The PPRT represents an additional income tax for corporations (including certain utilities) at the rate of 2.5% of net taxable income; an additional income tax for trusts at the rate of 1.5% of net taxable income; a new income tax for partnerships and Subchapter S Corporations at the rate of 1.5% of net taxable income; and a new tax at the rate of 0.8% of invested capital for public utilities providing gas, communications, electrical and water services. Partnerships and Subchapter S Corporations previously had not been subject to the Illinois income tax.

The PPRT law provides that monies received by the County from the tax shall be applied, first, toward payment of the proportionate amount of debt service (if any), which was previously levied and extended against personal property for bonds outstanding as of December 31, 1978, and, second, applied toward payment of the proportionate share of the pension or retirement contributions of the County to the County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County which were previously levied and extended against personal property. The County does not have any remaining applicable debt and all PPRT collections are deposited in the Annuity and Benefit Fund for distribution to the County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County.

3. Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

Inventory (CCHHS) held for resale is valued at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out method. Inventories of supplies are valued at cost. In the Statement of Net Position, prepaid expenses represent prepaid insurance, paid upon the issuance of insured debt. Property held for resale is part of the County's program for improving disadvantaged areas and is considered inventory and is valued at the lower of cost or market.

4. Capital Assets

Purchases of capital assets in the governmental funds are recorded as an expenditure of the fund from which the expenditure was made in the fund financial statements.

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, intangible assets (easements, software) and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, and sidewalks and lighting systems) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and in the Enterprise Fund. Capital assets are defined, by the County, as assets with an initial individual cost of $5,000 or more ($1,000 for CCHHS) and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets are recorded at cost. In the governmental activities, costs recorded do not include interest incurred as a result of financing asset acquisition or construction. Assets acquired by gift, bequest or through developer and other contributions are recorded at their fair market value at the date of acceptance if accepted before November 30, 2015, and at acquisition value if accepted on or after November 30, 2015. Upon sale or retirement, the cost of the assets and the related accumulated depreciation, if any, are removed from the accounts. Maintenance and repair costs are charged to operations.