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The Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County annual liability insurance premium decreased by 18% between fiscal year 2010 – 2011 and fiscal year 2011 – 2012.

The Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) the County's liability insurer offers membership, longevity and loss control credits toward the annual premium. The credits for fiscal year 2011 – 2012 accounted for \$98,639.00 in savings to the County. The premium is allocated yearly to the County departments and the credits were deducted from the department's portion of the annual insurance premium.

LGIT also offered for the first time \$1,000,000.00 limit for excess liability at no additional charge to entities with primary liability coverage, providing additional security for liability coverage. This saved the County an average of \$8,000 on the annual insurance premium.

Additionally, claims and losses for liability have been down for all County departments which attributes to the decrease of the insurance premiums. County Management and Employees keep safety in mind and this shows with the decline of claims and lowered premiums.

The County has not been advised by LGIT or other insurance agents of any major increases to the insurance premiums for fiscal year 2012-2013.

LGIT was founded by the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) and the Maryland Municipal League (MML) in answer to difficulties towns, cities and counties then faced in securing affordable insurance in the 1980's.

LGIT is a nonprofit association authorized by state law, wholly owned and managed by its local government members. The main purpose of LGIT is to provide joint self-insurance programs or pools for towns, cities and counties in the State of Maryland.

LGIT is owned and managed by its local governments. Because LGIT is a nonprofit organization, if income from fees and investments is more than is needed to pay for losses and expenses, the excess funds may be returned to the towns, cities and counties who are members.

Garrett County has been a member of LGIT's self-insurance program since 1987.