

Cook County, Illinois
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended November 30, 2018, continued

Changes in Long-Term Debt
Primary Government - All activities
(\$ amounts in millions)

Description	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
G.O. Bonds, net	\$ 3,559.6	\$ 3,545.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,559.6	\$ 3,545.2
Note Payable	15.6	18.8	-	-	15.6	18.8
Self Insurance Claims	309.6	262.0	179.8	171.6	489.4	433.6
Property Tax Objections	81.2	80.0	12.3	13.0	93.5	93.0
Compensated Absences	56.6	58.6	44.8	44.6	101.3	103.2
Net Pension Liability	8,565.4	9,620.0	3,967.5	4,504.5	12,532.9	14,124.5
Total OPEB Obligation	1,506.5	1,290.1	641.8	-	2,148.3	1,290.1
Other	1.5	1.9	-	-	1.5	1.9
Totals	\$ 14,095.9	\$ 14,876.6	\$ 4,846.2	\$ 4,733.7	\$ 18,942.1	\$ 19,610.3

The balances reported above for FY2017 were not restated for the implementations of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*, which was implemented during FY2018.

During the current fiscal year ended November 30, 2018, the County's liabilities for long-term obligations decreased by \$668.2 million (3.4%). The decrease was primarily attributable to decreases in the reported Net Pension Liability and Note Payable combined with an increase in the total OPEB liability and Self-Insurance Claims. It should be noted that all debt associated with the capital assets of the CCHHS (business-type activities) are general obligations of the County (governmental activities).

Additional information on the County's long-term debt can be found in Note III.E. of the Basic Financial Statements.

Bond Ratings

Cook County continues to meet the needs of its ongoing Capital Program through the use of its current revenues for pay-as-you-go financing where practical along with the use of municipal bonds for debt financing where efficient. The County's underlying ratings on its General Obligation bonds as of November 30, 2018 were:

Fitch Ratings	A+
Moody's Investors Service	A2
S&P Global Ratings	AA-

As of November 30, 2018, the County's Sales Tax Bonds held ratings of AAA from both S&P and Kroll Bond Rating Agency. In December 2018, S&P announced that it was changing certain ratings criteria, which caused the agency to reduce Cook County's Sales Tax rating to AA, one notch above its General Obligation Rating.