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Infrastructure Media Summary

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State releases millions of additional dollars to Daviess County

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When Daviess County Auditor Patty Ball went to check the county's financial balances this week she received a pleasant surprise. The State of Indiana had released \$3.4 million in Local Option Income Tax money it had been holding. The money was part of \$505 million in LOIT funds released statewide as part of a bill passed by the Indiana Legislature during the last session to help provide funding for local infrastructure improvements. "Here in the Crossroads of America, roads mean jobs," said Governor Mike Pence in announcing the distribution. "In this past session of the Indiana General Assembly, we committed to bringing significant new funding for local governments with regard to transportation infrastructure, and I thank our legislators for their leadership on this issue." In Daviess County, there is both a County Adjusted Gross Income Tax and a County Economic Development Income Tax. Both had fund surpluses that will now be available. From CAGIT the total is almost \$2.4 million, and from CEDIT the total was slightly more than \$1 million. The money had already been collected from workers in Daviess County. "It's our local money and it is finally coming back to us as it should have in the past," said President of the Daviess County Commissioners Michael Taylor. "It's money that has been sitting there, but we couldn't use it. Now, that money has showed up. We've got it and that is a good thing. It's great to get more funding." The money is being distributed to 26 taxing units. The county will retain \$2.2 million, while the city of Washington received \$808,796, Alfordsville \$1,192, Cannelburg \$2,093, Elnora \$17,045, Montgomery \$11,903, Odon \$37,170 and Plainville \$12,546.

http://www.washtimesherald.com/news/local_news/state-releases-millions-of-additional-dollars-to-daviess-county/article_111a9cfe-fff6-5f9e-8421-4d2386a3b60b.html

County leaders ponder how to use \$1.7M in state money

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Vigo County officials are considering how they intend to use more than \$1.7 million in road repair funds they are to receive from the state before June 1. The money is part of a short-term road funding package passed in March by the Indiana General Assembly. Part of that package gives \$580 million to city and county governments for road projects, with much of that a one-time distribution from local income taxes held in reserve by the state. State law requires that at least 75 percent of the funds be used for roads and transportation infrastructure, and the remainder can be used for any purpose. A county or city can also choose to use 100 percent of the funds for roads and infrastructure. The funds, however, must first be deposited in a Rainy Day fund for accounting purposes, according to law. Vigo County Commissioners are now reviewing options

for road projects. Jerry Netherlain, county engineer, said the county can spend up to \$500,000 on a single project, which would then be matched by the state up to \$500,000. However, to obtain a match, the project must be designed to Indiana Department of Transportation specifications, with stricter engineering designs and potential right-of-way acquisitions. "That adds up, so we have to look at what projects we have and what we can do. Maybe we can do more using most [of the \$1.7 million] on county road projects where we don't have to meet INDOT standards, which would have lower construction costs," Netherlain said. "It's something we still have to review." Terre Haute City Engineer Chuck Ennis said the city, which will also receive more than \$1.7 million, will use the funds for Margaret Avenue and other paving projects.

http://www.tribstar.com/news/local_news/county-leaders-ponder-how-to-use-m-in-state-money/article_8e5f6d60-6612-5563-a6a1-b68ed94768ab.html

County council awards money for bridge repairs, removal

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A five-year plan for maintenance of the county's bridges was approved by the Boone County Council at its April meeting. Money is already available for four of those years, County Engineer Craig Parks said. The money is raised through the county's cumulative bridge fund. The \$757,000 the council approved includes construction or preliminary engineering, he said. Three projects for this year include removal of the Ray Road bridge over Goldsberry Creek at a cost of \$5,000; replacement of the CR 400 S bridge over Smith Ditch, at a cost of \$625,400; and repair of the CR 300 S bridge over Jackson Run, \$50,000. The Ray Road bridge, 0.15 of a mile north of CR 875 W, was built in 1920. Years ago, however, the bridge and the road fell into disuse, then disrepair. An inspection in 2013 found that "river control devices have been destroyed" and the stream threatened to undermine the bridge. In October 2015, Parks told the county commissioners that the road had virtually disappeared. Parks told the county council that the Jackson Run bridge should be repaired before construction begins on the Whitestown bypass. That new road will connect CR 300 S (146th Street) and CR 400 S (Albert S. White Boulevard). It will ease traffic congestion in Allpoints At Anson and could become a segment of the Ronald Reagan Parkway. http://www.reporter.net/news/local_news/county-council-awards-money-for-bridge-repairs-removal/article_3c5950f4-31c9-58f5-89a9-1cfb8c5380fb.html

Indy Mass Transit Expansion Moving Ahead

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A measure that would give Marion County voters a say in expanding mass transit has taken a step forward. After a public hearing, a City-County Council committee approved a "do-pass" recommendation for the proposal, which calls for a referendum on a 0.25 percent income tax hike to fund public transportation projects. The full council is set May 9 to discuss Prop 145. If green-lighted, a measure to authorize a council vote on the tax increase would be included on ballots in November. It would then return to council for approval. IndyGo, the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp., says the proposal's passage would allow it to get to work on the Marion County Transit Plan. The initiative would involve a larger network of bus coverage and three new rapid transit lines, all in an effort to boost service frequency and hours of operation.

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/31827450/potential-indy-mass-transit-expansion-moving-ahead>

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