

POPLAR BLUFF POLICE & FIRE PENSION PLAN

- Market rate of return on investments equaled 6.46% vs. 5.5% assumed.
- Effective with the 1/1/15 valuation, the plan lowered the assumed rate of return for investments from 5.75% to 5.5%.
- Prior to the 1/1/17 valuation, the plan's actuary conducted a comprehensive review of assumptions. Effective with the 1/1/17 valuation, it: lowered the assumed rate of return from 5.50% to 5%, lowered the inflation assumption from 2.25% to 2%, lowered the salary projection assumption from 3.25% to 3%, and lowered the compensation increase limit from 2.25% to 2%. The net impact is an increase to the ADC.
- The City has not contributed 100% of the ADC beginning with plan year 2012. The actuary has noted that "contributing less than the actuarially determined contribution will increase your next year's amount."
- The actuary commented that people who were expected to retire did not. Instead, they remained active employees and earned additional retirement benefits. "The net effect on costs is an increase because the value of the extra benefit is more valuable than the year of payments they did not receive."



January 1,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2017	\$811,036	N/A	N/A
2016	\$579,058	\$330,864	57%
2015	\$543,721	\$235,832	43%
2014	\$507,503	\$233,861	46%
2013	\$473,003	\$244,411	52%
2012	\$333,732	\$225,236	67%

As of 1/1/17

Market Value: \$12,405,092* Actuarial Value: \$12,694,596 AAL: \$19,018,220

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 80 Inactive: 70

Normal Retirement Formula:

2% of compensation for the first 20 years of service, plus 1.5% for each additional year of service. Maximum: \$1650 per month.

Normal Retirement Eligiblity:

Later of age 55 or 5 years of service

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Social Security Coverage: No

COLA: No COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

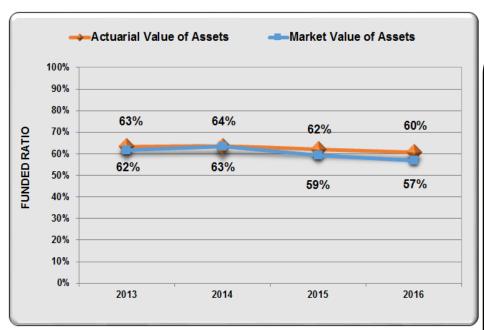
Interest: 5% Salary: 3%

*Includes contributions of \$247,211 received on or after

1/1/17.

RAYTOWN POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT FUND

- Rate of return on investments equaled 6.53% (market) and 5% (actuarial) vs. 7.5% assumed.
- Effective with the 1/1/15 valuation, the plan implemented five year smoothing of investment gains and losses "thus smoothing the volatility of market returns and producing more stability in contribution amounts."
- The plan utilizes a closed 30-year period for amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities that began 1/1/14.
- An employee contribution of 3% of pay was ceased in 2000 when the Plan was 101% funded.
- The actuary comments "The Plan has been making progress toward a safe funding level. The City policy to contribute the recommended contribution will allow the funded status to slowly improve."
- The Plan was frozen as of December 31, 2013 with members moving to LAGERS.



Yr ended 12/31,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION*	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION*	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2017	\$608,134	N/A	N/A
2016	\$562,862	\$562,862	100%
2015	\$513,291	\$510,320	99.4%
2014	\$508,285	\$509,880	100%
2013	\$660,842	\$660,842	100%
2012	\$678,787	\$686,270	101%

^{*} Contribution history taken from January 1, 2017 Valuation, Page 18, Ten-Year Schedule of Contributions.

As of 1/1/17

Market Value: \$10,110,193 Actuarial Value: \$10,744,781 AAL: \$17,763,413

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 42 Inactive: 45

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula: 2.5% of compensation for first 20 years of service, plus 1% for each of the next 10 years of service—Benefits are frozen as of 12/31/13.

Normal Retirement Benefits: Age 55 with 20 years of service

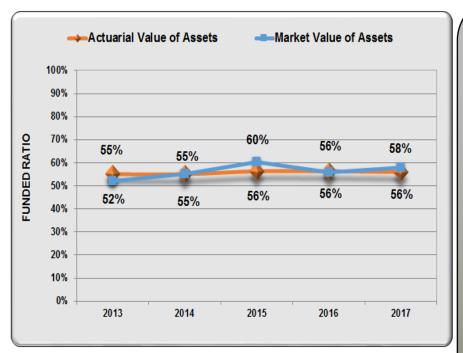
Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: No COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS: Interest: 7.5% **Salary:** 4%

ROCK HILL UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN

- For the year ended 3/31/17, the rate of return on investments equaled 10.03% (market) compared to 6.4% assumed.
- This plan was closed to new employees effective May 2003. Benefit accruals were frozen as of May 1, 2011.
- All active participants as well as new hires are members of LAGERS as of 09/2007.
- The employer has not met the ADC since 2008. The City's 2017 CAFR notes that "Annual contributions made to the Plan over the last five years averaged 76% of the Actuarial Required Contribution (ARC). Based on the actuary's recommendation, the City will research a contribution policy that better reflects the facts that the Plan is frozen and the number of active participants is declining."
- Employees do not make a payroll contribution to this plan.
- The plan has an actuarial valuation performed every other year, most recently 5/1/16.



Year End- ing March 31,	RECOMMEND- ED CONTRIBU- TION**	ACTUAL CONTRIBU- TION**	PERCENT CON- TRIBUTED
2017	\$199,227	\$150,000	75%
2016	\$199,227	\$150,000	75%
2015	\$199,227	\$275,000**	138%
2014	\$251,551	\$0**	0%
2013	\$251,551	\$210,325	84%

As of 3/31/17 & 5/1/16

Market Value: \$1,998,017* Actuarial Value: \$1,951,255* AAL: \$3,463,654*

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 7 Inactive: 21

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

40% or 50% of compensation, reduced by 1/20 for each year less than 20, plus temporary benefit. Percentage based on age and years of service as of 4/30/03.

Normal Retirement Benefits: Age 60 with 20 years of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: No COLA

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS: Interest: 6.4% Salary: 0%

*Market Value from 3/31/17 CAFR, pg. 18. Actuarial Value and AAL from 5/1/16 valuation.

**Contribution information found in Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2017, Page 56, Schedule of Contributions. Due to a timing issue with the investment custodian, the 2014 contribution of \$125,000 was not received until April 2014 after the end of the fiscal year. The 2015 contribution would otherwise be \$150,000.

From: Sandra Stephens
To: Michael Ruff
Cc: "Jennifer Yackley"

Subject: RE: Rock Hill Uniformed Employees" Pension Plan

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017 10:22:05 AM

Dear Michael,

- 1. Yes there was a timing issue the 2014 contribution was \$125,000 and received by the bank April of 2014. The 2015 contribution was \$150,000.
- 2. The City has not completed a contribution policy for the plan as of date. The reason this has not been completed is that the pension board is analyzing the potential of Lagers assuming plan administration. If preliminary projection holds true, the net pension liability would be amortized over 15 years. The benefit would be to provide required funding for the Unformed Employees Pension Plan and lessen the City annual financial burden by spreading out the contributions over the 15 years.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sandy

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From: Michael Ruff [mailto:mruff@senate.mo.gov] Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 9:38 AM

To: Sandra Stephens

Subject: Rock Hill Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan

Dear Sandra:

Each year, the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement staff compiles a report for the committee's review that includes any defined benefit retirement plan that has a funded ratio of less than 70% on a market value basis. Based on information submitted to the JCPER as part of the plan year 2016 survey, the Rock Hill Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan will be included in the report. This report is designed to increase awareness of trends in plan funding and contribution levels.

I am attaching an information page relating to the pension plan that will be presented to the committee at its fourth quarter meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 1pm in Senate Committee Room 2. Please feel free to review this information and respond with any additional information or thoughts you deem appropriate. If you would like to respond, please provide any information or comments by Friday, November 17, 2017.

Before I distribute this information to the committee members, I have two questions I would like to clarify with you:

1. In preparing the contribution chart in the bottom left corner, I used the information in the Schedule of Contributions from page 56 in the CAFR. For FY ending 3/31/14, it listed zero for

- the actual contribution. However, I seem to vaguely recall discussing this with you in previous years. Was there a situation with the contribution being sent to the bank but it was not processed or posted in a timely manner? If that was the case, would you mind commenting on that?
- 2. The City's 3/31/17 CAFR states that the City is researching a contribution policy for the plan. Has the City established a new contribution policy since the CAFR was published or identified any possible alternatives to the present situation? If so, would you like to comment on that?

Thank you for your consideration and ongoing cooperation with the JCPER. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

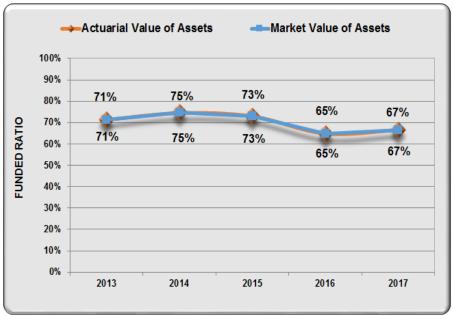
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FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT FUND OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA

- Rate of return on investments equaled 9% versus 7% assumed.
- The plan values assets at market value and does not smooth investment gains and losses.
- The plan updated mortality tables with both the 4/1/16 and 4/1/17 valuations.
- The plan adopted a closed 30-year period for amortizing unfunded liabilities with additional UAAL amortized over layered 20-year periods. Previously, it used an open 30-year period.
- The plan is funded by both property tax revenues (\$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation) and city-appropriated contributions based on recommendation of the actuary.
- Discontinued employee contributions effective 4/1/12.
- The actuary writes "The Plan has been making progress toward a safe funding level. The City policy to
 contribute the recommended contribution will allow the fund status to continue to improve. We recommend a review of the Plan's investment policy with asset managers and a future discussion regarding the
 discount rate currently being used."



Year end- ing 3/31,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2018	\$362,295	N/A	N/A
2017	\$439,494	\$353,426	80%
2016	\$358,679	\$331,451	92%
2015	\$331,814	\$367,229	111%
2014	\$364,363	\$387,393	106%
2013	\$341,197	\$378,796	111%

As of 4/1/17

Market Value: \$7,239,501 Actuarial Value: \$7,239,501 AAL: \$10,879,564

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 36 Inactive: 48

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula: 50% of Indexed Earnings Base (IEB) 2017 IEB = \$54,478

Normal Retirement Benefits: Age 55 with 22 years of service

Social Security Coverage: No

COLA:

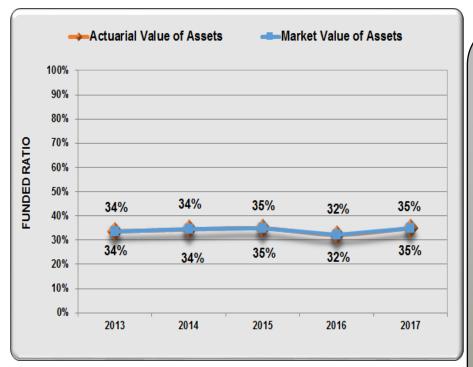
Annual Amount Maximum: 3%

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7% Salary: 3%

SEDALIA POLICE RETIREMENT FUND

- Rate of return on investments equaled 9.8% (Market) vs. 6% assumed (investment assumption was reduced from 7.5% to 6% effective with the 8/1/13 valuation).
- Updated mortality tables.
- Plan does not smooth investment gains/losses.
- Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities are amortized over a closed 25-year period beginning 8/1/15. Additional UAAL is amortized over layered 20-year periods.
- Plan was frozen as of April 1, 2010, with no additional benefit accruals. Existing and new employees moved to LAGERS. Effective 4/1/10, employee contributions are not required.
- Employer contribution is tied to a \$0.916 per \$100 assessed valuation tax levy.
- The employer contribution tied to tax levy proceeds has not been sufficient to meet the ADC. The City has made additional appropriations to the fund beyond the tax levy.
- The actuary writes that "The Plan's funding level is critical. The City's policy to contribute the recommended contribution will allow the funded status to improve..."



Yr End- ing 7/31,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2018	\$514,150	N/A	N/A
2017	\$536,425	\$534,006	99.5%
2016	\$452,528	\$480,774	106%
2015	\$456,345	\$448,165	98%
2014	\$459,978	\$384,258	84%
2013	\$394,414	\$235,179	60%

As of 8/1/17

Market Value: \$3,492,328 Actuarial Value: \$3,492,328 AAL: \$9,938,578

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 27 Inactive: 44

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

2% of compensation times years of

Hired on/after 7/1/89: Age 55 with 22

service

Maximum: 30 years

Normal Retirement Benefits:

vears of service

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA:

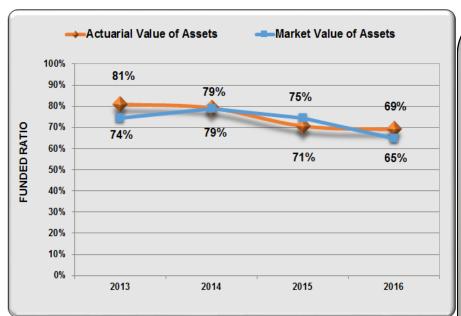
Annual Amount Maximum: 2%

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 6.0% Salary: N/A

St. Joseph Police Pension Fund

- Rate of return on investments equaled 3.3% (Market) and 6.7% (Actuarial) versus 7.5% assumed.
- Effective with the 1/1/17 valuation, the plan decreased the assumed rate of return for investments from 7.5% to 7.1%, decreased the salary scale from 4% to 3%, and implemented five year smoothing for investment gains and losses.
- Decreasing the assumed rate of return from 7.5% to 7.1% resulted in a \$2.64 million increase
 in plan liabilities. Changing the salary increase assumption and adopting five-year smoothing
 reduced the unfunded liabilities significantly.
- The actuary comments that "Despite the setbacks this year, the City's policy to contribute the recommended contribution will improve the plan's funded status over time."
- Completed an experience study in December 2015 for the period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2014.
- Employees contribute 4% to the plan.



Year Ending June 30,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION**	ACTUAL CONTRIBU- TION**	PERCENT CONTRIBUT- ED
2016	\$1,688,681	\$1,688,681	100%
2015	\$1,625,738	\$1,625,738	100%
2014	\$1,752,686	\$1,752,686	100%
2013	\$2,271,904	\$2,271,904	100%

^{**}Schedule of Contributions, June 30, 2016, Page 17, Financial Statements and Supplemental Information, Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

As of 6/30/16 & 1/1/17

Market Value: \$35,187,524* Actuarial Value: \$37,470,811 AAL: \$54,228,718

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 117* Inactive: 109*

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

40% of compensation for the first 20 years of service plus 2% of compensation for each of the next 15 years. Maximum: 70% of compensation

Normal Retirement Eligibility:

20 years of service

Social Security Coverage: No

COLA:

Annual Amount Maximum: 4% Percent of CPI: 50%

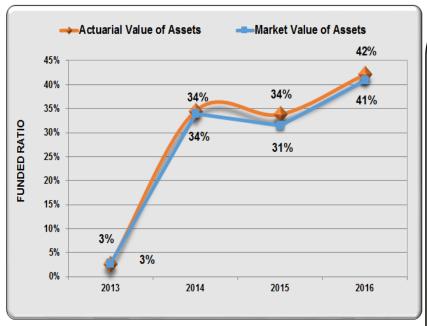
ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7.1% Salary: 3%

*Market value of assets and membership information found in Financial Statements and Supplemental Information, Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, Pages 4-5.

ST. LOUIS CITY FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT PLAN

- Rate of return on investments equaled 9.38% (Market) and 5.76% (Actuarial) vs. 7.625% assumed.
- Investment gains/losses are smoothed over a 5 year period.
- Effective February 1, 2013, benefit accruals under the Firemen's Retirement System of St. Louis were frozen. This plan (The Firefighters' Retirement Plan of the City of St. Louis) was established to provide benefits for service rendered after that date.
- Plan adopted a 30-year closed amortization period effective February 1, 2013 for payment of unfunded liabilities.
- The actuary notes "An actuarial experience gain of \$1.2 million contributed to the Plan's improved funded status."
- The employer has contributed 100% of the actuarially determined contribution.



FY ending 9/30,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUTED
2017	\$9,262,698	N/A	N/A
2016	\$9,148,007	\$9,148,007	100%
2015	\$7,435,635	\$7,435,635	100%
2014	\$8,942,435	\$8,942,435	100%

As of 10/01/16

Market Value: \$43,948,104 Actuarial Value: \$45,120,452 AAL: \$107,261,214

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 627 Inactive: 55

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula: (new members since 02/01/13)

2% of average final compensation for the first 25 yrs of service plus 2.5% (5% for grandfathered participants) in excess of 25 years of service

Maximum: 75% of compensation

Normal Retirement Eligibility: Age 55 with 20 years of service

Social Security Coverage: No

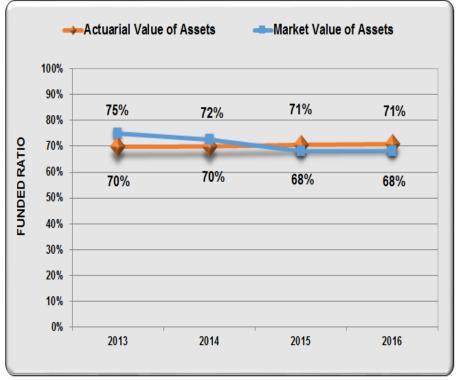
COLA: Annual Amount Minimum: 1.5% Annual Amount Maximum: 5%

"CAP"-Total Max: 25%

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS: Interest: 7.625% Salary: 3%

St. Louis County Employees' Retirement Plan

- Rate of return on investments equaled 5.6% (Market) and 6.9% (Actuarial) vs. 7.75% assumed.
- Investment gains and losses are smoothed over a four-year period.
- Effective with the 1/1/16 valuation, the plan shortened the amortization period for unfunded liabilities from 30 years to 25 years. The actuary writes "Note that each year, the unfunded accrued liability payment is determined by reamortizing the unfunded accrued liability over a period of 25 years. This is known as an "open" amortization. Absent the emergence of future gains, or contributions in excess of the funding policy contribution, payments based on the open 25-year amortization period will not be sufficient to fully amortize the unfunded liability."
- The plan maintains both uniformed and civilian employee components. The actuary values these components separately.
- Employees do not contribute to the plan. Employees participate in Social Security.
- The actuary comments that "The decline in the funded ratios is primarily due to unfavorable investment results combined with the passage of time and increases due to additional benefit accruals."
- The employer continues to meet the actuary's recommended contribution.



Yr End- ing 12/31,	RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION	PERCENT CONTRIBUT- ED
2017	\$40,372,354	N/A	N/A
2016	\$39,938,958	\$39,938,958	100%
2015	\$37,894,303	\$37,894,303	100%
2014	\$36,202,086	\$36,202,086	100%
2013	\$36,628,538	\$36,628,538	100%

As of 1/1/17

Market Value: \$612,891,089 Actuarial Value: \$644,413,232

AAL: \$903,910,334

MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 3,747 **Inactive:** 4,454

BENEFITS:

Normal Retirement Formula:

<u>General Employees</u>: 1.5% of compensation times years of service, plus \$15 per month times years of service.

<u>Uniformed</u>: 1.6% of compensation times years of service, plus \$30 per month times years of service to age 65, plus \$5 per month times years of service.

Normal Retirement Benefits:

General Employees: Age 65 with 3 vears of service

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Uniformed: Age 60 with 10 years of service, age 65 with 3 years of service, or Rule of 80

Social Security Coverage: Yes

COLA: Ad hoc cola

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

Interest: 7.75% Salary: 4.25%

St. Louis County Plan A: Civilian Component

	1/1/2014	1/1/2015	1/1/2016	1/1/2017
Market Value of Assets	451,388,213	467,160,361	464,255,042	477,832,376
Actuarial Value of Assets	420,326,072	450,764,297	481,818,735	502,424,431
Actuarial Accrued Liability	581,137,956	614,432,642	649,264,910	671,912,271
Funded Ratio MVA	78%	76%	72%	71%
Funded Ratio AVA	72%	73%	74%	75%
Active Members	3012	3068	3060	2883
Inactive Members	3273	3370	3512	3708
Total Members	6285	6438	6572	6591

St. Louis County Plan B: Police Component

	1/1/2014	1/1/2015	1/1/2016	1/1/2017
Market Value of Assets	128,560,542	131,517,550	130,652,795	135,058,713
Actuarial Value of Assets	119,762,479	126,796,865	135,563,362	141,988,801
Actuarial Accrued Liability	194,006,449	211,651,793	224,582,787	231,998,063
Funded Ratio MVA	66%	62%	58%	58%
Funded Ratio AVA	62%	60%	60%	61%
Active Members	826	827	833	864
Inactive Members	639	676	709	746
Total Members	1465	1503	1542	1610

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POLITICAL FIX

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/cuts-in-services-or-tax-hike-looms-for-stlouis/article_2ff610f6-e1b9-590c-9732-9cfc0715ff7b.html

Cuts in services or tax hike looms for St. Louis County to have balanced budget

By Jeremy Kohler St. Louis Post-Dispatch 2 hrs ago



St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger and Council Chairman Sam Page at a recent County Council Meeting. The two county leaders disagree whether the county is in a budget crisis. Photo by David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com

BUY NOW

CLAYTON • St. Louis County has been burning through cash reserves for three years and will need to either cut services or raise taxes to have a balanced budget a year from now, according to budget projections by County Executive Steve Stenger.

The claims were part of Stenger's \$696 million spending plan for 2018, which is the subject of County Council hearings this week. They come on the heels of a tax increase that voters approved in April to support public safety.

"While the public safety sales tax is budgeted to maintain a surplus in each of the next five years, existing county services will continue annual deficits that have occurred each year since 2014," the proposal says. "Absent any changes to revenue structure or programs and services, this portion of reserves will be exhausted in 2019."

No substantial cuts were proposed for 2018. The county would still have cash on hand to cover next year's projected \$6 million deficit. What degree of cuts or tax hikes could be necessary a year from now — if any at all — were not explored in detail.

The dire language, found on page 34 of the 362-page plan, raised alarms on Monday in the County Council. Its chairman, Sam Page, sent a letter to Stenger calling the situation an "impending financial crisis."

Page claimed that Stenger had already told council members that the county would need to cut \$18 million from its 2019 budget.

In an interview on Monday, Page said the council should be looking for savings in next year's budget, "or in 2019 it's going to be much worse."

Stenger lashed back at Page in an interview with the Post-Dispatch on Monday, accusing his political adversary of "complete political posturing." He said Page's letter was designed to create the illusion of chaos in an election year. He said he didn't know where Page was getting the \$18 million figure, but said it wasn't true.

"It's far from a crisis," Stenger said. He pointed to language in budget proposals over recent years that were just as dire — or even more so. And he pointed to instances when his predecessor Charlie Dooley used similar language about tough choices or crises. "It's language that we use to keep us conservative."

Stenger had a more sanguine view of the budget situation than his proposal indicated. He said he thought the budget could be balanced without a tax increase by freezing positions.

"We're down a net 22 employees, and you will see that reduction grow at an increasing rate as the years go by," he said. "So that deficit that you see will become smaller and smaller."

He said the county has a turnover rate of 10 percent in its workforce, and that "in one quarter we would be able to cut \$6.7 million" by freezing positions if necessary.

Pension changes coming?

Page's letter to Stenger pointed to one area where the rivals could find common ground.

The council chairman said he now endorsed Stenger's proposal from this year to reduce pension benefits for new employees. It would not affect current employees' benefits. The change was projected to save the county \$27 million over 10 years and close to \$300 million over 30 years.

The county's retirement system has an unfunded liability estimated to be more than \$260 million. The county's actuaries estimate the system is about 71 percent funded, if one assumes it will grow by 7.5 percent interest a year — a somewhat optimistic assumption compared to other large pensions.

With a severe downturn in the economy, taxpayers could find themselves on the hook for hundreds of millions more each year to cover pension obligations.

The County Council tabled Stenger's proposal after an Aug. 29 hearing. That day, Tom Wright, chairman of the county pension board appeared before the council to answer questions about the changes.

Wright, the CEO and CIO of Monetary Management Group in west St. Louis County, had been a volunteer member of the county pension board for 30 years.

It turned into an interrogation. Councilman Ernie Trakas, 6th District, grilled Wright with questions about how the benefit changes could affect recruitment, and whether it was fair to shift the burden of fixing the pension plan to new employees.

Trakas and Councilwoman Hazel Erby, 1st District, complained that Wright did not have answers to their questions. Trakas said Wright did not do "due diligence" and asked at one point whether he thought the hearing was humorous.

The council tabled the measure, and Wright immediately resigned from the pension board.

"I found it extremely difficult for me to continue to work with a somewhat dysfunctional administration as well as self-serving and selfish," he told his pension board colleagues.

But at a time when the county may be running low on cash, the plan is now back on the table.

Jeremy Kohler

Jeremy Kohler is an investigative reporter for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

From: Melissa Burton
To: Michael Ruff

Subject: RE: Overland Police Pension

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:20:06 AM Attachments: 2017 SAO Certified Tax Rates.pdf

Good morning, Michael,

Yes, the City Council set the tax rate at the rates I sent you previously. The rates were then certified by the State Auditor's Office (page 2 of the attached).

If you need anything else from me, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

Melissa

Melissa J. Burton, MMC/MPCC City Clerk City of Overland 9119 Lackland Road Overland, MO 63114 (314) 428-4321

>>> Michael Ruff <mruff@senate.mo.gov> 10/24/2017 10:50 AM >>> Good morning Melissa,

I wanted to check with you on whether the City Council has set the tax rate for the Police Pension Fund. Based on your prior email, it sounds like the City Council was planning to set the rate at the September 25 meeting. I am in the process of preparing the 2017 Watch List for the Fourth Quarter JCPER meeting (tentatively set for November 29). I would like to include the latest information on the tax levy so the committee members have the most current information. As usual, after I prepare the one page watch list information sheet, I will email it to you so that you and the pension board have an opportunity to review and comment. Thank you.

Michael

From: Melissa Burton [mailto:mburton@overlandmo.org]

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 8:10 AM **To:** Michael Ruff <mruff@senate.mo.gov>

Subject: Overland Police Pension

Good morning, Michael -

The City Council seems to support the staff recommendation of setting the Police Pension Tax Levy to the ceiling as follows:

Residential: \$0.24/\$100 assessed value Commercial: \$0.36/\$100 assessed value Personal Property: \$0.367/\$100 assessed value

Based on the proposed tax rates, the projected revenue will be approximately \$666,822.74.

The City Council will have the public hearing on Monday, September 25, and will set the rate at that time.

If you need anything else, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,



NICOLE GALLOWAY, CPA

Missouri State Auditor

CERTIFICATION LETTER

September 27, 2017

County Clerk
St. Louis County
41 South Central Avenue
Clayton, MO 63105-0000

RE: 09-096-0058 City of Overland

Dear Collector of Revenue:

We have received information to substantiate compliance with Missouri law for the 2017 property tax rates for the above-captioned taxing authority. Section 137.073.6, RSMo, requires the State Auditor to examine such information and return to the county clerk our findings regarding the property tax rate ceilings and the debt service levy, if applicable. The State Auditor's Office has relied on information presented and representations made by the taxing authority for our review of the tax rate ceiling (s) and actual property tax rate(s) levied. Our findings are based upon existing constitutional provisions, statutes, rulings, and court decisions.

We understand that the taxing authority's property tax rate ceiling(s) and actual property tax rate(s) levied for 2017 to be as follows:

Purpose	Tax Rate Ceiling or Maximum Allowable Debt Service	Sales Tax Reduction	20% Required Reduction 1st Class Charter County Political Subdivision Not Submitting Estimate Non- Binding Tax Rate	Voluntary Reduction	Recoupment Rate	CERTIFIED RATE	Taxing Authority's Proposed Rate	Complies with MO Laws Yes/No
General Revenue	9		-					
Residential	0.0680	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0680	0.0680	Yes
Agricultural	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	Yes
Commercial	0.0800	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0800	0.0800	Yes
Personal Property	0.0970	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0970	0.0970	Yes

Based on the information submitted by the taxing authority we find the CERTIFIED RATE(S) for the taxing authority as listed above, complies or does not comply with the provisions Section 137.073, RSMo, as indicated above. Any taxing authority levying a rate(s) higher than the certified rate(s) is/are not in compliance with Missouri laws. All tax levies not in compliance will receive a Notification of Non-Compliance Letter sent certified mail, will be referred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office pursuant to Section 137.073.6(2), RSMo, and will also be noted in our Review of 2017 Property Tax Rates report. A copy of this letter must be sent by your office to the above captioned political subdivision to comply with Section 137.073.6, RSMo.



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Pension								
Residential	0.2400	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.2400	0.2400	Yes
Agricultural	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	Yes
Commercial	0.3600	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.3600	0.3600	Yes
Personal Property	0.3670	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.3670	0.3670	Yes

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LAW AND ORDER

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Big raises coming for St. Louis County police after council's unanimous vote

By Jeremy Kohler St. Louis Post-Dispatch 1 hr ago



St. Louis County police officers, including Lt. Jerry Lohr (left), celebrate the County Council advancing a proposal that would give them raises on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017. The council gave final approval to the raises on Oct. 31. Photo by Robert Cohen, rcohen@post-dispatch.com

BUY NOW

CLAYTON • The St. Louis County Council on Tuesday gave unanimous final approval to a pay increase for county police officers that will average about 30 percent per officer.

The raises make up a significant part, about \$19 million, of the \$46 million a year expected to be raised from the Proposition P tax hike that voters approved in April.

The vote came with no debate, a marked change from contentious council meetings concerning police pay earlier this fall. After the 6-0 vote, a crowded council chambers broke out in applause.

The measure was for patrol officers and sergeants only. The council also granted preliminary approval for raises for officers ranked lieutenant and above; a final vote will be next month.

"It's rather life-changing for our members who are officers in the department," Matt Crecelius, business manager for the St. Louis County Police Association, said after the meeting. "The real winners are going to be citizens of St. Louis County, who will see a much better-rested, much better-trained officers and higher-qualified recruits."

The current wage scale for St. Louis County police patrol officers starts at \$48,256 base pay per year and tops out at \$70,980. But unlike other collective bargaining agreements that give officers raises based on their years of service, the county officers' agreement doesn't compel the county to increase pay until there are additional revenue streams — such as the one provided with the passage of Proposition P.

The average pay for a St. Louis County patrol officer has remained stagnant at roughly \$51,000.

Dozens of officers who have worked for the county for 10 years still earn \$48,256 in base pay. Those officers will see their base pay jump to \$68,848 — a 42 percent increase.

After Jan. 1, officers will start at \$52,208 and then earn 80 cents more per hour every year thereafter. The new scale tops out at \$77,168 for officers who have served the county for 15 years.

County Police Chief Jon Belmar has said the measure would allow his department to hire and retain officers. The department has consistently claimed that it was losing officers to higher-paying departments. The county police department has 850 officers.

Jeremy Kohler

Jeremy Kohler is an investigative reporter for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT SPECIAL ELECTION CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI **NOVEMBER 7, 2017**



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TO VOTE, COMPLETELY DARKEN THE OVAL TO THE LEFT OF YOUR CHOICE, LIKE THIS:

PROPOSITION P

Shall the City of St. Louis impose a sales tax at a rate purpose of providing revenues for the operation of the d more police officers, police and firefighter compensation	lepartment of public safety, including hiring
YES - FOR THE PROPOSITION	○ NO - AGAINST THE PROPOSITION

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote on the proposition, if you are in favor of the proposition darken the oval to the left of the word "YES." If you are against the proposition darken the oval to the left of the word "NO." Do not try to punch through the ballot. Use only a pencil or blue or black ink to mark your ballot. If you tear, deface, or make a mistake and incorrectly mark your ballot, notify an election official to obtain a new ballot.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

Election Summary Report Special Election St. Louis, Missouri November 7, 2017

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Summary For CITYWIDE, All Counters, All Races FINAL UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Registered Voters 191266 - Cards Cast 40202 21.02%

Num. Report Precinct 222 - Num. Reporting 222 100.00%

WD2 ALDERMAN		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	8	
Precincts Reporting	8	100.0 %
Times Counted	1182/5706	20.7 %
_ Total Votes	1173	
LISA MIDDLEBROOK	581	49.53%
ELSTON MCCOWAN	185	15.77%
JASMINE TURNAGE	403	34.36%
Write-in Votes	4	0.34%

PROP P		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	222	
Precincts Reporting	222	100.0 %
Times Counted	40202/191266	21.0 %
Total Votes	40163	
YES	24009	59.78%
NO	16154	40.22%



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KANSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Presentation to the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement Systems November 29, 2017

Good afternoon. My name is Christine Gierer. I am the executive director of the Kansas City Public School Retirement System (KCPSRS). Thank you for inviting me to present at your November 2017 Committee meeting.

History: KCPSRS was established in 1944 for the employees of the Kansas City Public School District. Currently, KCPSRS members are employees of the KC School District, the KC charter schools, and the KC Public Library. For nearly 75 years, KCPSRS has been safely and securely providing benefits to its members.

My presentation today will focus on the following:

- 1. Why KCPSRS, for the first time, appears on the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement's (JCPERS) "Watch List"
- 2. What actions are being taken by the KCPSRS Board of Trustees to improve the system's funding status
- 3. What you, members of JCPERS, can do to help
- 4. What the future looks like

Basic Pension Funding Equation:

Investments + Contributions = Benefits + expenses



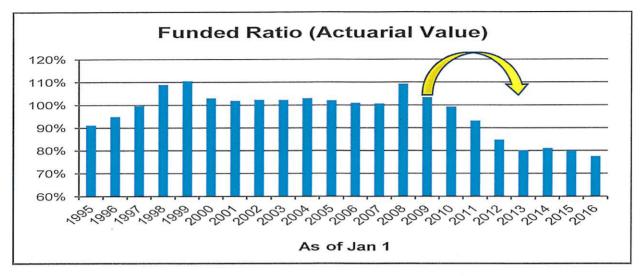
What caused the decline in KCPSRS' funding ratio?

Investments: The unprecedented credit crisis that occurred in late 2008, caused major damage to investors, financial institutions and central governments around the world. As a result, KCPSRS investment returns were negative 23.6% in 2008.

Investment Returns	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1-yr ROR	-23.6%	15.9%	13.4%	0.7%	13.3%	12.8%	4.0%	-1.0%	7.9%

KCPSRS has a strongly diversified investment portfolio. In the eight years since 2008, our annual investment return has averaged 8.37%. As of the end of the 3rd quarter 2017, our year to date return was 12.9%.

The System's funded ratio was very strong (near or above 100%) until the devastating 2008 global financial market downturn. The negative 2008 investment return was fully recognized by our actuary in the actuarial valuations of our funding ratio in the years 2009 - 2013.



The 2008 global financial downturn impacted the funding equation.



During the period of 2009 to 2013, a couple of other issues occurred, which impacted the funding equation of KCPSRS.

Benefits: During the decade preceding 2012, the number of students in the KC School District declined by nearly half. The School District initiated a major right-sizing effort in 2010 by closing several schools. During this period of 2009 to 2013, the active to retiree ratio declined significantly, while the number of retirees drawing a pension benefit increased by nearly 20%.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
# Actives	4,648	4,336	3,490	3,284	3,396	3,501	3,493	3,574
# Retirees	3,247	3,317	3,670	3,829	3,859	3,885	4,011	4,049
% Active/retiree	143%	131%	95%	86%	88%	90%	87%	88%

Increased benefit payments impacted the funding equation.



In 2012, the KCPSRS Board of Trustees proposed changes to the pension benefits by creating a new plan tier which would raise the retirement age by two years (60 to 62) and increase the service points by five (75 to 80). Legislation was passed in the 2013 legislative session and the new plan tier went into effect on 1/1/2014 for members employed on or after that date.

Contributions: One of the most important factors for a well-funded pension plan is making the full actuarially required contribution (the ARC) necessary to fund the benefits promised to members.

The KCPSRS contribution rate is currently set by statute. In addition to pension benefit changes, the 2013 legislation increased the contribution rate by 1% each year for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 and then capped the rate at 18% (9% active member and 9% employer). Unfortunately, by the time the legislation was passed, the ARC was exceeding the statutorily set rate. Instead of setting a fixed rate, many systems set the contributions at the ARC each year.

Contributions	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total						,	
Contribution	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	16.0%	17.0%	18.0%
Rate Paid							
Actuarial							
Required	11.5%	14.64%	18.3%	20.52%	19.68%	19.56%	20.18%
Contribution		(4					
(ARC)							
Contribution							
Excess (Shortfall)	3.5%	0.36%	(3.3%)	(5.52%)	(3.68%)	(2.56%)	(2.18%)



What action is being taken to strengthen KCPSRS's funded ratio?

The Board of Trustees commissioned two very important analyses in 2016. An Experience Study was completed by the actuary and an Asset/Liability Analytics was completed by the asset consultant. After thoughtful review of these reports, the KCPSRS Trustees adopted new actuarial assumptions including a lower investment rate of return and longer mortality rates to recognize the realities of people living longer and the expected lower investment returns. A new closed period amortization method was also adopted. The asset allocation for investments was determined to be well diversified and only a couple minor adjustments were made. The benefit changes from the 2013 legislation were determined to be sufficient and will have an impact as the new plan members start to retire. Both the actuary and the asset consultant stressed the need to increase the contribution rate and continue funding the ARC, rather than a fixed rate that may lag the ARC.

We have spent this past summer discussing contribution rate proposals with our participating employers. With the support of employers and on the advice of both our actuary and our asset consultant, KCPSRS will be seeking legislative increases to contribution rate. The proposal includes a 1.5% employer rate increase in 2019 and again in 2020. In subsequent years, the member rate remains limited to the current 9% with employers paying the balance of the ARC or a minimum of 12% until the System is fully funded. Once the System's actuarial funded ratio is 100%, the rate will be the ARC with members and employers sharing the cost.

What can the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement Systems (JCPERS) do to help?

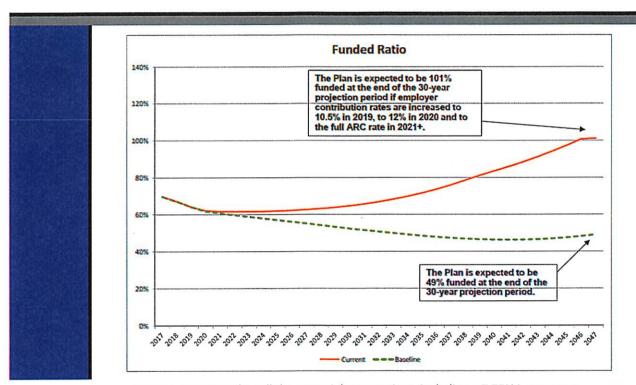
In the upcoming session, members of JCPERS can support and vote to approve legislation for changes to the KCPSRS contribution rate.

What does the Future Look Like?

The projections for the future show that the funded ratio will begin to increase after the contribution rate is increased in 2019 and 2020 and then funded at the ARC.

Projection of Funded Ratio





Projection assume that all the actuarial assumptions, including a 7.75% investment return, occur in all future years.

Balancing the Pension Funding Equation



Questions?

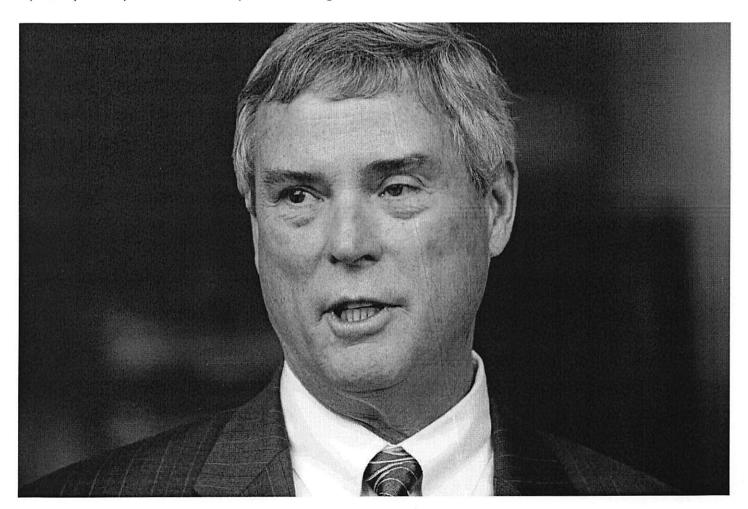
Thank you for allowing me to present today. I hope for your support for legislation to increase the KCPSRS contribution rate to fully fund the ARC.

POLITICAL FIX

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/in-final-vote-county-board-rolls-back-mcculloch-spension/article_90a0dc49-c7fd-5b32-bf92-e1e9d5d2eda3.html

In final vote, county board rolls back McCulloch's pension

By Ashley Lisenby St. Louis Post-Dispatch 2 hrs ago



St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Robert P. McCulloch. Photo by J.B. Forbes, jforbes@post-dispatch.com

After months of discussions and public spats among members and the county executive, the St. Louis County Council voted Tuesday night to roll back the prosecuting attorney's pension benefits.

The council voted 6-1 on the measure that cuts retirement benefits for new county employees. Language from another measure, established to reduce Prosecuting Attorney Robert McCulloch's benefits by a third, was included in the proposal. The change brings the prosecutor's benefits to the level they were a year ago.

The vote means McCulloch will still get a full state pension but only two-thirds of the county pension. Last November, the council had approved an ordinance that would have allowed the prosecutor to draw two full pensions.

Some of the council members, claiming they had been duped when they approved the earlier measure that allowed McCulloch to keep both pensions in full, at one point considered legislation to eliminate his county pension altogether.

Councilman Pat Dolan, who alone voted against the reduction, said he was in favor of McCulloch's current benefits.

"I don't see any reason to change that decision," he said before a final vote was cast.

Dolan read a letter from McCulloch condemning the council's decision to combine a vote on benefits for new employees and those of the longtime prosecuting attorney.

McCulloch criticized Council Chairman Sam Page and other council members, calling the council's change of heart on his pension "pure political vindictiveness."

He also blamed the Post-Dispatch for publishing "phony numbers" that he alleged came from Garry Earls, who had been a senior adviser to former County Executive Charlie Dooley. Steve Stenger defeated Dooley for the county's top

post.

"The disappointing thing about it, they want to play those games. That's fine. That's their decision. It certainly doesn't affect anything I'm doing or going to do," McCulloch said after the council's vote.

"It's just disappointing that they make a decision and then roll over and play dead and act like it never happened and actually have the nerve to say, 'I didn't read that bill'," he continued.

McCulloch has estimated his pension would increase about \$20,000 to \$132,000 a year had he gotten both full pensions.

New hires, according to the plan approved Tuesday, would make 4 percent contributions to the retirement system, which the county pension board estimates could save \$27 million over 10 years and \$300 million over 30 years.

Stenger said he proposed those changes in new hire benefits to the council, calling the potential cost savings significant.

But he called the move to combine his proposal with the prosecuting attorney's benefit reduction "cheap."

"I think that's really an unfair move on the part of Sam Page to do what he did, particularly after the council basically unanimously passed the bill the first time through and then claimed they somehow didn't read the legislation and that's why they passed his pension increase," Stenger said.

However, Page said he believed the move was justified.

"We thought it would be reasonable, based on our compromise, to let the prosecuting attorney pension stand as it did in 2016," Page said.

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Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement Quarterly Reports

2017 Third Quarter

<u>Plan Name</u>	Beg. Mkt Value	End Mkt Value	ROR 12 mos.	ROR 36 mos.	ROR 60 mos.	ROR for Inv	Price Inf. Assump	Sal/Wage Assump.
Affton FPD Retirement Plan	\$8,293,008	\$8,413,560	10.9% (Net)	6.9% (Net)	8.7% (Net)	6.5%	2.75%	3.5%
Antonia FPD Pension Plan	\$2,253,873	\$2,297,671	2.92% (Net)	n/a% (Net)	n/a% (Net)	n/a%	n/a%	n/a%
Arnold Police Pension Plan	\$11,758,908	\$12,173,405	9.62% (Gross)	5.66% (Gross)	7.25% (Gross)	6.5%	0%	4%
Bi-state Dev Agency Division 788, A.T.U.	\$131,320,766	\$135,728,430	N/A% (Net)	N/A% (Net)	N/A% (Net)	7%	2.5%	N/A%
Bi-state Development Agency Local 2 I.B.E.W.	\$4,668,937	\$5,017,175	N/A% (Net)	N/A% (Net)	N/A% (Net)	7%	2.5%	N/A%
Bi-state Salaried Employees	\$63,271,836	\$65,363,963	N/A% (Net)	N/A% (Net)	N/A% (Net)	7%	2.5%	4.5%
Bothwell Regional Health Center Retirement Plan	\$44,839,329	\$44,787,794	12.1% (Net)	5.4% (Net)	7.1% (Net)	7.75%	2.5%	3.0%
Brentwood Police & Firemen's Retirement Fund	\$37,425,052	\$38,328,587	N/A% (Gross)	N/A% (Gross)	N/A% (Gross)	N/A%	N/A%	N/A%
Bridgeton Employees Retirement Plan	\$27,307,949	\$27,940,440	7.3% (Net)	2.3% (Net)	5.4% (Net)	7.5%	3.0%	4.0%
Carthage Policemen's & Firemen's Pension Plan	\$6,940,909	\$7,077,930	8.97% (Net)	5.62% (Net)	7.40% (Net)	7.0%	2.2%	3.5%
Cedar Hill Fire Protection District Length of Service Awards Program	\$159,823	\$160,792	N/A% (Gross)	N/A% (Gross)	N/A% (Gross)	4.75%	N/A%	N/A%
Clayton Non-uniformed Employee Pension Plan	\$17,075,595	\$17,943,879	12.35% (Net)	7.99% (Net)	9.52% (Net)	7%	2%	4%
Clayton Uniformed Employees Pension Plan	\$41,434,534	\$43,279,090	12.12% (Net)	8.26% (Net)	9.27% (Net)	7%	2%	3.5%
Columbia Police and Firemens' Retirement Plan	\$127,845,939	\$129,314,248	11.04% (Net)	5.16% (Net)	6.71% (Net)	7%	2.5%	3.25%
Community FPD Retirement Plan	\$27,696,774	\$30,093,933	24.87% (Net)	9.05% (Net)	11.45% (Net)	7.00%	NONE %	4.00%
County Employees Retirement Fund	\$478,074,000	\$491,914,000	12.51% (Gross)	6.45% (Gross)	8.67% (Gross)	7.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Creve Coeur Employees Retirement Plan	\$24,250,103	\$24,700,196	11.8% (Net)	6.9% (Net)	8.8% (Net)	7.5%	3.5%	5.0%
Creve Coeur FPD Retirement Plan	\$10,727,855	\$10,889,207	n/a% (Gross)	n/a% (Gross)	n/a% (Gross)	7%	3%	4%
Eureka FPD Retirement Plan	\$11,415,182	\$11,676,674	1% (Net)	1% (Net)	1% (Net)	7%	2.75%	4.50%
Fenton FPD Retirement Plan	\$29,576,360	\$30,369,247	13.19% (Net)	7.07% (Net)	8.43% (Net)	7.5%	2.5%	2%
Firefighter's Retirement Plan of the City of St. Louis	\$49,620,959	\$53,499,712	n/a% (Gross)	n/a% (Gross)	n/a% (Gross)	7.625%	3%	3%

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Florissant Valley FPD Retirement Plan	\$28,508,247	\$28,891,664	n/a% (Net)	n/a% (Net)	n/a% (Net)	6.25%	2.5%	see comme nts%
Glendale Pension Plan	\$5,195,067	\$5,249,526	11.12% (Gross)	5.95% (Gross)	N/A% (Gross)	7.50%	2.50%	3.75%
Hannibal Police & Fire Retirement Plan	\$16,401,731	\$16,947,931	11.6% (Gross)	6.1% (Gross)	8.2% (Gross)	7.0%	2.5%	3.5%
Hazelwood Retirement Plan	\$38,178,116	\$39,290,530	23.33% (Net)	10.47% (Net)	14.30% (Net)	7.5%	3%	4.5%
High Ridge Fire Protection District Pension Plan	\$7,047,840	\$7,224,147	9.3% (Net)	3.3% (Net)	8.9% (Net)	5.5%	2.5%	0.0%
Jackson County Employees Pension Plan	\$269,594,299	\$276,336,272	12.88% (Gross)	7.7% (Gross)	9.28% (Gross)	6.75%	2.5%	2.75% to 4.75%
Joplin Police & Fire Pension Plan	\$38,597,214	\$39,592,787	11.6% (Net)	5.4% (Net)	6.6% (Net)	7%	2.5%	2.5%
Kansas City Civilian Police Employees' Retirement System	\$134,787,000	\$137,367,000	10.55% (Net)	6.19% (Net)	7.50% (Gross)	7.5%	3.0%	3.5%
Kansas City Employees' Retirement System	\$1,106,799,792	\$1,135,628,100	12.3% (Net)	6.4% (Net)	8.3% (Net)	7.5%	3.0%	3.75% -5.0%
Kansas City Firefighter's Pension System	\$516,288,000	\$530,488,000	14.8% (Net)	8.1% (Net)	9.4% (Net)	7.25%	2.5%	3.0% -8.0%
Kansas City Police Retirement System	\$839,412,000	\$861,184,000	10.66% (Net)	6.34% (Net)	7.73% (Gross)	7.5%	3.0%	3.5%
Kansas City Public School Retirement System	\$634,436,119	\$651,619,277	13.50% (Net)	6.61% (Net)	7.46% (Net)	7.75%	2.75%	3.50%
KC Area Transportation Authority Salaried Employees Pension Plan	\$16,511,930	\$17,941,485	13.58% (Gross)	7.23% (Gross)	8.76% (Gross)	7.00%	3.00%	4.00%
KC Trans. Auth. Union Employees Pension Plan	\$47,332,934	\$48,726,442	11.23% (Net)	6.25% (Net)	7.99% (Net)	7.00%	3.00%	4.00%
LAGERS Staff Retirement Plan	\$10,861,267	\$11,327,685	11.94% (Net)	7.10% (Net)	9.10% (Net)	7.25%	2.5%	3.25%
Little River Drainage Dist Retirement Plan	\$1,442,429	\$1,476,656	6.32% (Gross)	3.10% (Gross)	3.37% (Gross)	5%	0%	3.5%
Local Government Employees Retirement System	\$6,958,592,384	\$7,188,196,133	12.60% (Net)	6.43% (Net)	8.95% (Net)	7.25%	2.5%	3.25%
Maplewood Police & Fire Retirement Fund	\$13,503,330	\$13,553,024	9.2% (Gross)	5.25% (Gross)	7.75% (Gross)	7.34%	2%	1.5%
Metro St. Louis Sewer Dist Employees Pension Plan	\$265,771,547	\$268,866,494	8.4% (Net)	4.3% (Net)	5.8% (Net)	7.0%	2.5%	4.25%
Metro West FPD Retirement Plan	\$47,137,324	\$49,115,167	13.32% (Net)	6.72% (Net)	7.51% (Net)	0%	0%	0%
Mid-County FPD Retirement Plan	\$1,635,305	\$1,752,083	1% (Net)	1% (Net)	1% (Net)	7%	2,75%	4.50%

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Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority Pension Plan	\$43,117,921	\$45,340,302	n/a% (Net)	n/a% (Net)	n/a% (Net)	6.75%	2.25%	4.5%
Missouri State Employees Retirement System	\$8,070,468,519	\$8,234,119,008	5.1399% (Net)	2.1316% (Net)	5.5311% (Net)	7.5%	2.5%	3.0%
MoDOT & Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System	\$2,163,726,897	\$2,217,786,078	11.46% (Net)	7.08% (Net)	9.67% (Net)	7.75%	3%	3.5%
North Kansas City Hospital Retirement Plan	\$265,191,927	\$270,591,660	11.20% (Net)	7.00% (Net)	8.74% (Net)	7.25%	2.3%	2.5%
North Kansas City Policemen's & Firemen's Retirement Fund	\$52,301,500	\$53,838,624	13.8% (Gross)	7.8% (Gross)	9.3% (Gross)	6.5%	4.0%	1.2%
Olivette Salaried Employees' Retirement Plan	\$20,587,011	\$20,987,106	12.5% (Net)	7.7% (Net)	9.1% (Net)	7.25%	2.75%	4.00%
Overland Non-uniform Pension Fund	\$10,393,000	\$10,738,000	11.33% (Net)	6.64% (Net)	7.92% (Net)	7.0%	2.5%	3.5%
Overland Police Retirement Fund	\$12,592,000	\$12,780,000	12.76% (Net)	7.26% (Net)	8.48% (Net)	7.0%	2.5%	3.5%
Pattonville-Bridgeton FPD Retirement Plan	\$34,838,544	\$37,496,332	22.96% (Net)	12.21% (Net)	13.26% (Net)	7.75%	2.5%	2.5%
Prosecuting Attorneys' Retirement System	\$41,919,988	\$43,209,054	10.2% (Net)	5.21% (Net)	6.28% (Net)	7.0%	1.7%	1.5%
Public Education Employees' Retirement System	\$4,423,296,289	\$4,525,356,285	12.7% (Net)	7.3% (Net)	9.2% (Net)	7.6%	2.25%	3.25%
Public School Retirement System	\$37,060,346,652	\$37,782,070,777	12.7% (Net)	7.3% (Net)	9.3% (Net)	7.6%	2.25%	2.75%
Raytown Policemen's Retirement Fund	\$10,139,504	\$10,657,275	12.49% (Gross)	6.69% (Gross)	8.07% (Gross)	7.5%	2.5%	N/A%
Richmond Heights Police & Fire Retirement Plan	\$52,317,873	\$54,696,676	13.82% (Net)	6.84% (Net)	9.28% (Net)	7.0%	3.0%	5.0%
Rock Community FPD Retirement Plan	\$16,386,917	\$16,753,544	12.4% (Net)	6.0% (Net)	9.3% (Net)	7.5%	2.5%	3.0%
Rock Hill Police & Firemen's Pension Plan	\$2,021,954	\$2,068,452	1.81% (Net)	1.81% (Net)	1.81% (Net)	6.40%	3.0%	6.50%
Sedalia Firemen's Retirement Fund	\$7,335,614	\$7,516,135	11.2% (Gross)	6.0% (Gross)	8.3% (Gross)	7.0%	2.0%	3.0%
Sedalia Police Retirement Fund	\$3,484,368	\$3,456,937	12.96% (Gross)	6.47% (Gross)	n/a% (Gross)	6%	None%	None%
Sheriff's Retirement System	\$43,196,278	\$44,154,283	10.115% (Gross)	7.154% (Gross)	9.637% (Gross)	6.5%	3.5%	see comme nt%
Springfield Police & Fire Retirement Fund	\$383,194,408	\$395,972,573	10.34% (Net)	5.64% (Net)	6.86% (Net)	n/a%	n/a%	n/a%
St. Joseph Policemen's Pension Fund	\$34,137,796	\$36,290,425	4.84% (Gross)	0% (Gross)	0% (Gross)	7.5%	2.0%	4.0%
St. Louis County Library Dist Empl Pension Plan	\$46,620,102	\$47,760,774	11.64% (Net)	5.60% (Net)	6.99% (Net)	7.0%	2.5%	3.5%
St. Louis Employees Retirement System	\$799,892,105	\$817,173,896	12.17% (Gross)	6.11% (Gross)	8.45% (Gross)	7.5%	2.5%	3.0%

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St. Louis Firemen's Retirement System	\$472,834,337	\$485,595,615	14.69% (Gross)	7.32% (Gross)	9.68% (Gross)	7%	2.75%	3%
St. Louis Public School Retirement System	\$857,993,643	\$861,793,776	12.3% (Net)	6.3% (Net)	7.8% (Net)	7.5%	2.75%	3.5% / 5.0%
Valley Park FPD Retirement Plan	\$6,111,879	\$6,328,504	10.63% (Net)	12.06% (Net)	7.61% (Net)	7.00%	0%	4%
	\$67,088,438,592	\$68,566,276,427						