

FORSYTH COUNTY ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT 2023



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FORSYTH COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023



Forsyth County's 2023 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
for the year ended December 31, 2023.



FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Forsyth County Board of Commissioners

June 10, 2024

ALFRED JOHN
CHAIR

LAURA SEMANSON
VICE CHAIR

CINDY JONES MILLS
SECRETARY

KERRY HILL
MEMBER

TODD LEVENT
MEMBER

DAVID McKEE
COUNTY MANAGER

TO THE CITIZENS OF FORSYTH COUNTY:

State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish within six months of the close of each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to the requirements, we hereby issue the annual comprehensive financial report of Forsyth County, Georgia for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the County. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the County has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the County's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the County's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, a firm of licensed certified public accountants, has audited the County's financial statements. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the County for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that Forsyth County, Georgia's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditors' report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

As a recipient of federal and state financial assistance, the County is also responsible for ensuring that adequate internal controls are in place to assure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. Thus, internal controls are subject to periodic evaluation by management.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The County's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

PROFILE OF THE GOVERNMENT

Forsyth County is conveniently located 30 miles north of Atlanta in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains next to Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River. The County was named for the Honorable John Forsyth, who had a long and distinguished public career as the Governor of Georgia, U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator, and Secretary of State under Presidents Jackson and Van Buren. Forsyth County is nestled alongside 200-miles of Lake Lanier shoreline, which serves as the major recreational and tourism site in the County. The County is bordered on the north by Dawson County, on the east by Hall and Gwinnett Counties, on the south by Fulton County (which contains the majority of the City of Atlanta), and on the west by Cherokee County.

The governing authority consists of a 5-member Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners is elected by voters each living within specific districts to serve four-year terms. Each year in January, the five members elect one of their own to serve as chairman for the coming year. Elections for the Board of Commissioners are staggered, to provide some continuity on the board. A County Manager is appointed by and responsible to the Board of Commissioners to direct the daily operations of Forsyth County government.

Services provided to approximately 273,000 Forsyth citizens residing in the 247 square mile area include: police and fire protection; the construction and maintenance of highways, streets, and other infrastructure; and recreational activities and cultural events. Water and Sewer services are provided through a legally separate Water and Sewer Authority, which functions, in essence, as a fund of the County and therefore has been included as an integral part of the County's financial statements. The County also is financially accountable for a legally separate Health Department, and a legally separate Library, each of which are reported separately within the County's financial statements. Additional information on all three of these legally separate entities can be found in Note 1 in the notes of the financial statements.

The County adopts annual appropriated budgets for its General Fund, its Special Revenue Funds, and its Debt Service Funds using a basis of accounting consistent with GAAP. Adopted annual budgets are not legally required for any of the County's Proprietary Funds, Fiduciary Funds, and Capital Project Funds; however, the County prepares annual operating budgets for its Proprietary Funds for planning, control, cost allocation, and evaluation purposes.

Departments and County offices prepare revenue and expenditure estimates, which are reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Chief Financial Officer prepares a proposed line-item operating budget and submits it to the Board of Commissioners. Public Hearings are conducted in the County to obtain taxpayer comments on the proposed budget. The Board of Commissioners is required to adopt the final budget on or before December 31 at an official Board of Commissioners meeting. Budgetary control is maintained at the department/office appropriation level. Budget

amendments must be authorized by the Board of Commissioners through a budget resolution. The County Manager is authorized to transfer certain line-item budgeted amounts within any department, under certain conditions. Expenditures that would increase total department/office appropriations require the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

LOCAL ECONOMY

Lake Sidney Lanier is located at the eastern edge of Forsyth County and provides numerous recreational activities for approximately 8 million visitors annually. The development of Lake Lanier by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers functions to improve flood control and provide hydroelectric power, which gives it the distinction of being one of the most utilized water recreation areas managed by the Corp. In addition to Lake Lanier, the construction of SR 400 expressway has had the greatest effect on the growth of Forsyth County. SR 400 provides a direct link to the City of Atlanta.

The County's only incorporated municipality is the City of Cumming. The area is recognized for its moderate climate, attractive environment, recreational facilities, and skilled labor pool. Forsyth County's economy, once largely centered on the poultry industry, has seen much change as these factors have helped the County attract growth from companies in diverse industries. This has provided an expanded commercial base for the County and is a strong indication of continued growth.

The U.S. Census Bureau has named Forsyth County as the 15th fastest growing County between 2010 and 2019 in the nation as well as the 2nd fastest growing county in Georgia in the 2020 Census. Forsyth County's population increased 12 out of the 12 years between year 2010 and year 2022. Its largest annual population increase was 5.9% between 2018 and 2019. Between 2014 and 2023, the county grew by an average of 3.3% per year. By 2050, Forsyth County's population is projected to increase to approximately 450,000. Forsyth County employs nearly 129,000 within its boundaries with approximately 7,900 licensed businesses. As of December 2023, the County's unemployment rate was 2.3%, which is lower than the State of Georgia at 3.2% and the United States 3.6%.

Due to its proximity to Atlanta, Forsyth County continues to provide a vibrant community complete with a thriving economy and a school system known for its excellence.

- The County was originally dominated by the poultry, horse, and farming industries, and two industry giants, Tyson Foods and Koch Foods, still play a major role in the area's economy. Over the past 10 years in excess of 70 international companies have moved to the County, with 20 having national or regional headquarters. The medical and life science industries remain the County's fastest growing industry sectors. Northside Hospital-Forsyth is ranked the number two employer in the County.
- The University of North Georgia Cumming campus, which opened in fall 2012, is meeting the need for higher education in the northeast Georgia region. Located off SR 400 at Pilgrim Mill Road [exit 16], the instructional center offers a range of 2-and 4-year undergraduate programs, graduate programs, and professional development opportunities.
- The Forsyth County Public School system, serving 55,300+ students, is the fifth largest school system in Georgia, operating 42 schools within the County. The public school system is Forsyth County's largest employer with over 8,000 staff members.

Classrooms are technologically advanced, as the school system places a heavy emphasis on being on the cutting edge of new technology and methods of teaching.

MAJOR INITIATIVES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In November 2019, Forsyth County received its initial bond rating of AAA with a stable outlook from Fitch Ratings. The County now retains the highest rating available with three rating firms including Moody's and Standard and Poor's, each of whom reaffirmed the rating on the County's latest Water & Sewer bond issue in February 2022 and Fitch reaffirming the rating in September 2021. Maintaining a high rating allows the County to enjoy lower interest rates when borrowing and realize monetary savings on bonds.
- In 2023, Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) recognized the Department of Water and Sewer for excellence in water and wastewater systems operations. The Water and Sewer Department earned the Platinum Award for Collection System Excellence, the Platinum Award for Distribution System Excellence, and Water Reclamation Facility of the Year.
- Forsyth County has outgrown its current Administration Building, which was constructed in 1996. A new County Administration Campus will be constructed strategically to meet the needs of not only today, but tomorrow. This long-term investment will consist of two facilities, the County Administration Building, and Employee Center. The facilities will incorporate a modernized Commissioners Meeting Room, meeting areas for citizen groups, as well as an employee wellness and fitness center. Funding for the project came from the Capital Outlay Fund. The County Administration Campus sits on 42-acres and is projected to be completed in 2026.
- The new 70,000-square-foot home to the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Court's Juvenile Court System opened in December 2022. The goal of the project was to incorporate natural elements and lighting to provide a calming effect for juveniles and their families in need of service. Funding for the project came from the Capital Outlay Fund. The new building is ADA-compliant and efficient in security, overcrowding, and access.
- The Department of Communications won best in category nationally in the Printed Publications – Annual Report category of the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) 2023 Awards of Excellence.
- In 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2020 Forsyth County Parks & Recreation Department received the Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) Agency of the Year Award. The award was presented in the largest population category – 150,000 and over. As cited in the nomination, the department has earned national accreditation status from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. It is one of only 166 agencies nationally to hold the recognition and the second county in Georgia to gain the accreditation.

- On November 6, 2018, Forsyth County voters approved continuation of the 1% Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) program. Collections began on July 1, 2019, and continue for six years. County projects to be funded from SPLOST VIII include road projects, fire department facilities and equipment, park projects, a senior services facility, and animal services projects.

IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY

- In 2023, the new Exit 18 opened at SR 369 (Browns Bridge Road) and SR 400. Work is still progressing to widen SR 369, which includes widening about 2.5 miles of the road to four lanes east and west of SR 400. Three additional traffic lights have been added, and improvements have and will come to the intersections.
- In 2022, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office maintained some of the lowest crime rates in the metropolitan Atlanta area. The occurrence of crimes of burglary, aggravated assault, entering automobiles, and driving under the influence were lower in 2022 than in 2021.
- The Forsyth County 911 Center was recognized in May 2023 by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) following a month-long training program with the Missing Kids Readiness Program.
- Forsyth County's Department of Geographic Information Services (GIS) won the ESRI 2023 Special Achievement in GIS, SAG Award on July 11 and was recognized by members of ESRI for its outstanding achievements.
- After breaking ground in 2022, the replacements for fire stations 9 and 15 are projected to be completed in the spring of 2024. The facilities are replacing outdated stations and will allow for both immediate and future growth needs.
- In 2023, traffic and congestion continued to be the top concern of our residents and the County is working to help alleviate this issue. There are multiple transportation projects that are underway, including the creation of a full diamond interchange and widening of McGinnis Ferry; extension of Ronald Reagan Blvd. from Majors Road to McFarland Parkway, with sidewalk and multi-use path; widening of the existing two lanes for Old Atlanta to four lanes from St. Marlo Country Club to James Burgess Road; and the creation of a partial cloverleaf interchange and widening of SR 369.

PARKS, RECREATION AND GREEN SPACE BOND DOLLARS AT WORK

- Phase 2 of the Lanierland Park expansion project (6115 Jot Em Down Road) was completed in 2023, and renovations included six tennis courts, four pickleball courts, four baseball/softball fields, an all-inclusive playground, walking path, football/lacrosse fieldhouse, additional parking, and a new Miracle League Field.
- A new drone flying field was opened at the future site of Denmark Park (500 Windy Hill Drive) in the southwestern portion of the County. The 50-acre field provides recreation drone operators with a place to fly without any special permit.

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING

- Forsyth County's Board of Commissioners formally adopted the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the years inclusive of 2023-2027. The CIP is updated annually to direct the financing of and appropriations for all capital projects. The County defines a capital project for inclusion in the CIP as any asset or project in excess of \$100,000 during the planning period. The County coordinates the development and update of the CIP with the development of the operating budget to ensure that future operating costs are projected and included in the operating budget when and where it is appropriate to do so.
- Forsyth County defeased \$11,450,000 in General Obligation Bonds in 2023. The defeasance resulted in approximately \$1,200,000 in avoided interest costs.

Forsyth County strives to improve its financial position for the longer term. As a result of conservative budgeting, continuous financial monitoring, and budget cuts, the unassigned fund balance in the general fund exceeds the policy requirements set by the Board of Commissioners for budgetary and planning purposes. The County also prepares the annual budget with the following years always in view.

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Forsyth County, Georgia for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. This was the 23rd consecutive year the County has received this prestigious award. This award honors an easily readable, efficiently organized, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that conforms to program standards and satisfies both GAAP and applicable legal requirements.

GFOA awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Forsyth County, Georgia for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023. This was the eleventh year the County has received this prestigious award. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

The preparation, design and publication of this year's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report would not have been possible without the continuous commitment of the Finance Department staff throughout the year. Sincere appreciation also goes to the various County departments and offices for their assistance and support throughout the year in matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the County. We also thank the accounting firm of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC for their contributions of technical guidance and dedication to the highest professional standards of governmental accounting. Finally, we thank the Board of Commissioners for their support and direction in conducting the financial affairs of the County in a responsible manner.

Respectfully submitted,



David McKee

County Manager



Brian Clark

Chief Financial Officer



Government Finance Officers Association

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Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

List of Officials of Forsyth County

2023 Board of Commissioners



KERRY HILL
Member - District 1



ALFRED JOHN
Chair - District 2



TODD LEVENT
Member - District 3



CINDY JONES MILLS
Treasurer - District 4



LAURA SEMANSON
Vice Chair - District 5

Administration



DAVID MCKEE
County Manager



BARRY LUCAS
Asst. County Manager



ANTHONY TARNACKI
Asst. County Manager



BRIAN CLARK
Chief Financial Officer



MIKE SEYMOUR
Chief Information Officer

County Department Heads

Jennifer Johnston Accountability Courts
Haley Brown Animal Shelter
Cynthia Iacopella Animal Services
Vivian Vakili Building & Economic Development
Angie Belt Business Licensing
John Jefferson Capital Projects Management
Jerry Ramos Code Compliance
Russell Brown Communications
Tom Cisco EMA/911
Charity Clark Employment Services
Heather Kolich Extension Services
Rebecca Whitmire Finance
Barry Head Fire Department
Marcus Hawk Fleet Services
John Kilgore Geographic Information Services

Melissa Banker
Lisa Luly
Anna Lyle
Sam Buckels
Kirk Franz
Tom Brown
Adrian Casey
Dan Callahan
Roy Rickert
Tammy Wright
Heather Hammons
Ruthie Brew
Joel Benton
Mandi Smith
Scott Adams

Indigent Defense
Information Systems & Technology
Library
Landfill
Parks & Recreation
Planning & Community Development
Procurement
Public Facilities
Public Transportation - Access Forsyth
Recycling & Solid Waste
Risk Management
Senior Services
Tax Assessors
Voter Registration
Water & Sewer

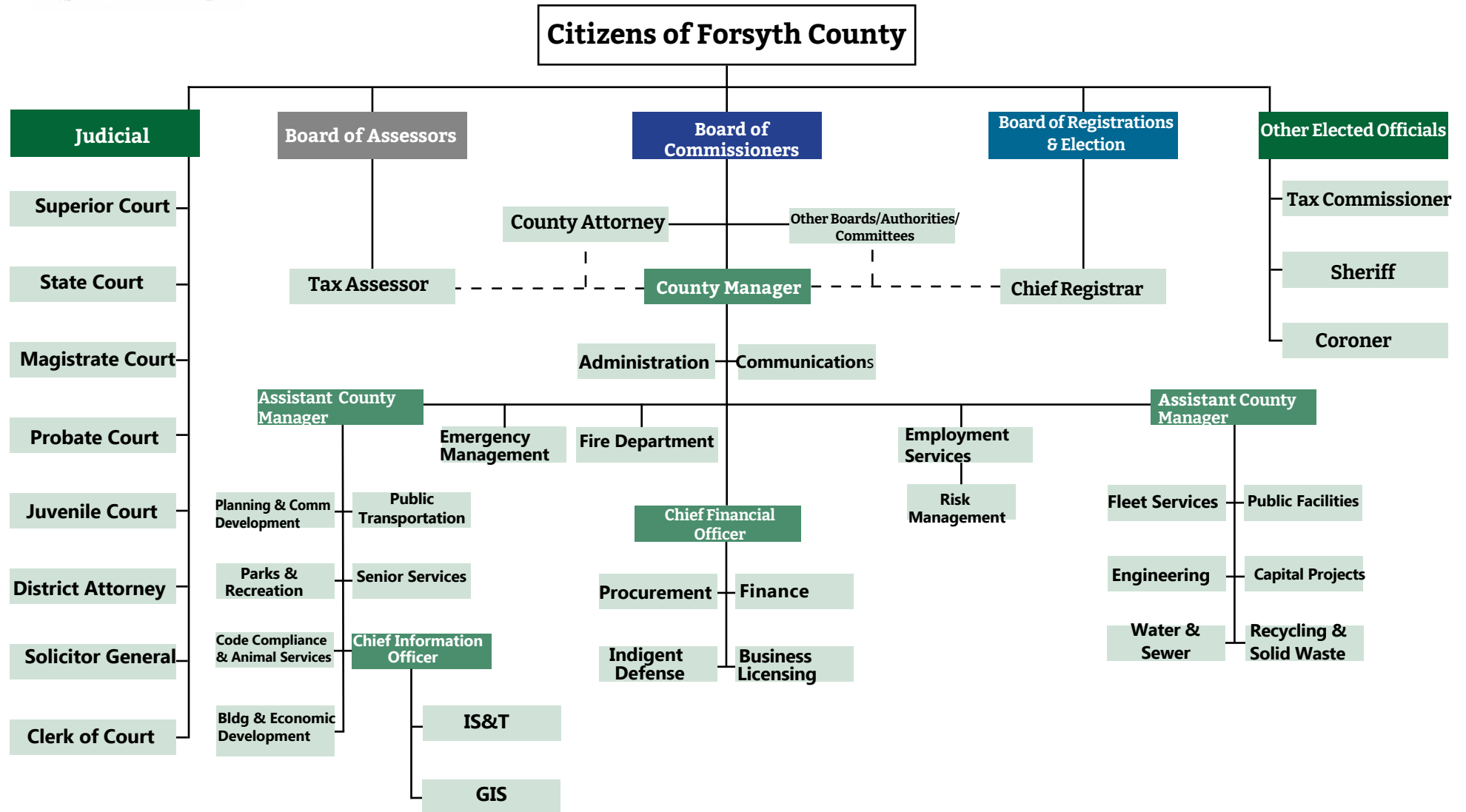
Judicial and Other Elected Officials

Jeffrey S. Bagley Superior Court Chief Judge
David L. Dickerson Superior Court Judge
Phillip C. Smith Superior Court Judge
T. Russell McClelland II State Court Chief Judge
James Dunn State Court Judge
Keisha Martin Chambless Chief Magistrate
Daisy Weeks-Marisko Probate Court Judge
Christopher W. Willis Presiding Juvenile Court Judge

Heather N. Dunn Juvenile Court Judge
Penny A. Penn District Attorney
William "Bill" Finch Solicitor General
Greg G. Allen Clerk of Court
Matthew C. Ledbetter Tax Commissioner
Paul W. Holbrook Coroner
Ron Freeman Sheriff



Organizational Chart





INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**Board of Commissioners
of Forsyth County, Georgia
Cumming, Georgia**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Forsyth County, Georgia** (the "County"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Forsyth County Health Department, which represents 30 percent, 59 percent, and 22 percent, respectively, of the assets, absolute value of net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Forsyth County Health Department, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the budgetary comparison information for the General Fund, the Fire District Fund, and the ARPA Fund, the Schedule of Changes in the County's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, the Schedule of Changes in the County's Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Related Ratios, the Schedule of County Contributions, and the Schedule of Pension Investment Returns, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds, as required by the Official Code of Georgia 48-8-121 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, and Schedule of Expenditures of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 10, 2024, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
June 10, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

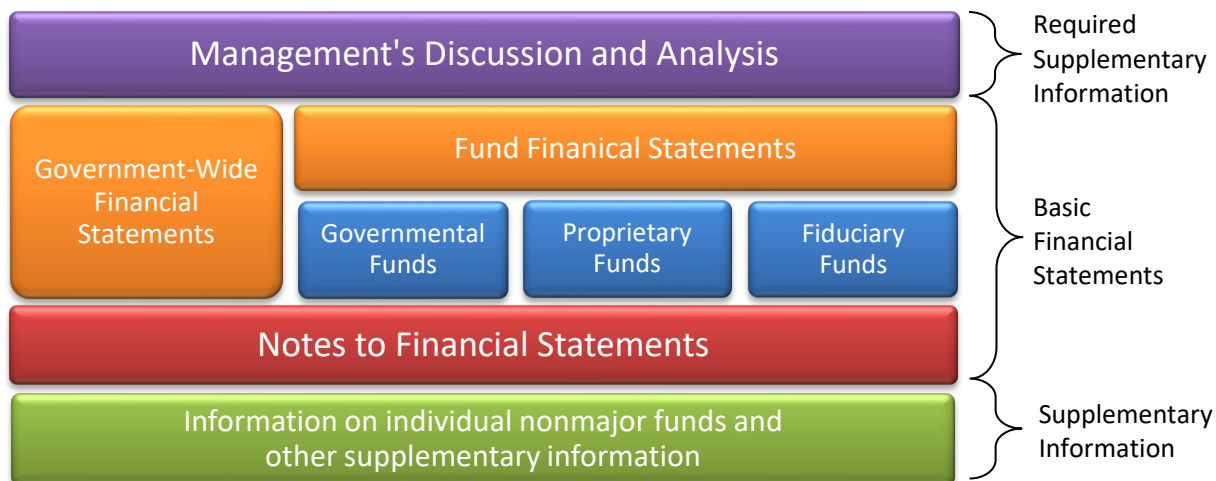
Our discussion and analysis of Forsyth County's financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the transmittal letter on page v and the County's financial statements, which begin on page 17.

GOVERNMENT – WIDE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Forsyth County's primary government assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$2.3 billion (net position) at December 31, 2023. Of this amount \$1.7 billion is governmental activities and \$642.5 million is business-type activities.
- The combined revenue total for the County is \$494.7 million, a 9.3% increase from 2022.
- Of the combined total, governmental activities is \$391.2 million and business-type activities is \$103.5 million.
- The combined expense total for the County is \$362.3 million, a 12.1% increase from 2022. Of the combined total, governmental activities is at \$287.7 million and business-type activities is \$74.6 million.
- At December 31, 2023, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balance is \$396.8 million, an increase of \$23.9 million 8.8% from the 2022 fund balance. The unassigned fund balance for various governmental funds is \$96 million.
- The County's total debt decreased by \$38.2 million or -7.4% from fiscal year 2022, primarily due to debt service payments.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This Discussion and Analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Forsyth County's basic financial statements. Forsyth County's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The illustration below demonstrates the format.



Government-Wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements, presented on pages 17-19, provide a broad overview of Forsyth County finances in a manner similar to that of private-sector businesses. The statements include:

- *Statement of net position* presents the County's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, the change in net position is an indicator of the improvement (an increase) or deterioration (a decrease) in the County's financial condition.
- *Statement of activities* presents the revenues and expenses of the County. The difference between these is the change in net position for the year.

Both government-wide financial statements identify the various functions of Forsyth County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. The governmental activities of Forsyth County include general government, culture and recreation, judicial, public works, health and welfare, housing and development, and public safety. The business-type activities of Forsyth County include the Water and Sewer Authority and Solid Waste operation.

The government-wide financial statements include not only Forsyth County itself (known as the primary government), but also a legally separate Health Department, and Library for which Forsyth County is financially accountable. Financial information for these component units is reported separately from financial information presented for the primary government itself. The Water and Sewer Authority, although also legally separate functions for all practical purposes as a department of Forsyth County, and therefore has been included as an integral part of the primary government.

Fund financial statements. A fiscal accountability fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County, like state and other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All the funds of the County can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the County's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

As of December 31, 2023, the County maintains eighteen individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, fire district fund and Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) fund, all of which are major funds. Data from the other fifteen governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The County adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund, special revenue funds, one capital projects fund and debt service funds. Project length budgets are adopted for capital project funds. Annual operating budgets are prepared for each enterprise and internal service fund for planning control and cost allocation. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund, special revenue funds, and debt service funds to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 20-23 of this report.

Proprietary funds. The County maintains two different types of proprietary funds: enterprise and internal service funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses enterprise funds to account for its Water and Sewer Authority and Solid Waste operation. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions. For 2023, the County used internal service funds to account for risk management, workers' compensation, employee health benefits and fleet maintenance. Because these services predominantly benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds provide the same type information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Water and Sewer Authority and for the Solid Waste operation, both of which are considered as major funds of the County. Conversely, all internal service funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation in the proprietary fund financial statements. Individual data for the internal service funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 24-26 of this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the County's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. Forsyth County maintains six fiduciary funds called *custodial funds* for Tax Commissioner, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Probate Court, Magistrate Court, and Juvenile Court. The County also maintains the Pension Trust Fund fiduciary fund.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on page 27 and 28 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 29-68 of this report.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the County's schedule of budgetary comparisons, progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees, and employer pension contributions. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 77-100 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position. As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of Forsyth County, assets exceeded liabilities by \$2.3 billion at the close of the most recent fiscal year. This is an increase of \$132.3 million or 6.09% from fiscal year 2022.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA'S NET POSITION

December 31, 2023

(\$ In thousands)

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
ASSETS						
Current and other assets	\$ 639,509	\$ 591,317	\$ 118,389	\$ 141,681	\$ 757,898	\$ 732,998
Capital assets (net of depreciation)	<u>1,433,254</u>	<u>1,391,654</u>	<u>828,539</u>	<u>766,615</u>	<u>2,261,793</u>	<u>2,158,269</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,072,763</u>	<u>1,982,971</u>	<u>946,928</u>	<u>906,780</u>	<u>3,019,691</u>	<u>2,889,751</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>29,272</u>	<u>34,912</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>1,037</u>	<u>29,710</u>	<u>35,949</u>
LIABILITIES						
Other liabilities	71,995	74,961	43,412	33,931	115,407	108,892
Long-term liabilities outstanding	<u>219,270</u>	<u>254,330</u>	<u>260,899</u>	<u>263,630</u>	<u>480,169</u>	<u>517,960</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>291,265</u>	<u>332,250</u>	<u>304,311</u>	<u>293,881</u>	<u>595,576</u>	<u>626,131</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>148,911</u>	<u>127,585</u>	<u>607</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>149,518</u>	<u>127,603</u>
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets	1,279,851	1,210,829	582,970	561,393	1,862,821	1,772,222
Restricted	199,617	192,612	6,433	6,064	206,050	198,676
Unrestricted	<u>182,391</u>	<u>154,607</u>	<u>53,045</u>	<u>46,461</u>	<u>235,436</u>	<u>201,068</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 1,661,859</u>	<u>\$ 1,558,048</u>	<u>\$ 642,448</u>	<u>\$ 613,918</u>	<u>\$ 2,304,307</u>	<u>\$ 2,171,966</u>

Source: Statement of Net Position

The largest component of the County's net position, \$1.9 billion, or 80.9% at December 31, 2023, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves are not planned to be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The next component of the County's net position consists of restricted net position, \$206 million, 8.9% which represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The final component is unrestricted net position, \$235.4 million or 10.2%, may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, Forsyth County's net position in governmental activities increased by \$103.8 million, 6.7%, due in part to an overall increase in revenues, an increase in capital assets and generally by keeping the total expenditures below the level of revenue collections. Net position in business-type activities increased by \$28.5 million, 4.7%.

The County's overall net position increased indicating that the County's financial position has continued to grow along with the increases in its population and economy.

Changes in Net Position. Governmental and business-type activities increased the County's net position by \$132.3 million by the year end December 31, 2023.

The following table gives a comparison for the changes in net position in governmental and business-type activities for fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA'S CHANGES IN NET POSITION

December 31, 2022

(\$ In thousands)

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
REVENUES						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 45,323	\$ 45,511	\$ 70,999	\$ 66,337	\$ 116,322	\$ 111,848
Operating grants and contributions	6,327	7,249	-	-	6,327	7,249
Capital grants and contributions	22,382	20,611	27,741	26,650	50,123	47,261
General Revenues:						
Property taxes	130,868	116,499	-	-	130,868	116,499
Sales taxes	111,703	110,592	-	-	111,703	110,592
Title ad valorem tax	27,042	24,451	-	-	27,042	24,451
Insurance premium tax	20,031	19,133	-	-	20,031	19,133
Other taxes	6,917	7,330	-	-	6,917	7,330
Unrestricted investment earnings	17,917	3,814	4,650	1,614	22,567	5,428
Intergovernmental revenue, not restricted for a specific programs	-	-	65	66	65	66
Other	2,705	2,102	-	-	2,705	2,102
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 391,215	\$ 357,292	\$ 103,455	\$ 94,667	\$ 494,670	\$ 451,959
EXPENSES						
General Government	52,855	47,452	-	-	52,855	47,452
Judicial	19,583	17,814	-	-	19,583	17,814
Public Safety	119,678	99,072	-	-	119,678	99,072
Public Works	45,793	40,552	-	-	45,793	40,552
Health and Welfare	4,944	4,032	-	-	4,944	4,032
Culture and Recreation	28,355	25,712	-	-	28,355	25,712
Housing and Development	10,160	9,593	-	-	10,160	9,593
Interest	6,356	5,115	-	-	6,356	5,115
Solid Waste	-	-	2,208	2,011	2,208	2,011
Water and Sewer	-	-	72,397	71,068	72,397	71,068
TOTAL EXPENSES	287,724	249,342	74,605	73,079	362,329	322,421
Increase in net position before transfers	103,491	107,950	28,850	21,588	132,341	129,538
Transfers	320	1,049	(320)	(1,049)	-	-
Increase in net position	103,811	108,999	28,530	20,539	132,341	129,538
Net position, beginning of year	1,558,048	1,449,049	613,918	593,379	2,171,966	2,042,428
Net position, end of year	\$ 1,661,859	\$ 1,558,048	\$ 642,448	\$ 613,918	\$ 2,304,307	\$ 2,171,966

Source: Statement of Activities

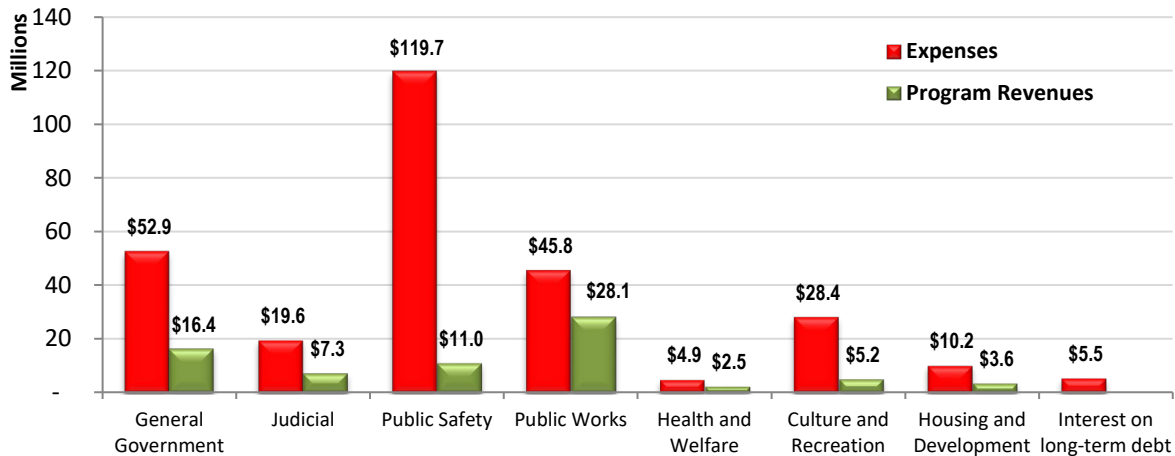
Governmental Activities. Governmental activities increased the County's net position by \$103.8 million thereby accounting for 78.4% of the total growth in net position. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- The County's governmental activities relied on the following revenue sources in 2023: \$45.3 million in charges for services, \$28.7 million for grants and contributions, \$296.6 million in taxes, \$17.9 million in investment earnings and \$1.8 million in other revenue. Total program and general revenue for 2023 is \$391.2 million.
- Total revenues for governmental activities increased by \$33.0 million or 7.3% from fiscal year 2022. Property taxes totaling \$130.9 million is the largest revenue source for the County. Operating grants and contributions decreased by \$0.9 million, while capital grants and contributions increased by \$1.7 million. Sales tax revenues combined with the Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) increased by \$12.5 million. The TAVT was passed by the state legislature to replace the sales tax on new vehicles and the annual property tax on tag renewals.

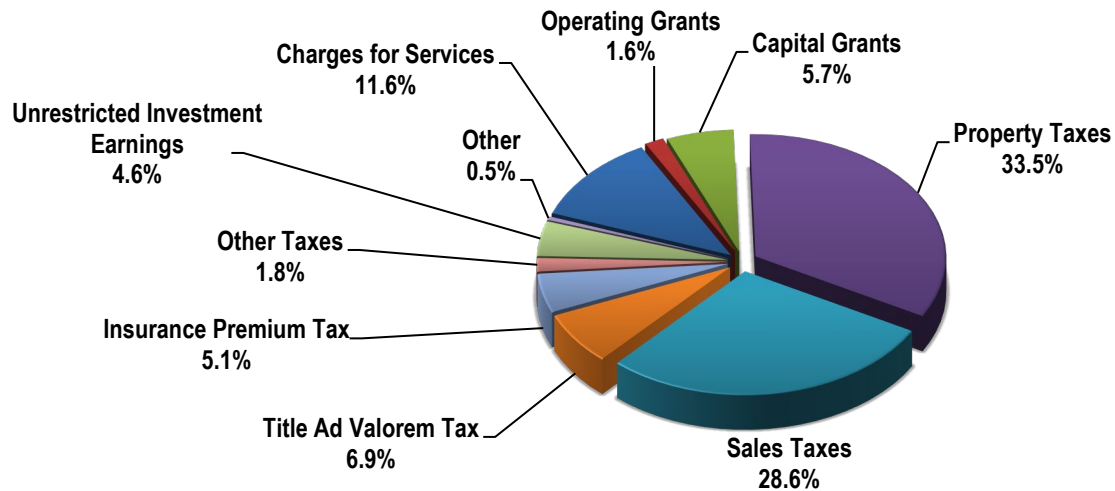
- Expenses related to governmental activities increased by \$37.5 million or 11.6% from 2022. The largest increase was \$20.6 million in Public Safety.

The charts below illustrate expenses vs. program revenues by category and the distribution of revenues for governmental activities.

EXPENDITURES AND PROGRAM REVENUES - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES



REVENUES BY SOURCE - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES



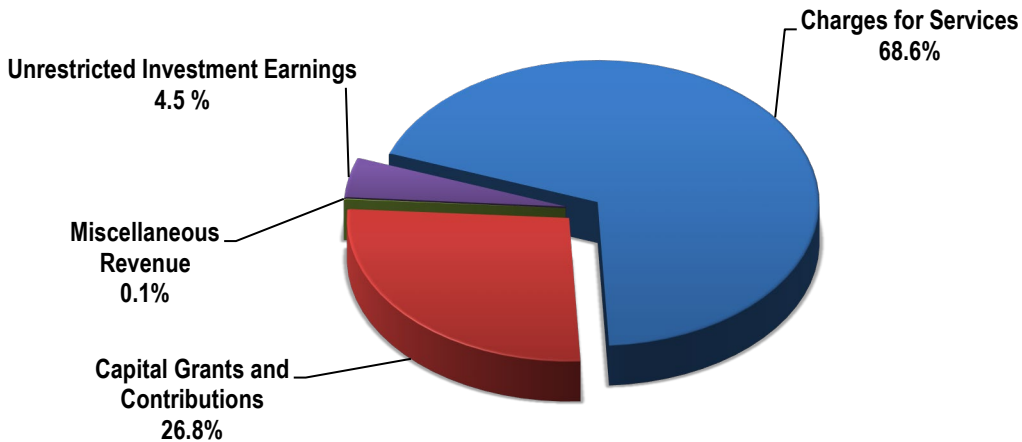
Business-type activities. Business-type activities increased the County's net position by \$28.5 million, accounting for 4.7% of the total growth in net position. A key element of this increase is Water and Sewer Authority capital contributions of \$27.7 million, which includes developers' system contributions.

The charts below illustrate expenses vs. program revenues by category and the distribution of revenues for business-type activities.

EXPENSES AND PROGRAM REVENUES - BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES



REVENUES BY SOURCE - BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

As noted earlier, the County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the County's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources. Such information is useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements. Unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

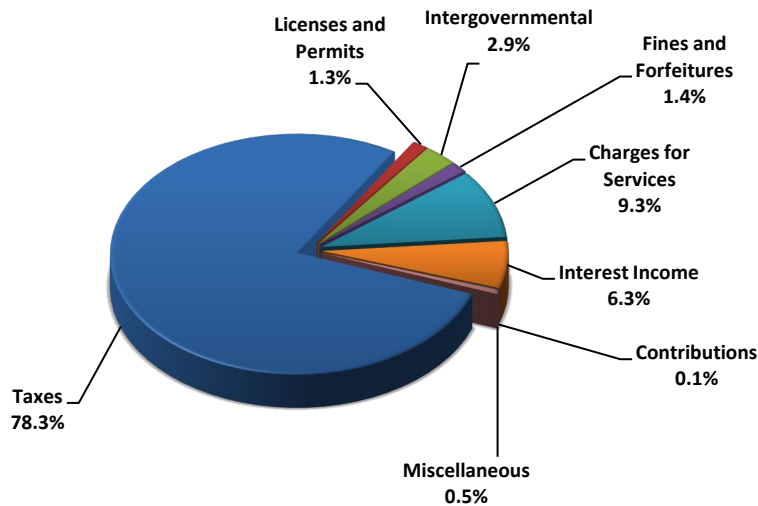
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS CHANGES TO FUND BALANCE (\$ in thousands)				
	2023	2022	Inc/Dec	% Inc/Dec
General Fund	\$ 97,347	\$ 89,955	\$ 7,392	8.22%
Fire District	20,600	20,521	79	0.38%
ARPA	2,952	822	2,130	259.12%
SPLOST	118,416	137,891	(19,475)	-14.12%
Capital Projects	111,668	83,563	28,105	33.63%
Debt Service	11,070	12,332	(1,262)	-10.23%
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	34,783	27,834	6,949	24.97%
Fund Balance	\$ 396,836	\$ 372,918	\$ 23,918	6.41%

Source: Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balances

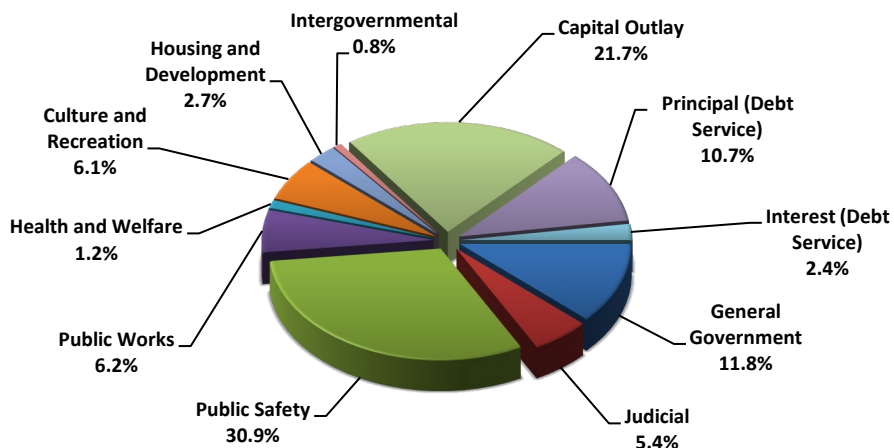
At the end of the current fiscal year, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$396.8 million, an increase of \$23.9 million in comparison with the fund balance for 2022. Approximately 23.7% of this total amount, \$93.9 million, constitutes unassigned which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is nonspendable, restricted and assigned to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has been restricted by state law for specific projects, to liquidate contracts and purchase orders of the prior period, to pay debt service, and for a variety of other purposes.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At the end of the 2023 fiscal year, unassigned fund balance was \$96.0 million, which represents 98.6% of total general fund balance. The fund balance of the general fund increased by \$7.4 million 8.2% during the 2023 fiscal year. This is primarily due to an increase in the sales tax and Title Ad Valorem Tax collections.

REVENUES BY SOURCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS



EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS



The fund balance of the County's fire fund increased by \$79 thousand, or 0.4%, during the 2023 fiscal year. This increase is due to the increase in tax collections from growth in the property tax digest staying ahead of the increase in operating costs.

The fund balance of the County's SPLOST fund decreased by \$19.4 million, or -14.1%, during the current fiscal year. SPLOST collections continue to be strong for County. The road project expenditures reduced the fund balance.

Proprietary funds. The County's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Total operating revenues for the Water and Sewer Authority was \$67.9 million, a 6.8% increase from 2022. The department's water customer count grew by 765, or 1.1%, new connections to a year-end total of 68,332 and sewer customer count increased by 540, or 1.4%, to a year-end total of 38,648. Total operating expenses were \$65.1 million.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Forsyth County's government-wide investment in capital assets before debt on December 31, 2023 is \$2.3 billion. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, roads, bridges, machinery and equipment, park facilities and vehicles. Government-wide net additions in 2023 are \$103.3 million with \$41.4 million in government-type activities and \$61.9 million net increase in business-type activities. Net investment in capital assets is \$1.9 billion with \$1.3 billion for governmental activities and \$582.9 million for business-type activities. This is a 5.2% increase from the previous fiscal year.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA'S CAPITAL ASSETS (net of depreciation) (in the thousands)

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Land and improvements	\$ 550,105	\$ 544,961	\$ 30,525	\$ 30,334	\$ 580,630	\$ 575,295
Infrastructure land improvements	168,797	168,797	-	-	168,797	168,797
Construction in progress	118,607	108,769	75,260	41,373	193,867	150,142
Buildings and improvements	238,175	210,644	54,731	56,243	292,906	266,887
Machinery and equipment	22,956	20,137	5,140	3,886	28,096	24,023
Vehicles	13,931	15,554	2,533	2,232	16,464	17,786
Sewer Capacity Rights	-	-	17,139	11,394	17,139	11,394
Infrastructure	319,956	321,763	643,107	620,945	963,063	942,708
Right-to-use assets	555	1,028	104	208	659	1,236
Total	\$ 1,433,082	\$ 1,391,653	\$ 828,539	\$ 766,615	\$ 2,261,621	\$ 2,158,268

Major capital asset activities in the 2023 fiscal year include the following:

- After breaking ground in 2022, the replacements for fire stations 9 and 15 are projected to be completed in the spring of 2024. These facilities are replacing outdated stations and will allow for both immediate and future growth needs.
- Lanierland Park (6115 Jot Em Down Road) expansion project (Phase 2), completed in 2023. This park includes eight tennis courts, four pickleball courts, four baseball/softball fields, Miracle League baseball/softball field, an all-inclusive playground, hard and soft surface trails, football/lacrosse fieldhouse, and additional parking.
- State route 369 widening and State route 400 interchange road projects were ongoing in 2023. These projects include the widening of two lanes in each direction and construction of an interchange at SR 369 and SR 400 with a new bridge. The bridge was completed and opened in 2023.
- The new 70,000-square-foot home to the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Court's Juvenile Court system became fully operational in 2023. The goal of the project was to incorporate natural elements and lighting to provide a calming effect for juveniles and their families in need of service. The cost for the project was \$19.9 million. The new building is ADA-compliant and efficient in security, overcrowding and access.

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note 6, on pages 48 and 49.

Long-Term Debt. At the end of fiscal year 2023, the County had total bonded debt outstanding in the amount of \$480.2 million. Of this amount \$218.2 million consists of general obligation bonds backed by the full faith and credit of the government and \$260.9 million represents bonds secured by specified revenue sources (i.e., revenue bonds). The County's total debt decreased by \$38.2 million primarily due to the County's servicing outstanding debt.

The County maintained the exceptionally positive credit rating during the fiscal year 2023 with Moody's (Aaa), Standard & Poor's (AAA), and Fitch (AAA).

Additional information on the County's long-term debt can be found in Note 9, pages 51-59.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Differences between the original budget, the final budget and actual results for the County's general fund by category are shown below and on page 69 and 70.

GENERAL FUND				
for the year ended December 31, 2023				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
General Government	\$ 48,939,908	\$ 48,272,760	\$ 41,107,231	\$ 7,165,529
Judicial	18,877,287	19,160,374	18,107,745	1,052,629
Public Safety	65,914,716	67,734,299	66,085,497	1,648,802
Public Works	310,000	510,000	399,914	110,086
Health and Welfare	2,437,227	2,437,228	2,043,951	393,277
Culture and Recreation	21,362,376	21,987,542	21,349,286	638,256
Housing and Development	9,461,549	9,653,613	8,406,792	1,246,821
Debt Service	-	449,500	449,165	335
Total Expenditures	\$ 167,303,063	\$ 170,205,316	\$ 157,949,581	\$ 12,255,735

(1) The adopted General Fund expenditure budget included transfers to other funds (\$18,787,337) which are not shown on this chart.

During the 2023 fiscal year, the County made several budget adjustments to the general fund that are reflected in the final budget. Projected revenues of \$183.8 million in the original budget increased to \$185.6 million at year end. Total revenues ended at \$206.7 million, \$21.1 million above the final budget. The original adopted expenditure budget of \$167.2 million was amended to \$170.1 million.

However, by year end, actual expenditures for the general fund were \$157.9 million, \$12.1 million below the final amended budget and \$13.1 million over the 2022 fiscal year. Significant variances to the final budget and actual are summarized below:

- General Government \$7.2 million under final budget due to significant savings on facilities costs, lower administrative costs than expected, and the remaining balance available in budgeted reserves.
- Public Safety \$1.6 million under final budget due to final costs in the County Sheriff's office ending under budget.
- Judicial \$1.1 million under final budget due to the total juvenile court, probate court, and court clerk's costs.

Forsyth County's general fund 2023 final budget is \$170.2 million, an increase of 9.3% from the 2022 budget.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND THE 2024 BUDGET

Forsyth County's 2024 budget is reflective of the financial position of the County in 2023. During 2023, the County experienced an increase in revenues and amended the revenue and expenditure budgets accordingly.

- Continued global and national economic issues persist. Interest rate increases, global conflicts, home values, supply shortages, and 40-year high inflationary levels are of significant concern.
- Wage costs, worker shortages, and employee retention are concerns in the employment outlook and service delivery strategies for the County.
- The County's total 2023 millage rate for Maintenance and Operations, Fire and Debt Service was maintained at 7.896 mils.
- The 2024 budget process focused on balancing the budget and not increasing the tax rates.
- Forsyth County continues to implement cost-saving measures as all departments and offices throughout the county monitor their budgets and processes for additional efficiencies.

All of these factors were taken into consideration and implemented when preparing the County's budget for fiscal year 2024.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Forsyth County's finances for all those interested. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the County's Finance Department at 110 E. Main St. Suite 255, Cumming, GA 30040.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Health Department	Library System
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 579,216,639	\$ 81,752,707	\$ 660,969,346	\$ 2,727,181	\$ 2,996,470
Investments	24,872,841	-	24,872,841	518,650	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	3,521,419	9,656,613	13,178,032	10,512	43,117
Taxes receivable	11,166,491	-	11,166,491	-	-
Intergovernmental receivables	9,739,590	-	9,739,590	-	283,413
Leases receivable	350,878	633,074	983,952	-	-
Prepaid items	1,075,196	117,421	1,192,617	-	109,054
Inventories	814,844	1,813,072	2,627,916	-	-
Internal balances	(2,705,185)	2,705,185	-	-	-
Other assets	580,236	-	580,236	-	-
Restricted assets:					
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,785,065	21,675,766	23,460,831	-	-
Investments	8,182,190	-	8,182,190	-	-
Note receivable	-	35,089	35,089	-	-
Net pension asset	1,080,479	-	1,080,479	-	-
Capital assets, nondepreciable	837,508,285	122,796,213	960,304,498	-	916,207
Capital assets, depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	595,573,991	705,742,840	1,301,316,831	37,946	3,332,612
Total assets	2,072,762,959	946,927,980	3,019,690,939	3,294,289	7,680,873
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred charges on refunding	4,364,433	438,104	4,802,537	-	-
Pension related items	553,814	-	553,814	1,048,501	4,652,840
OPEB related items	24,353,754	-	24,353,754	214,492	1,079,498
Total deferred outflows of resources	29,272,001	438,104	29,710,105	1,262,993	5,732,338
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	14,149,422	5,052,866	19,202,288	65,689	313,074
Retainage payable	5,827,504	1,138,258	6,965,762	-	4,550
Accrued liabilities	7,079,107	2,417,639	9,496,746	-	104,838
Customer deposits payable	-	5,125,157	5,125,157	-	-
Unearned revenue	44,938,618	29,678,324	74,616,942	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities due within one year					
Compensated absences payable	11,925,238	906,509	12,831,747	118,338	304,194
Lease liabilities	290,106	111,770	401,876	-	-
Note payable	-	38,082	38,082	-	-
Claims payable	3,539,664	-	3,539,664	-	-
Total OPEB liability	1,031,232	-	1,031,232	-	-
Landfill closure and postclosure	-	80,856	80,856	-	-
Bonds payable	27,965,000	8,125,000	36,090,000	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities due in more than one year					
Arbitrage rebate payable	-	761,754	761,754	-	-
Compensated absences payable	2,981,310	226,628	3,207,938	-	39,097
Lease liabilities	312,810	-	312,810	-	-
Note payable	-	16,024,368	16,024,368	-	-
Claims payable	1,384,067	-	1,384,067	-	-
Total OPEB liability	37,783,593	-	37,783,593	-	-
Net OPEB liability	-	-	-	62,317	2,402,710
Net pension liability	-	-	-	2,223,795	9,287,298
Landfill closure and postclosure	-	727,704	727,704	-	-
Certificates of participation	7,777,000	-	7,777,000	-	-
Bonds payable	124,280,648	233,895,822	358,176,470	-	-
Total liabilities	291,265,319	304,310,737	595,576,056	2,470,139	12,455,761
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred revenues - property taxes	147,888,971	-	147,888,971	-	-
Deferred revenues - intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	658,194
Deferred inflows - leases	330,546	606,636	937,182	-	-
Accumulated increase in fair value of hedging derivative	580,236	-	580,236	-	-
Pension related items	-	-	-	20,170	96,651
OPEB related items	110,884	-	110,884	159,560	1,510,151
Total deferred inflows of resources	148,910,637	606,636	149,517,273	179,730	2,264,996
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	1,279,850,854	582,969,944	1,862,820,798	37,946	4,237,956
Restricted for:					
Crime victims' assistance	73,036	-	73,036	-	-
Fire protection services	20,826,547	-	20,826,547	-	-
Law enforcement activities	4,099,089	-	4,099,089	-	-
Law library operations	179,166	-	179,166	-	-
Emergency 911 services	5,286,831	-	5,286,831	-	-
Grant activities	7,252,256	-	7,252,256	-	-
Health and welfare	-	-	-	711,239	-
Debt service	9,034,738	6,433,323	15,468,061	-	-
Capital projects	151,230,954	-	151,230,954	-	787,520
Pension benefits	1,634,293	-	1,634,293	-	-
Unrestricted	182,391,240	53,045,444	235,436,684	1,158,228	(6,333,022)
Total net position	\$ 1,661,859,004	\$ 642,448,711	\$ 2,304,307,715	\$ 1,907,413	\$ (1,307,546)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 52,854,984	\$ 15,787,416	\$ 580,309	\$ -
Judicial	19,583,122	6,464,024	856,948	-
Public safety	119,678,068	10,118,415	861,359	-
Public works	45,793,491	4,068,421	1,684,938	22,381,764
Health and welfare	4,943,467	256,726	2,197,983	-
Culture and recreation	28,354,809	5,102,500	98,840	-
Housing and development	10,160,382	3,525,385	46,906	-
Interest on long-term debt	6,356,421	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>287,724,744</u>	<u>45,322,887</u>	<u>6,327,283</u>	<u>22,381,764</u>
Business-type activities:				
Water and sewer	72,396,751	67,984,127	-	27,741,277
Solid waste	2,208,082	3,014,842	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>74,604,833</u>	<u>70,998,969</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,741,277</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 362,329,577</u>	<u>\$ 116,321,856</u>	<u>\$ 6,327,283</u>	<u>\$ 50,123,041</u>
Component units:				
Health Department	\$ 2,891,664	\$ 1,091,358	\$ 1,599,537	\$ -
Library System	9,698,115	238,180	970,393	621,892
Total component units	<u>\$ 12,589,779</u>	<u>\$ 1,329,538</u>	<u>\$ 2,569,930</u>	<u>\$ 621,892</u>
General revenues:				
Property taxes				
Sales and use taxes				
Title ad valorem tax				
Insurance premium taxes				
Business taxes				
Alcoholic beverage taxes				
Franchise taxes				
Unrestricted investment earnings				
Intergovernmental revenue, not restricted for specific programs				
Grants and contributions, not restricted for specific programs				
Miscellaneous				
Gain on in-substance defeasance of debt				
Transfers				
Total general revenues and transfers				
Change in net position				
Net position, beginning of year				
Net position, end of year				

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Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
Primary Government			Component Units	
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Health Department	Library System
\$ (36,487,259)	\$ -	\$ (36,487,259)	\$ -	\$ -
(12,262,150)	-	(12,262,150)	-	-
(108,698,294)	-	(108,698,294)	-	-
(17,658,368)	-	(17,658,368)	-	-
(2,488,758)	-	(2,488,758)	-	-
(23,153,469)	-	(23,153,469)	-	-
(6,588,091)	-	(6,588,091)	-	-
(6,356,421)	-	(6,356,421)	-	-
(213,692,810)	-	(213,692,810)	-	-
-	23,328,653	23,328,653	-	-
-	806,760	806,760	-	-
-	24,135,413	24,135,413	-	-
\$ (213,692,810)	\$ 24,135,413	\$ (189,557,397)	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (200,769)	\$ -
-	-	-	-	(7,867,650)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (200,769)	\$ (7,867,650)
\$ 130,868,184	\$ -	\$ 130,868,184	\$ -	\$ -
111,703,182	-	111,703,182	-	-
27,041,779	-	27,041,779	-	-
20,030,948	-	20,030,948	-	-
4,107,113	-	4,107,113	-	-
2,750,066	-	2,750,066	-	-
60,208	-	60,208	-	-
17,916,619	4,649,997	22,566,616	-	302
-	65,385	65,385	-	7,794,671
-	-	-	-	97,767
1,819,512	-	1,819,512	-	-
885,233	-	885,233	-	-
320,823	(320,823)	-	-	-
317,503,667	4,394,559	321,898,226	-	7,892,740
103,810,857	28,529,972	132,340,829	(200,769)	25,090
1,558,048,147	613,918,739	2,171,966,886	2,108,182	(1,332,636)
\$ 1,661,859,004	\$ 642,448,711	\$ 2,304,307,715	\$ 1,907,413	\$ (1,307,546)

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS	General	Fire District	ARPA	SPLOST	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 152,976,999	\$ 58,923,538	\$ 47,891,231	\$ 124,883,510	\$ 103,859,682	\$ 33,153,980	\$ 39,572,079	\$ 561,261,019
Investments	24,872,841	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,872,841
Accounts receivable	909,004	-	-	-	14,421	-	1,327,618	2,251,043
Taxes receivable	3,305,442	1,378,547	-	5,676,716	-	704,816	100,970	11,166,491
Intergovernmental receivables	5,481,522	-	-	-	-	-	4,258,068	9,739,590
Leases receivable	350,878	-	-	-	-	-	-	350,878
Due from other funds	3,568,852	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,568,852
Inventories	423,392	343,789	-	-	-	-	-	767,181
Prepaid items	250,422	4,897	-	-	9,048	-	16,778	281,145
Restricted assets:								
Cash	-	-	-	13,806	1,771,259	-	-	1,785,065
Investments	-	-	-	-	8,182,190	-	-	8,182,190
Total assets	<u>\$ 192,139,352</u>	<u>\$ 60,650,771</u>	<u>\$ 47,891,231</u>	<u>\$ 130,574,032</u>	<u>\$ 113,836,600</u>	<u>\$ 33,858,796</u>	<u>\$ 45,275,513</u>	<u>\$ 624,226,295</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES								
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	\$ 2,669,287	\$ 698,858	\$ -	\$ 6,770,465	\$ 1,110,042	\$ -	\$ 1,590,998	\$ 12,839,650
Retainage payable	-	77,408	-	4,549,066	34,797	-	1,166,233	5,827,504
Other accrued liabilities	4,969,501	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,969,501
Unearned revenue	-	-	44,938,618	-	-	-	-	44,938,618
Due to other funds	-	-	-	838,468	1,023,639	204,859	1,501,886	3,568,852
Total liabilities	<u>7,638,788</u>	<u>776,266</u>	<u>44,938,618</u>	<u>12,157,999</u>	<u>2,168,478</u>	<u>204,859</u>	<u>4,259,117</u>	<u>72,144,125</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	568,782	149,629	-	-	-	74,415	-	792,826
Unavailable revenue - intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,233,843	6,233,843
Deferred inflows of lease revenues	330,546	-	-	-	-	-	-	330,546
Deferred revenue - property taxes	86,254,012	39,125,366	-	-	-	22,509,593	-	147,888,971
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>87,153,340</u>	<u>39,274,995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,584,008</u>	<u>6,233,843</u>	<u>155,246,186</u>
FUND BALANCES								
Fund balances:								
Nonspendable:								
Prepaid items	250,422	4,897	-	-	9,048	-	16,778	281,145
Inventories	423,392	343,789	-	-	-	-	-	767,181
Leases	20,332	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,332
Restricted:								
Crime victims' assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,036	73,036
Fire protection services	-	20,250,824	-	-	-	-	-	20,250,824
Law enforcement activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,099,089	4,099,089
Law library operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	179,166	179,166
Emergency 911 services	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,284,103	5,284,103
Grant activities	-	-	2,952,613	-	-	-	-	2,952,613
Capital projects	-	-	-	118,416,033	9,953,449	-	27,292,520	155,662,002
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	11,069,929	-	11,069,929
Assigned:								
Professional services	233,864	-	-	-	-	-	-	233,864
Capital projects	372,981	-	-	-	101,705,625	-	-	102,078,606
Supplies and materials	30,344	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,344
Unassigned (deficit)	<u>96,015,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,162,139)</u>	<u>93,853,750</u>
Total fund balances	<u>97,347,224</u>	<u>20,599,510</u>	<u>2,952,613</u>	<u>118,416,033</u>	<u>111,668,122</u>	<u>11,069,929</u>	<u>34,782,553</u>	<u>396,835,984</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 192,139,352</u>	<u>\$ 60,650,771</u>	<u>\$ 47,891,231</u>	<u>\$ 130,574,032</u>	<u>\$ 113,836,600</u>	<u>\$ 33,858,796</u>	<u>\$ 45,275,513</u>	<u>\$ 624,226,295</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL
FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF
NET POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	396,835,984
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Capital and right-to-use lease assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost	\$ 1,926,572,563	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(493,838,626)	1,432,733,937

Internal service funds are used by the County to charge cost to other funds. The assets and liabilities are included in the governmental activities.		11,317,680
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are reported as unavailable revenues in the governmental funds.

Unavailable revenue - property taxes	\$ 792,826	
Unavailable revenue - intergovernmental	6,233,843	7,026,669

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Bonds payable	\$ (142,425,000)	
Unamortized premiums	(9,820,648)	
Lease liabilities	(551,029)	
Deferred charges on refunding	4,364,433	
Certificates of participation	(7,777,000)	
Accrued interest	(2,109,606)	
Compensated absences	(14,798,754)	(173,117,604)

The net pension asset, deferred inflows of resources, and deferred outflows of resources related to the County's defined benefit pension plan are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Net pension asset	\$ 1,080,479	
Deferred outflows of resources - pension items	553,814	1,634,293

The total OPEB liability is not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Total OPEB liability	\$ (38,814,825)	
Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB items	(110,884)	
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB items	24,353,754	(14,571,955)

Net position - governmental activities	\$	1,661,859,004
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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General	Fire District	ARPA	SPLOST	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Revenues:								
Taxes	\$ 163,729,991	\$ 34,456,078	\$ -	\$ 59,021,901	\$ 60,208	\$ 18,120,610	\$ 21,152,849	\$ 296,541,637
Licenses and permits	5,015,638	-	-	-	-	-	39,720	5,055,358
Intergovernmental	407,635	-	1,566,027	-	-	-	8,926,684	10,900,346
Fines and forfeitures	3,540,471	-	-	-	-	-	1,651,482	5,191,953
Charges for services	24,769,402	-	-	-	-	-	10,306,174	35,075,576
Investment income	7,673,527	1,894,492	2,130,277	6,100,496	4,157,922	802,013	1,258,388	24,017,115
Contributions	26,307	578	-	-	-	-	319,177	346,062
Miscellaneous	1,485,726	42,003	-	-	76,564	-	215,219	1,819,512
Total revenues	<u>206,648,697</u>	<u>36,393,151</u>	<u>3,696,304</u>	<u>65,122,397</u>	<u>4,294,694</u>	<u>18,922,623</u>	<u>43,869,693</u>	<u>378,947,559</u>
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General government	41,107,231	-	-	-	998,239	68,498	171,174	42,345,142
Judicial	18,107,745	-	-	-	-	-	1,343,827	19,451,572
Public safety	66,085,497	36,360,119	-	1,134	251,783	-	7,892,313	110,590,846
Public works	399,914	-	-	5,436,721	83,460	-	16,225,280	22,145,375
Health and welfare	2,043,951	-	-	-	-	-	2,217,458	4,261,409
Culture and recreation	21,349,286	-	-	-	541,518	-	78,725	21,969,529
Housing and development	8,406,792	-	-	-	-	-	1,284,215	9,691,007
Intergovernmental expenditures	-	-	-	2,821,964	-	-	-	2,821,964
Capital outlay	-	-	1,566,027	56,634,895	9,773,349	-	9,465,393	77,439,664
Debt service:								
Principal	376,896	-	-	-	-	38,060,000	-	38,436,896
Interest	72,269	-	-	-	600,953	7,758,943	-	8,432,165
Total expenditures	<u>157,949,581</u>	<u>36,360,119</u>	<u>1,566,027</u>	<u>64,894,714</u>	<u>12,249,302</u>	<u>45,887,441</u>	<u>38,678,385</u>	<u>357,585,569</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	48,699,116	33,032	2,130,277	227,683	(7,954,608)	(26,964,818)	5,191,308	21,361,990
Other financing sources (uses):								
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	45,604	-	-	151,791	-	25,335	222,730
Transfers in	3,283,740	-	-	-	35,908,056	25,702,750	1,839,881	66,734,427
Transfers out	(44,590,611)	-	-	(19,702,750)	-	-	(107,688)	(64,401,049)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(41,306,871)</u>	<u>45,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,702,750)</u>	<u>36,059,847</u>	<u>25,702,750</u>	<u>1,757,528</u>	<u>2,556,108</u>
Net change in fund balances	7,392,245	78,636	2,130,277	(19,475,067)	28,105,239	(1,262,068)	6,948,836	23,918,098
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>89,954,979</u>	<u>20,520,874</u>	<u>822,336</u>	<u>137,891,100</u>	<u>83,562,883</u>	<u>12,331,997</u>	<u>27,833,717</u>	<u>372,917,886</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 97,347,224</u>	<u>\$ 20,599,510</u>	<u>\$ 2,952,613</u>	<u>\$ 118,416,033</u>	<u>\$ 111,668,122</u>	<u>\$ 11,069,929</u>	<u>\$ 34,782,553</u>	<u>\$ 396,835,984</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	23,918,098
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital outlay	\$	79,471,497	
Depreciation expense		(44,873,740)	34,597,757

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to increase net position.

Net book value of capital assets disposed	\$	(596,578)	
Donations of capital assets		7,551,957	6,955,379

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.

Unavailable revenue - property taxes	\$	19,843	
Unavailable revenue - intergovernmental		3,810,186	3,830,029

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Principal repayments on bonds payable	\$	38,060,000	
Principal repayments on lease liabilities		376,896	38,436,896

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Compensated absences	\$	(1,563,289)	
Change in OPEB expense		(6,171,399)	
Change in pension expense		1,300,556	
Amortization		2,337,720	
Accrued interest		623,257	(3,473,155)

Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of insurance plans, workers' compensation insurance, administrative costs, and fleet maintenance costs to individual funds. The net revenue of the internal service funds is reported with governmental activities.

		(454,147)
Change in net position - governmental activities	\$	103,810,857

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Water and Sewerage Authority	Nonmajor Solid Waste Disposal Facility	Total	Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,360,684	\$ 5,392,023	\$ 81,752,707	\$ 17,955,620
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	8,943,897	712,716	9,656,613	1,270,376
Leases receivable	633,074	-	633,074	-
Inventories	1,813,072	-	1,813,072	47,663
Prepaid items	117,421	-	117,421	794,051
Restricted:				
Cash and cash equivalents	21,675,766	-	21,675,766	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
Total current assets	109,543,914	6,104,739	115,648,653	20,067,710
Noncurrent assets:				
Note receivable	35,089	-	35,089	-
Capital assets:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated	122,206,483	589,730	122,796,213	-
Capital assets, being depreciated	940,687,763	1,834,755	942,522,518	1,248,805
Less accumulated depreciation	(235,897,393)	(882,285)	(236,779,678)	(900,466)
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	826,996,853	1,542,200	828,539,053	348,339
Total noncurrent assets	827,031,942	1,542,200	828,574,142	348,339
Total assets	936,575,856	7,646,939	944,222,795	20,416,049
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred charges on refunding	438,104	-	438,104	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	438,104	-	438,104	-
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	5,020,247	32,619	5,052,866	1,309,772
Retainage payable	1,137,582	676	1,138,258	-
Accrued expenses	2,417,639	-	2,417,639	-
Customer deposits payable	5,125,157	-	5,125,157	-
Unearned revenue	29,678,324	-	29,678,324	-
Claims payable, current	-	-	-	3,539,664
Compensated absences, current	850,303	56,206	906,509	86,235
Lease liabilities, current	111,770	-	111,770	51,887
Note payable, current	38,082	-	38,082	-
Landfill postclosure, current	-	80,856	80,856	-
Revenue bonds payable, current	8,125,000	-	8,125,000	-
Total current liabilities	52,504,104	170,357	52,674,461	4,987,558
Long-term liabilities:				
Claims payable	-	-	-	1,384,067
Compensated absences	212,576	14,052	226,628	21,559
Arbitrage liability	761,754	-	761,754	-
Note payable	16,024,368	-	16,024,368	-
Landfill postclosure	-	727,704	727,704	-
Revenue bonds payable	233,895,822	-	233,895,822	-
Total long-term liabilities	250,894,520	741,756	251,636,276	1,405,626
Total liabilities	303,398,624	912,113	304,310,737	6,393,184
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows - leases	606,636	-	606,636	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	606,636	-	606,636	-
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	581,428,420	1,541,524	582,969,944	296,452
Restricted for debt service	6,433,323	-	6,433,323	-
Unrestricted	45,146,957	5,193,302	50,340,259	13,726,413
Total net position	\$ 633,008,700	\$ 6,734,826	639,743,526	\$ 14,022,865
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service fund activities to enterprise funds			2,705,185	
Net position of business-type activities			\$ 642,448,711	

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Water and Sewerage Authority	Nonmajor Solid Waste Disposal Facility	Total	Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charges for services:				
Water sales	\$ 35,835,971	\$ -	\$ 35,835,971	\$ -
Sewer sales	31,474,007	-	31,474,007	-
Other	526,729	-	526,729	41,665,546
Recycling and transfer fees	-	2,990,985	2,990,985	-
Insurance recoveries	-	-	-	826,868
Other operating income	147,420	23,857	171,277	-
Total operating revenues	<u>67,984,127</u>	<u>3,014,842</u>	<u>70,998,969</u>	<u>42,492,414</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Salaries and benefits	12,304,869	1,171,988	13,476,857	1,945,229
Supplies and maintenance	25,493,022	977,033	26,470,055	1,520,038
Claims	-	-	-	31,333,918
Insurance premiums	-	-	-	4,195,115
General and administrative	-	-	-	1,835,260
Depreciation and amortization expense	19,366,748	71,021	19,437,769	133,357
Water purchases	5,117,342	-	5,117,342	-
Sewer flow costs	2,789,262	-	2,789,262	-
Total operating expenses	<u>65,071,243</u>	<u>2,220,042</u>	<u>67,291,285</u>	<u>40,962,917</u>
Operating income	2,912,884	794,800	3,707,684	1,529,497
NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)				
Investment income	381,178	222,143	603,321	137,072
Interest income	4,046,676	-	4,046,676	-
Intergovernmental revenue	65,385	-	65,385	-
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	(290,678)	-	(290,678)	28,465
Interest expense and fiscal charges	(7,159,496)	-	(7,159,496)	-
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(2,956,935)</u>	<u>222,143</u>	<u>(2,734,792)</u>	<u>165,537</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	(44,051)	1,016,943	972,892	1,695,034
Capital contributions	27,741,277	-	27,741,277	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	1,271,185
Transfers out	-	(320,823)	(320,823)	(3,283,740)
Total capital contributions and transfers	<u>27,741,277</u>	<u>(320,823)</u>	<u>27,420,454</u>	<u>(2,012,555)</u>
Change in net position	27,697,226	696,120	28,393,346	(317,521)
NET POSITION, beginning of year	<u>605,311,474</u>	<u>6,038,706</u>		<u>14,340,386</u>
NET POSITION, end of year	<u>\$ 633,008,700</u>	<u>\$ 6,734,826</u>		<u>\$ 14,022,865</u>
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service fund activities to enterprise funds			136,626	
Change in net position of business-type activities			<u>\$ 28,529,972</u>	

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Water and Sewerage Authority	Nonmajor Solid Waste Disposal Facility	Total	Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts from customers	\$ 78,325,323	\$ 2,848,708	\$ 81,174,031	\$ 42,425,418
Payments to suppliers and service providers	(35,891,612)	(1,040,422)	(36,932,034)	(37,654,343)
Payments to employees	(12,205,352)	(1,168,086)	(13,373,438)	(1,705,597)
Net cash provided by operating activities	30,228,359	640,200	30,868,559	3,065,478
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchases of securities	20,000,000	-	20,000,000	-
Principal payments received on leases receivable	34,213	-	34,213	-
Interest received	4,748,070	222,143	4,970,213	137,072
Net cash provided by investing activities	24,782,283	222,143	25,004,426	137,072
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Purchases of capital assets	(60,184,829)	(218,311)	(60,403,140)	(8,930)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	81,036	-	81,036	28,465
Proceeds from notes payable	9,339,509	-	9,339,509	-
Principal payments on leases	(103,616)	-	(103,616)	(48,471)
Principal payments on notes	(40,199)	-	(40,199)	-
Principal payments on bonds	(7,875,000)	-	(7,875,000)	-
Interest and fiscal charges paid	(7,876,851)	-	(7,876,851)	-
Intergovernmental grants received	65,385	-	65,385	-
Capital contributions received	6,877,331	-	6,877,331	-
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(59,717,234)	(218,311)	(59,935,545)	(28,936)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Transfers in	-	-	-	1,271,185
Transfers out	-	(320,823)	(320,823)	(3,283,740)
Net cash used in noncapital financing activities	-	(320,823)	(320,823)	(2,012,555)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(4,706,592)	323,209	(4,383,383)	1,161,059
Cash and cash equivalents:				
Beginning of year	102,743,042	5,068,814	107,811,856	16,794,561
End of year	\$ 98,036,450	\$ 5,392,023	\$ 103,428,473	\$ 17,955,620
Classified as:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,360,684	\$ 5,392,023	\$ 81,752,707	\$ 17,955,620
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	21,675,766	-	21,675,766	-
Total	\$ 98,036,450	\$ 5,392,023	\$ 103,428,473	\$ 17,955,620
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Operating income	\$ 2,912,884	\$ 794,800	\$ 3,707,684	\$ 1,529,497
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	19,366,748	71,021	19,437,769	133,357
(Increase) decrease in accounts and notes receivable	(1,087,958)	(166,134)	(1,254,092)	74,801
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(163,167)	-	(163,167)	59,448
Increase in prepaid items	(57,653)	-	(57,653)	(234,561)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(2,203,507)	(43,444)	(2,246,951)	588,015
Decrease in accrued expenses	(54,008)	-	(54,008)	-
Decrease in customer deposits payable	(13,651)	-	(13,651)	-
Increase in unearned revenue	11,429,154	-	11,429,154	-
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences	99,517	3,902	103,419	(16,300)
Increase in claims payable	-	-	-	931,221
Decrease in landfill postclosure care costs	-	(19,945)	(19,945)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 30,228,359	\$ 640,200	\$ 30,868,559	\$ 3,065,478
NONCASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Capital contributions	\$ 20,863,946	\$ -	\$ 20,863,946	\$ -
Amounts recorded as accruals for capital assets	466,194	-	466,194	-
Total noncash capital and related financing activities	\$ 21,330,140	\$ -	\$ 21,330,140	\$ -
NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Issuance of leases receivable	\$ (649,443)	\$ -	\$ (649,443)	\$ -

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds	Pension Trust Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,365,719	\$ 832,021
Mutual funds	-	22,585,105
Taxes receivable	10,780,727	-
Other receivables	-	10,968
Total assets	46,146,446	23,428,094
LIABILITIES		
Due to others	6,636,168	-
Uncollected taxes	10,780,727	-
Total liabilities	17,416,895	-
NET POSITION		
Restricted:		
Pension benefits	-	23,428,094
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	28,729,551	-
Total net position	\$ 28,729,551	\$ 23,428,094

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**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN
FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Custodial Funds	Pension Trust Fund
ADDITIONS		
Employer contributions	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Investment income	294	3,264,290
Taxes	586,597,397	-
Fines and fees	22,476,160	-
Criminal and civil bonds	31,957,200	-
Total additions	<u>641,031,051</u>	<u>4,264,290</u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefit payments	-	1,483,829
Administrative fees	-	63,905
Taxes and fees paid to other governments	621,469,341	-
Other custodial disbursements	11,069,234	-
Total deductions	<u>632,538,575</u>	<u>1,547,734</u>
Change in fiduciary net position	8,492,476	2,716,556
NET POSITION, beginning of year	<u>20,237,075</u>	<u>20,711,538</u>
NET POSITION, end of year	<u><u>\$ 28,729,551</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,428,094</u></u>

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Forsyth County, Georgia (the “County”) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the County’s accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

Forsyth County operates under a commissioner-manager form of government under which a five-member Board of Commissioners is elected to serve as the legislative body for the County. The commissioners are by geographical districts in which they reside by voters county-wide, then the Board members elect a chairman. The County provides the following services: public safety, judicial, public works, health and welfare, culture and recreation, housing and development, and general administrative services.

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the County and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the County’s reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationship with the County. Blended component units, although legally separate entities are, in substance, part of the government’s operations. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the government.

Blended Component Units

The Forsyth County Water and Sewerage Authority (Authority) is authorized to acquire, construct, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate, and maintain water and sewerage systems and any other related facilities for the County. The Authority is made up of the five members of the Board of Commissioners of Forsyth County, Georgia, and the director of the Water and Sewer Department of the County. Thus, the Authority’s governing body is substantially the same as the governing Board of Forsyth County. The Authority creates a financial burden for the County, as the debt issued by the Authority is secured through intergovernmental rental agreements with the County, and will be repaid with County resources. The Authority is reported as an enterprise fund. No separate financial statements are issued for this component unit.

Discretely Presented Component Units

The Forsyth County Department of Public Health (the “Health Department”) is governed by a seven-member board consisting of the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners and three members as appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. As such, the County appoints a voting majority of the Health Department’s Board. Additionally, the County has the authority to modify and approve the Health Department’s budget and the ability to approve environmental health service fees.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

The Health Department has a June 30th year end and is presented as a governmental type component unit. The Health Department's financial statements can be obtained by writing to the Forsyth County Health Department, P.O. Box 1295, Gainesville, Georgia 30503.

The Forsyth County Public Library (the "Library") serves all citizens of Forsyth County. The Library is governed by a 5-member Board of Trustees appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. The County provides the majority of funding for the Library. The Library is presented as a governmental fund type. The Library's fiscal year end is June 30.

The Library's financial statements can be obtained by writing to the Forsyth County Public Library, 585 Dahlonega Road, Cumming, Georgia 30040.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the *primary government* is reported separately from certain legally separate *component units* for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the proprietary fund and the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. The Water and Sewerage Authority offers sewer reservation agreements, which require outside developers to buy future capacity on the County's system. These funds are reported as unearned revenue until the developer comes to apply for sewer taps or access to the sewer system, at which point the advance payments are then applied to the requested taps and thus recognized as earned revenues.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the County considers property taxes to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period for which they are levied. Other revenues susceptible to accrual are considered available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service principal and interest expenditures on general long-term debt, including lease liabilities, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions, including entering into contracts giving the County the right to use lease assets, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and financing through leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, charges for services, intergovernmental grants, and investment income associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The **Fire District Fund** accounts for the restricted revenues generated from a restricted millage rate levied for the purpose of providing for the operations of the County Fire Department.

The **ARPA Fund** accounts for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund grant monies received.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

The ***Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund*** is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to the County's 1% Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax issues.

The ***Capital Projects Fund*** is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and construction of major capital projects.

The ***Debt Service Fund*** accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds.

The County reports the following major proprietary fund:

The ***Water and Sewerage Authority Fund*** accounts for the activities of the County's water and sewerage system.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

The ***special revenue funds*** account for revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specific purposes.

The ***capital projects funds*** are used to account for the expenditures of proceeds from the Impact Fees and other local sources on projects throughout the County.

The ***Solid Waste Disposal Facility Fund*** is used to account for the revenues and expenses associated with operating the County's landfill.

The ***internal service funds*** account for operations that provide services to other departments or agencies of the government on a cost reimbursement basis. The County uses internal service funds to account for risk management, workers' compensation, health insurance benefits, and fleet maintenance. See the internal service fund divider page for a detailed description of the County's internal service funds.

The ***custodial funds*** are used to account for the collection and disbursement of monies by the County on behalf of other governments and individuals, such as cash bonds, traffic fines, support payments and ad valorem and property taxes.

The ***pension trust fund*** is accounted for in essentially the same manner as the proprietary funds, using the same measurement focus and basis of accounting. The pension trust fund accounts for the assets of the government's employee pension plan.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. However, interfund services provided and used have not been eliminated in this process.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *nonoperating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services provided. Operating expenses for the enterprise fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

D. Deposits and Investments

The County's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

The local government investment pool, "Georgia Fund 1," created by OCGA 36-83-3, is a stable asset value investment pool, which follows Standard & Poor's criteria for AAAf/S1 rated money market funds and is regulated by the Georgia Office of the State Treasurer. The pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. The pool's primary objectives are safety of capital, investment income, liquidity and diversification while maintaining principal (\$1 per share). The asset value is calculated weekly to ensure stability. The pool distributes earnings (net of management fees) on a monthly basis and determines participants' shares sold and redeemed based on \$1 per share. The pool also adjusts the value of its investments to fair value as of year end and the County's investment in the Georgia Fund 1 is reported at fair value. The County considers amounts held in Georgia Fund 1 as cash equivalents for financial statement presentation.

The County's nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts are recorded at cost. The remaining investments are recorded at fair value. Increases or decreases in the fair value during the year are recognized as a component of interest income.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year as well as all other outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due to/from other funds”. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “internal balances”.

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, represent long-term borrowing arrangements with established repayment schedules, and are offset by nonspendable fund balance in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

F. Inventories and Prepaid Items

All inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are accounted for using the consumption method.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, intangible assets, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), and right-to-use lease assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. The County has elected to capitalize all general infrastructure assets regardless of the acquisition date and has used the estimated historical cost to value these assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend useful lives are expensed as incurred.

Capital assets and right to use lease assets of the primary government are depreciated or amortized using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Asset Category</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	20 - 50
Right-to-use lease buildings	20 - 50
Machinery and equipment	5 - 20
Vehicles	3 - 10
Intangible assets	7 - 11
Infrastructure	20 - 50

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Capital Assets (Continued)

The County purchases future sewer capacity rights from other local governments and entities which are recorded as intangible assets. The County uses the rights to enable its sewer system to handle and process the demands of its customers. It should be noted that a significant majority of the County's sewer rights were purchased with indefinite lives, and therefore, are not subject to amortization of the cost. Those rights will be carried on the financial statements at original cost, similar to a nondepreciable asset.

H. Leases

Lessee

The County is a lessee for noncancellable leases of buildings. The County recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$5,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the County initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments:

- The County uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option prices that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Leases (Continued)

Lessor

The County is a lessee for noncancellable leases of equipment, buildings, and parcels of land. The County recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes lease receivables with an initial, individual value of \$5,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the County initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments:

- The County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease receivable are composed of fixed payments and purchase option prices that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflow if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

Deferred inflows of resources related to leases are reported with other deferred inflows of resources and lease receivables are reported with current and noncurrent assets on the statement of net position.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) until then. One item that qualifies for reporting in this category is the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund statements of net position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded debt or the refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, the financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has two types of items under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes and intergovernmental revenues as these amounts are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) in the period in which the amounts become available. The second item is deferred inflows of resources that arise from leases where the County is a lessor. Lease-related amounts are recognized at the inception of leases in which the County is a lessor and are recorded in an amount equal to the corresponding lease receivable, plus certain additional amounts received from the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term that relate to future periods, less any lease incentives paid to, or on behalf of, the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term. The inflow of resources is recognized in a systematic and rational manner over the term of the lease.

The County also has deferred inflows and outflows related to the recording of changes in its net pension liability and total OPEB liability. Certain changes in the net pension and total OPEB liabilities are recognized as pension expense over time instead of all being recognized in the year of occurrence. Experience gains or losses result from periodic studies by the County's actuary which adjust the net pension and total OPEB liabilities for actual experience for certain trend information that was previously assumed, for example the assumed dates of retirement of plan members. These experience gains or losses are recorded as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. Changes in actuarial assumptions which adjust the net pension and total OPEB liabilities are also recorded as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. The difference between projected investment return on pension investments and actual return on those investments is also deferred and amortized against pension expense over a five-year period. Additionally, any contributions made by the County to the pension plan before year end but subsequent to the measurement date of the County's net pension liability are reported as deferred outflows of resources. These contributions will reduce the County's net pension liability in the next fiscal period.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)

The County also reports as deferred inflows of resources items that arise from lease arrangements where the County is a lessor. Lease-related amounts are recognized at inception of leases in which the County is a lessor and are recorded at an amount equal to the corresponding lease receivable, plus certain additional amounts received from the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term that relate to future periods, less any lease incentives paid to, or on behalf of, the lessee at or before the commencement of the lease term. The deferred inflows of resources is recognized as revenue in a systemic and rational manner over the term of the lease.

The governmental funds balance sheet and the government wide statement of net position will report deferred inflows of resources for unearned revenues. The County reports unearned revenues from property taxes which are received or reported as a receivable before the period for which the taxes have been levied. Additionally, the County reports unearned intergovernmental revenues from voluntary exchange transactions for resources received before time requirements are met but after all other eligibility requirements have been met.

J. Compensated Absences

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. All vacation and sick pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements as these amounts will be paid to employees upon termination or retirement. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations or retirements.

K. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are expensed in the year of issuance.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued and any related premiums are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Equity

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as “fund balance”. Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as “net position”.

Fund Balance – Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the assets and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources under the current financial resources management focus of accounting. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Fund balances are reported as restricted when they include amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by the constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Committed – Fund balances are reported as committed when they include amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the County Board of Commissioners by passage of a resolution and the commitment can only be removed by a resolution of the Board.

Assigned – Fund balances are reported as assigned when they include amounts intended to be used by the County for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. The Board of Commissioners has delegated, through resolution, the Finance Director the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

Fund balances are classified as follows (continued):

Unassigned – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual classification for the County's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. The general fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance; any fund of the County reporting a deficit fund balance at year end will report that balance as unassigned.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Equity (Continued)

Flow Assumptions – When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the County's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the County's policy to use fund balance in the following order: (1) Committed, (2) Assigned, and (3) Unassigned.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the County has reported \$637,189 of encumbrances as assignments of fund balance in the General Fund.

Net Position – Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in reporting which utilizes the economic resources measurement focus. Net investment in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used (i.e., the amount that the County has spent) for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted using the same definition as used for restricted fund balance as described in the section above. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

The County applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

M. Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

N. Pensions

The Forsyth County Defined Benefit Pension Plan uses a single fiduciary fund to maintain its financial records. The fiduciary fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. Employer contributions are recognized when legally due. Benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Investments are reported at fair value.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The County follows the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to January 1, the County Manager submits to the Board of Commissioners a proposed operating budget for each department for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments, giving notice thereof at least seven days in advance by publication in the official organ of the County.
3. The budget is then adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a public meeting.
4. Budget amounts can be transferred between line items within any department; however, any revisions of the budget at the department level must be amended by formal action of the Board of Commissioners in a regular meeting.
5. The budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Annual budgets are adopted for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and special revenue funds. Project length budgets are adopted for the capital projects funds.
6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a measurement control device during the year for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and the special revenue funds. An annual operating budget is prepared for the proprietary and internal service funds for planning, control, cost allocation and evaluation purposes. All appropriations lapse at year end.

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Credit risk. State statutes authorize the County to invest in U.S. Government obligations; U.S. Government agency obligations; obligations of the State of Georgia; obligations of other counties; municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the State of Georgia which are rated "AA" or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.; negotiable certificates of deposit issued by any bank or trust company organized under the laws of any state of the United States of America or any national banking association; repurchase agreements when collateralized by the U.S. Government or agency obligations; and pooled investment programs sponsored by the State of Georgia for the investment of local government funds.

Operating funds of the County are currently invested in the Georgia Fund 1; U.S. Treasury notes; certificates of deposit; or maintained in demand deposit, savings, and public funds money market accounts with financial institutions.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Custodial credit risk. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be covered by depository insurance or pledged securities. Amounts that exceed standard depository insurance limits are required to be collateralized either (1) individually by the financial institutions through pledged obligations of the U.S. Government, obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, obligations of the State of Georgia or other states, or obligations of counties, municipalities, or public authorities of the State of Georgia, or (2) participation in the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program. As of December 31, 2023, the County had deposits with three (3) financial institutions collateralized by the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program, which is administered by the Office of State Treasurer, and requires participating banks holding deposits of public funds to pledge collateral at varying rates depending on the tier assigned by the State. Additionally, the County had deposits with two (2) financial institution collateralized by pledged securities, as defined above, such that all of the County's deposits with financial institutions as of December 31, 2023 were insured and/or collateralized as required by State statutes.

Interest rate risk. The County does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

At December 31, 2023, information on the credit risk and interest rate risk related to the County's investments is disclosed as follows:

Investment	Weighted Average Maturity	Credit Rating	Balance
Georgia Fund 1	43 days	AAAf	\$ 177,310,221
Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity	45 days	AAAm	1,808,458
Fidelity Institutional Government MM	26 days	AAAm	20,482,567
Fidelity Institutional Treasury MM	30 days	AAAm	1,130,576
Guaranteed Investment Contract	4.42 years	(b)	16,633,308
Federal Home Loan Bank	68 days	AA	8,239,533
United States Treasury Note	91 days	AA	8,182,190
			<u>\$ 233,786,853</u>

(b) This is a guaranteed contract with the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and is not rated.

The County reports its holdings in the Fidelity Institutional, Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity money market funds, and the Georgia Fund 1, as cash equivalents for financial reporting purposes.

Fair Value Measurements. The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The County reports its holdings in the Fidelity Institutional, Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity money market funds, and the Georgia Fund 1, as cash equivalents for financial reporting purposes.

Fair Value Measurements. The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for the identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The County has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2023:

Investment	Level 1	Level 2	Fair Value
Money Market Mutual Funds	\$ 23,421,601	\$ -	\$ 23,421,601
U.S. Government Bonds	8,239,533	16,633,308	24,872,841
Total investments measured at fair value	<u>\$ 31,661,134</u>	<u>\$ 16,633,308</u>	<u>48,294,442</u>
Investments not subject to level disclosure:			
Georgia Fund 1			<u>177,310,221</u>
Investments carried at cost:			
Guaranteed Investment Contract			<u>8,182,190</u>
Total Investments			<u>\$ 233,786,853</u>
Fair market hedging derivative:			
Interest rate swap agreement	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 580,236</u>	<u>\$ 580,236</u>

The money market mutual funds and U.S. Government bonds classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those investments.

The U.S. Government bonds classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using quoted prices, interest rates, and yield curves for similar assets in active markets.

The interest rate swap agreement is classified as an 'other asset' as more fully described in Note 9. The fair value of the interest rate swap agreement classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy is valued using an option-adjusted discounted cash flow model.

The Georgia Fund 1 is an investment pool which does not meet the criteria of GASB Statement No. 79 and is thus valued at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31. There are no limitations or restrictions on participant withdrawals. As a result, the County does not disclose the investment in Georgia Fund 1 within the fair value hierarchy.

The County's Guaranteed Investment Contract as well as its certificates of deposit are nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts and, accordingly, are recorded at cost.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Pension Plan

The Plan's policy in regard to investments, including the allocation of invested assets, is established and may be amended by the Board of Commissioners by a majority vote of its members. The Plan is authorized to invest in obligations of the United States Treasury or its agencies and instrumentalities, collateralized mortgage obligations, asset and mortgage backed securities, taxable bonds that are obligations of any state and its agencies, instrumentalities, and political subdivisions, and in certificates of deposit of national or state banks that are fully insured or collateralized by United States obligations. Additionally, the Plan is authorized to invest in common stocks, money market instruments, and corporate bonds and debentures, which are not in default as to principal and interest.

The Plan investment policy adopts the following asset allocation mix to achieve the lowest level of risk for the Plan: Equity Securities between 55% and 65% at market value, Fixed Income investments between 32% and 42%, and cash equivalents up to 5% of total asset mix.

At December 31, 2023, the Plan had \$22,585,105 invested in the following types of investments:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Average Maturity</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Collective funds	9.06 years	(a)	\$ 19,829,261
Mutual funds invested in equities	10.44 years	n/a	596,123
Mutual funds invested in fixed income	7.97 years	n/a	2,159,721
			<u>\$ 22,585,105</u>

(a) These are collective funds at a financial institution and are not rated.

Credit Risk. It is the Plan's policy to limit investments to either mutual fund equities or fixed income bonds. Domestic bonds are limited to those with ratings that meet or exceed investment grade as defined by Moody's, S&P, or Fitch. U.S. Government Treasuries and Agency bonds are not classified by credit quality. Mutual funds invested in equities are also not classified by credit quality.

Concentration. On December 31, 2023, the Plan did not have debt or equity investments in any one organization, other than those issued by the U.S. Government, which represented greater than 5% of plan fiduciary net position.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurements. The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for the identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The County's pension plan has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2023:

Investment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Mutual Funds	\$ 2,755,844	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,755,844
Collective Funds	-	16,181,865	3,647,396	19,829,261
Total investments measured at fair value	<u>\$ 2,755,844</u>	<u>\$ 16,181,865</u>	<u>\$ 3,647,396</u>	<u>\$ 22,585,105</u>

The mutual funds classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices in active markets for those securities. The collective funds classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using inputs other than quoted prices that are observable. The collective funds classified in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using significant unobservable inputs, which are reflective of orderly transactions between market participants at the measurement date.

Rate of return. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 14.50 percent. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Plan may not be able to recover its deposits. As of December 31, 2023, the Plan did not have any deposits with financial institutions which were uninsured or under collateralized, as defined by State statutes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2023, for the County's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate are as follows:

	General Fund	Fire District Fund	SPLOST Fund	Capital Projects Fund
Receivables:				
Taxes	\$ 3,305,442	\$ 1,378,547	\$ 5,676,716	\$ -
Other governments	5,481,522	-	-	-
Accounts	909,004	-	-	14,421
Leases	350,878	-	-	-
Gross receivables	10,046,846	1,378,547	5,676,716	14,421
Less allowance for uncollectibles	-	-	-	-
Net receivables	<u>\$ 10,046,846</u>	<u>\$ 1,378,547</u>	<u>\$ 5,676,716</u>	<u>\$ 14,421</u>
	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Water & Sewerage Authority	Nonmajor Proprietary Fund
Receivables:				
Taxes	\$ 704,816	\$ 100,970	\$ -	\$ -
Other governments	-	4,258,068	-	-
Accounts	-	1,327,618	9,219,321	712,716
Leases	-	-	633,074	-
Gross receivables	704,816	5,686,656	9,852,395	712,716
Less allowance for uncollectibles	-	-	(275,424)	-
Net receivables	<u>\$ 704,816</u>	<u>\$ 5,686,656</u>	<u>\$ 9,576,971</u>	<u>\$ 712,716</u>

Property taxes for the 2023 fiscal year were levied on July 27, 2022, with property values assessed as of January 1, 2022. Bills are payable on or before November 15, 2022 after which the applicable property is subject to lien and penalties and interest as assessed. Property taxes attached as an enforceable lien on property as of November 16, 2022. Property taxes levied during 2023 are for fiscal year 2023. Amounts recorded as a receivable and amounts collected as of December 31, 2023 related to these taxes are recorded as deferred inflows of resources – deferred revenue in both the fund-level and government-wide financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5. LEASES RECEIVABLE

Governmental Activities: The County has leased real property to a third party for placement of a communications tower. The County receives variable monthly payments ranging from \$3,080 to \$3,388, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 8.00% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized \$27,992 in lease revenue and \$17,302 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in October of 2030. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of \$188,946 as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the County's receivable for lease payments was \$205,499.

The County has leased real property to a third party for placement of a communications tower. The County receives annual payments ranging from \$20,988 to \$24,136, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 8.75% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized \$17,242 in lease revenue and \$10,233 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in January of 2029. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of \$103,448 as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the County's receivable for lease payments was \$106,189.

The County has leased a recreational facility tower to a third party. The County receives quarterly payments of \$20,000, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 5.50% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized \$76,304 in lease revenue and \$4,759 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in May of 2024. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of \$38,152 as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the County's receivable for lease payments was \$39,190.

Business-Type Activities: The County has granted rights to place a communications antenna on a water tower to a third party. The County receives monthly payments of \$1,519, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 4.00% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized \$26,328 in lease revenue and \$6,022 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in December of 2028. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of \$129,447 as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the County's receivable for lease payments was \$138,278.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5. LEASES RECEIVABLE (CONTINUED)

Business-Type Activities (Continued): The County has granted rights to place a communications antenna on a water tower to a third party. The County receives variable monthly payments ranging from \$2,434 to \$4,742, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 4.00% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized \$29,365 in lease revenue and \$18,333 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in April of 2040. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of \$477,189 as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the County's receivable for lease payments was \$494,796.

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land and improvements	\$ 544,960,639	\$ 4,041,755	\$ -	\$ 1,102,586	\$ 550,104,980
Infrastructure land improvements	168,796,788	-	-	-	168,796,788
Construction in progress	108,768,676	58,253,056	(373,171)	(48,042,044)	118,606,517
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	822,526,103	62,294,811	(373,171)	(46,939,458)	837,508,285
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	292,984,972	1,277,378	(102,342)	35,541,717	329,701,725
Machinery and equipment	63,422,122	2,817,912	(726,969)	5,142,072	70,655,137
Vehicles	47,593,267	2,967,999	(993,118)	369,389	49,937,537
Infrastructure	615,029,508	17,674,284	-	5,886,280	638,590,072
Total capital assets, being depreciated	1,019,029,869	24,737,573	(1,822,429)	46,939,458	1,088,884,471
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and improvements	(82,340,380)	(9,198,936)	12,986	-	(91,526,330)
Machinery and equipment	(43,285,405)	(5,014,885)	601,598	-	(47,698,692)
Vehicles	(32,039,098)	(4,952,525)	984,438	-	(36,007,185)
Infrastructure	(293,265,963)	(25,367,741)	-	-	(318,633,704)
Total accumulated depreciation	(450,930,846)	(44,534,087)	1,599,022	-	(493,865,911)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	568,099,023	\$ (19,796,514)	\$ (223,407)	\$ 46,939,458	595,018,560
Governmental activities capital assets, net excluding lease assets	\$ 1,390,625,126	\$ 42,498,297	\$ (596,578)	\$ -	1,432,526,845
Lease assets (Note 7)					555,431
Total capital assets, net as reported in the statement of net position					\$ 1,433,082,276

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NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Primary Government (Continued)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Business-type Activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 30,333,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,333,850
Sewer capacity rights	11,393,562	5,762,400	-	46,729	17,202,691
Construction in progress	41,373,382	52,895,936	(19,740)	(18,989,906)	75,259,672
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	83,100,794	58,658,336	(19,740)	(18,943,177)	122,796,213
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Land improvements	411,557	-	-	-	411,557
Buildings and improvements	67,332,685	-	-	81,000	67,413,685
Machinery and equipment	9,699,150	1,079,257	(331,161)	809,729	11,256,975
Vehicles	5,007,768	848,061	(207,060)	-	5,648,769
Sewer capacity rights	14,609,550	-	-	-	14,609,550
Infrastructure	818,787,752	21,147,626	(508,000)	18,052,448	857,479,826
Total capital assets, being depreciated	915,848,462	23,074,944	(1,046,221)	18,943,177	956,820,362
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Land improvements	(215,448)	(5,386)	-	-	(220,834)
Buildings and improvements	(11,286,126)	(1,396,504)	-	-	(12,682,630)
Machinery and equipment	(5,812,627)	(684,940)	317,040	-	(6,180,527)
Vehicles	(2,775,507)	(541,516)	201,645	-	(3,115,378)
Sewer capacity rights	(14,609,550)	-	-	-	(14,609,550)
Infrastructure	(197,842,544)	(16,705,522)	175,562	-	(214,372,504)
Total accumulated depreciation	(232,541,802)	(19,333,868)	694,247	-	(251,181,423)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	683,306,660	3,741,076	(351,974)	18,943,177	705,638,939
Business-type activities capital assets, net excluding lease assets	\$ 766,407,454	\$ 62,399,412	\$ (371,714)	-	828,435,152
Lease assets (Note 7)					103,901
Business-type activities capital assets, net					\$ 828,539,053

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 3,348,942
Judicial	270,766
Public safety	8,849,118
Public works	24,146,895
Health and welfare	681,438
Culture and recreation	6,760,032
Housing and development	476,896
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 44,534,087
Business-type activities:	
Water and Sewerage Authority	\$ 19,262,847
Solid Waste Disposal Facility	71,021
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	\$ 19,333,868

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NOTE 7. LEASE ASSETS

A summary of lease asset activity for the County for the year ended December 31, 2023, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Lease assets:				
Buildings	\$ 1,428,612	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,428,612
Total	<u>1,428,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,428,612</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Buildings	(400,171)	(473,010)	-	(873,181)
Total	<u>(400,171)</u>	<u>(473,010)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(873,181)</u>
Total governmental lease assets, net	<u>\$ 1,028,441</u>	<u>\$ (473,010)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 555,431</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Lease assets:				
Buildings	\$ 311,703	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 311,703
Total	<u>311,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311,703</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Buildings	(103,901)	(103,901)	-	(207,802)
Total	<u>(103,901)</u>	<u>(103,901)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(207,802)</u>
Total business-type lease assets, net	<u>\$ 207,802</u>	<u>\$ (103,901)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 103,901</u>

Amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	<u>\$ 473,010</u>
Business-type activities:	
Water and Sewerage Authority	<u>\$ 103,901</u>

NOTE 8. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances (due to/from other funds) as of December 31, 2023, was as follows:

Due to	Due From	Amount
General Fund	SPLOST Fund	\$ 838,468
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	1,023,639
General Fund	Debt Service Fund	204,859
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	1,501,886
		<u>\$ 3,568,852</u>

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, and (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system.

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NOTE 8. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2023 were as follows:

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 1,661,370
General Fund	Debt Service Fund	6,000,000
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	35,658,056
General Fund	Internal service funds	1,271,185
		<u>\$ 44,590,611</u>
Internal service funds	General Fund	<u>\$ 3,283,740</u>
SPLOST Fund	Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 19,702,750</u>
Nonmajor enterprise fund	Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
Nonmajor enterprise fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>\$ 70,823</u>
Nonmajor governmental funds	Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>\$ 107,688</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that the statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) to move funds for the purchase of capital assets into the funds where all of the project costs are being tracked, and (3) to move the County's portion of grant funding to the Grant Fund.

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Bonds payable	\$ 180,485,000	\$ -	\$ (38,060,000)	\$ 142,425,000	\$ 27,965,000
Plus: Premiums	12,964,342	-	(3,143,694)	9,820,648	-
Total bonds payable	<u>193,449,342</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(41,203,694)</u>	<u>152,245,648</u>	<u>27,965,000</u>
Lease liabilities	1,028,283	-	(425,367)	602,916	290,106
Certificates of participation	7,777,000	-	-	7,777,000	-
Total OPEB liability	36,116,396	3,932,708	(1,234,279)	38,814,825	1,031,232
Net pension liability (asset)	1,566,291	1,644,178	(4,290,948)	(1,080,479)	-
Compensated absences	13,359,559	13,600,883	(12,053,894)	14,906,548	11,925,238
Claims payable	3,992,510	31,339,942	(30,408,721)	4,923,731	3,539,664
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 257,289,381</u>	<u>\$ 50,517,711</u>	<u>\$ (89,616,903)</u>	<u>\$ 218,190,189</u>	<u>\$ 44,751,240</u>
Business-type Activities:					
Bonds payable	\$ 238,350,000	\$ -	\$ (7,875,000)	\$ 230,475,000	\$ 8,125,000
Plus: Premiums	12,763,226	-	(1,217,404)	11,545,822	-
Total bonds payable	<u>251,113,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,092,404)</u>	<u>242,020,822</u>	<u>8,125,000</u>
Lease liabilities	215,386	-	(103,616)	111,770	111,770
Note payable from direct borrowings	6,763,140	9,339,509	(40,199)	16,062,450	38,082
Landfill postclosure costs	828,505	-	(19,945)	808,560	80,856
Arbitrage rebate liability	-	761,754	-	761,754	-
Compensated absences	1,029,718	1,147,322	(1,043,903)	1,133,137	906,509
Business-type activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 259,949,975</u>	<u>\$ 11,248,585</u>	<u>\$ (10,300,067)</u>	<u>\$ 260,898,493</u>	<u>\$ 9,262,217</u>

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NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

For governmental activities, compensated absences and claims and judgments are being liquidated primarily by the General Fund. The total OPEB liability and net pension liability are primarily liquidated by the General Fund and the Fire District Fund. For business-type activities, compensated absences are liquidated by the Water and Sewerage Authority and the Solid Waste Disposal Fund.

Governmental Activities

General Obligation Bonds. During 2008, the County issued \$83,000,000 of Series 2008A general obligation bonds. The 2008A Bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating, and equipping parks and recreational areas, programs, and facilities in the County. They bear interest rates from 2.5%-5.0% and are payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year. During 2015, the County issued \$60,315,000 of Series 2015B general obligation bonds for the purpose of refunding \$64,065,000 of the Series 2008A bonds maturing March 1, 2020 through March 1, 2028. The Series 2015B Bonds bear interest at rates from 3.0% to 5.0% and are payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, maturing on March 1, 2028. As of December 31, 2023, the outstanding principal balance of the Series 2015B general obligation bonds is \$28,045,000.

As part of the refunding mentioned above, the County defeased certain outstanding general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of the new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the County's financial statements. As of December 31, 2023, the outstanding amount of Series 2008A general obligation bonds considered legally defeased is \$59,715,000.

During 2013, the County issued \$14,130,000 of Series 2013 general obligation bonds. The 2013 bonds were issued to finance costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating, and equipping parks and recreational areas, programs, and facilities in the County. As of December 31, 2023, bonds were fully repaid.

During 2015, the County issued \$83,765,000 of Series 2015A general obligation bonds. The 2015A bonds were issued to finance the costs of constructing and installing various transportation improvement projects throughout the County. The bonds, which bear interest at rates from 3.0% to 5.0%, mature March 1, 2035. As of December 31, 2023, the outstanding principal balance is \$3,690,000.

In December 2017, the County issued \$76,830,000 of Series 2017 general obligation refunding bonds at a premium of \$7,316,538. The purpose of the refunding was to partially refund \$7,415,000 of the Series 2013 general obligation bonds and \$63,395,000 of the 2015A general obligation bonds. The Series 2017 bonds bear interest at rates from 3.12% to 5.0% and are payable annually on March 1 until maturity on March 1, 2035. The refunding transaction undertaken by the County resulted in aggregate debt service savings of \$5,076,705 and an economic gain (net present value of the aggregate debt service savings) of \$4,067,632. The current outstanding amount of debt considered legally defeased equals \$7,415,000 for the Series 2013 general obligation bonds and \$63,395,000 for the Series 2015A general obligation bonds as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the outstanding principal balance is \$74,055,000.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

General Obligation Bonds (Continued).

In September 2019, the County issued \$85,300,000 of Series 2019 general obligation sales tax bonds at a premium of \$13,914,447. The 2019 general obligation bonds were issued to finance capital outlay projects that were approved under a prior referendum. The bonds, which bear an interest rate of 5.00%, mature in September 2025. As of December 31, 2023, the outstanding principal balance is \$36,635,000.

During 2023, the County partially defeased the Series 2015B general obligation bonds by placing existing cash of \$11,450,000 with an escrow agent to make future debt service payments. At December 31, 2023, the portion of the Series 2015B general obligation bonds considered defeased amounts to \$11,450,000.

The County's debt service requirements to maturity on the general obligation bonds are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 27,965,000	\$ 6,056,444	\$ 34,021,444
2025	29,510,000	4,641,944	34,151,944
2026	11,300,000	3,152,569	14,452,569
2027	11,885,000	2,572,944	14,457,944
2028	12,490,000	1,963,569	14,453,569
2029-2033	34,035,000	5,203,084	39,238,084
2034-2035	15,240,000	499,363	15,739,363
Total	<u>\$ 142,425,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,089,917</u>	<u>\$ 166,514,917</u>

Lease Liabilities: During the fiscal year, the County had active noncancelable lease agreements as lessee. A description of those agreements and the related balances are as follows:

The County has entered into agreements with a third party to lease office and building space for various departmental use, terminating at various dates through December of 2028. As the leases do not reflect stated interest rates, the County utilized its incremental borrowing rate for similar assets as calculated at the inception of each lease agreement, ranging from 2.7% to 4.3%. Monthly payments range from \$2,626 to \$7,538 over the various terms of the individual leases. The outstanding balance of the County's lease liabilities for governmental activities as of December 31, 2023 was \$602,916.

The County's total debt service requirements for lease liabilities to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 290,106	\$ 19,193	\$ 309,299
2025	134,853	10,527	145,380
2026	83,861	5,963	89,824
2027	45,202	3,494	48,696
2028	48,894	1,267	50,161
	<u>\$ 602,916</u>	<u>\$ 40,444</u>	<u>\$ 643,360</u>

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NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Certificates of Participation. In June 1998, the County entered into a lease pool agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association (the "Association"). The funding of the lease pool was provided by the issuance of \$150,126,000 Certificates of Participation by the Association. The Association passed the net proceeds through to the participating municipalities with the County's participation totaling \$7,777,000. The lease pool agreement with the Association provides that the County owns their portion of the assets invested by the pool and is responsible for the payment of their portion of the principal and interest of the Certificates of Participation. The principal of \$7,777,000 is due in a lump sum payment on June 1, 2028. Interest is payable at a rate of 4.75% each year. The County draws from the investment to lease equipment from the Association. The lease pool agreement requires the County to make lease payments back into its investment account to fund the principal and interest requirements of the 1998 GMA Certificates of Participation.

As part of the issuance of the certificates of participation, the County entered into an interest rate swap agreement. Under the Swap Agreement, the County is required to pay (1) a semiannual (monthly beginning July 1, 2003) floating rate of interest based on the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Municipal Swap Index (plus 31 basis points spread) to, or on behalf of, the Swap Counterparty (the "Swap Payment"); and the Swap Counterparty will pay to, or on behalf of, the County a semiannual payment based on a rate equal to the fixed rate on the certificates of participation (4.75%) times a notional amount specified in the Swap Agreement, but generally equal to the outstanding unpaid principal portion of such Contract, less the amount originally deposited in the Reserve Fund relating to the Contract, and (2) a one-time Swap Premium to be paid on the effective date of the Swap Agreement. The semiannual payments from the Swap Counterparty with respect to the County are structured, and expected, to be sufficient to make all interest payments due under the Contract, and related distributions of interest on the Certificates.

Monthly interest payments between the County, the holders of the Certificates of Participation, and the Swap Counterparty can be made in net settlement form as part of this agreement. Under the Swap Agreement, the County's obligation to pay floating payments to the Swap Counterparty in any calendar year may not exceed an amount equal to the SIFMA Municipal Swap Index plus 5% to be determined on the first business day of December in the preceding year. This agreement matures on June 1, 2028, at the same time of the certificates of participation. This derivative qualifies as a fair market hedge. In the unlikely event that the Swap Counterparty becomes insolvent or fails to make payments as specified in the Swap Agreement, the County would be exposed to credit risk in the amount of the Swap's fair value. To minimize this risk, the County executed this agreement with counterparties of appropriate credit strength, with the counterparty being rated Aa3 by Moody's.

At December 31, 2023, the floating rate being paid by the County is 3.87% and the fair value of this agreement is \$580,236, an increase of \$55,439 from the prior year. The fair value of the hedge was determined using settlement prices at the end of the day on December 31, 2023 based on the derivative contract. This market value is reported as an asset in the statement of net position. As this derivative is an effective hedge, qualifying for hedge accounting, the inflow from the hedge (any change in fair value from inception until fiscal year end) is deferred and reported as a deferred inflow of resources in the Statement of Net Position.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Certificates of Participation (Continued). The County's total certificates of participation debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ -	\$ 369,408	\$ 369,408
2025	-	369,408	369,408
2026	-	369,408	369,408
2027	-	369,408	369,408
2028	7,777,000	554,112	8,331,112
Total	<u>\$ 7,777,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,031,744</u>	<u>\$ 9,808,744</u>

Business-Type Activities

Revenue Bonds. Series 2022 Water and Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds – In April 2022, the County Water and Sewerage Authority issued Series 2022A Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds (the "Series 2022A Bonds") in the principal amount of \$9,565,000 and Series 2022B Taxable Refunding Bonds (the "Series 2022B Bonds") in the principal amount of \$84,515,000. The Series 2022A Bonds were issued for the purpose of currently refunding the Water and Sewerage Authority's Series 2011 Refunding Revenue Bonds, refunding a note payable to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, and for paying the issuance costs of the Series 2022A Bonds. The Series 2022A Bonds mature on April 1, 2034. As of December 31, 2023, the amount currently outstanding is \$6,610,000.

The Series 2022B Bonds were issued for the purpose of advance refunding the Authority's Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2012, Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2013, and Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2015 Refunding Revenue Bonds, as well as paying the issuance costs of the Series 2022B Bonds. The Series 2022B Bonds mature on April 1, 2044. The Authority defeased \$78,035,000 of the Series 2012, Series 2013, and Series 2015 bonds by placing the proceeds of the refunding issuance in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. The advance refunding resulted in a decrease of total debt service payments of approximately \$7,478,000 for an economic gain of approximately \$5,695,000. As of December 31, 2023, the amount currently outstanding is \$83,575,000.

Series 2019 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds – In November 2019, the County Water and Sewerage Authority issued \$137,550,000 in revenue bonds to refund the remaining \$30,465,000 of the 2011 Variable Rate Bonds and to finance new projects. The refunding resulted in debt service savings of \$513,505 over the life of the new bonds, and a net, economic gain of approximately \$279,074. The Authority and the County have entered into a Lease Contract. The County's obligations under the Lease are absolute and unconditional and are secured by a pledge of the net revenues of the System and by a pledge of the County's full faith and credit. In the event revenues from the system are not available, the County has agreed to levy a tax on all taxable property located within the territorial limits of the Special Tax District, at such rates, without limitation, as may be necessary to make the Lease Payments. The bonds, which bear interest at rates from 3.0% to 5.00%, mature April 1, 2049. As of December 31, 2023, the amount currently outstanding is \$137,550,000.

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NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Revenue Bonds (Continued). Series 2015 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds – In March 2015, the County Water and Sewerage Authority issued \$75,665,000 in revenue bonds to refund \$935,000 of the Series 2005A Bonds, \$23,735,000 of the Series 2007 Bonds, and to finance expansion of the County's water and sewerage system. The County has determined the refunding will reduce the Authority's debt service payments by \$4,083,177 on an aggregate basis and a net present savings of \$3,073,758. The Authority and the County have entered into a Lease Contract. The County's obligations under the Lease are absolute and unconditional and are secured by a pledge of the net revenues of the System and by a pledge of the County's full faith and credit. In the event revenues from the system are not available, the County has agreed to levy a tax on all taxable property located within the territorial limits of the Special Tax District, at such rates, without limitation, as may be necessary to make the Lease Payments. The bonds, which bear interest at rates from 3.0% to 5.0%, mature April 1, 2044. The bonds were partially refunded during 2022 with proceeds of the Water and Sewerage Authority Tax-Exempt Series 2022B Refunding Revenue Bonds. As of December 31, 2023, the current outstanding amount of debt considered legally defeased for the 2015 Bonds equals \$62,725,000. As of December 31, 2023, the amount currently outstanding for the 2015 Bonds is \$2,595,000.

Series 2013 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds – In April 2013, the County Water and Sewerage Authority issued \$27,435,000 in revenue bonds to refund \$13,070,000 of the Series 2005A and \$15,690,000 of the Series 2007 Bonds. The County has determined the refunding will reduce the Authority's debt service payments by \$2,309,622 on an aggregate basis and a net present savings of \$1,988,223. The Authority and the County have entered into a Lease Contract. The County's obligations under the Lease are absolute and unconditional and are secured by a pledge of the net revenues of the System and by a pledge of the County's full faith and credit. In the event revenues from the system are not available, the County has agreed to levy a tax on all taxable property located within the territorial limits of the Special Tax District, at such rates, without limitation, as may be necessary to make the Lease Payments. The bonds, which bear interest at rates from 2.0% to 5.0%, mature April 1, 2032. The bonds were partially refunded during 2022 with proceeds of the Water and Sewerage Authority Tax-Exempt Series 2022B Refunding Revenue Bonds. As of December 31, 2023, the current outstanding amount of debt considered legally defeased for the 2013 Bonds equals \$8,685,000. As of December 31, 2023, the Series 2013 Bonds are fully repaid.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Revenue Bonds (Continued). Series 2012 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds – In March 2012, the County Water and Sewerage Authority issued \$27,195,000 in revenue bonds to refund the remaining \$30,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Series 2002 Bonds maturing April 1, 2004 through 2032. The Authority and the County have entered into a Lease Contract. The County's obligations under the Lease are absolute and unconditional and are secured by a pledge of the net revenues of the System and by a pledge of the County's full faith and credit. In the event revenues from the system are not available, the County has agreed to levy a tax on all taxable property located within the territorial limits of the Special Tax District, at such rates, without limitation, as may be necessary to make the Lease Payments. The bonds, which bear interest at rates from 2.0% to 5.0%, mature April 1, 2032. The bonds were partially refunded during 2022 with proceeds of the Water and Sewerage Authority Tax-Exempt Series 2022B Refunding Revenue Bonds. As of December 31, 2023, the current outstanding amount of debt considered legally defeased for the 2012 Bonds equals \$6,625,000. As of December 31, 2023, the amount not considered defeased currently outstanding is \$145,000.

The County's debt service requirements to maturity on its outstanding revenue bonds are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 8,125,000	\$ 10,689,060	\$ 18,814,060
2025	8,525,000	10,109,552	18,634,552
2026	8,630,000	7,035,655	15,665,655
2027	8,760,000	6,806,091	15,566,091
2028	9,140,000	6,469,254	15,609,254
2029-2033	51,480,000	26,569,899	78,049,899
2034-2038	42,990,000	17,123,978	60,113,978
2039-2043	37,660,000	11,353,389	49,013,389
2044-2048	45,215,000	4,988,750	50,203,750
2049	9,950,000	149,250	10,099,250
Total	<u>\$ 230,475,000</u>	<u>\$ 101,294,878</u>	<u>\$ 331,769,878</u>

Lease Liabilities. During the fiscal year, the County's Water and Sewerage Authority had an active noncancelable lease agreement as lessee. A description of this agreement and the related balances is as follows:

The County has entered into an agreement with a third party to lease office space, terminating in December of 2024. As the lease does not reflect a stated interest rate, the County utilized its incremental borrowing rate of 5.5% for similar assets as calculated at the inception of the lease agreement. Monthly payments are \$9,594 through maturity. The outstanding balance of the County's lease liabilities for business-type activities as of December 31, 2023 was \$111,770.

The County's total debt service requirements for lease liabilities to maturity are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
Year Ending December 31, 2024	\$ 111,770	\$ 3,358	\$ 115,128

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NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Notes Payable from Direct Borrowings. In 2011, the County entered into two direct borrowing agreements with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the construction of various water and sewer projects; one from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and one from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The agreements were originally executed for \$6,703,496, with interest rates of 3.0%. The agreements are paid each month beginning November 1, 2012 through September 1, 2038. The 2011 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund agreement balance was paid in full in 2023.

In 2014, the County entered into a direct borrowing agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the construction of various water and sewer projects for \$800,000, with an interest rate of 1.0%. Principal and interest payments are due at the beginning of each month beginning October 1, 2018 through September 1, 2038.

In 2021, the County entered into a direct borrowing agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the construction of various water and sewer projects for \$19,610,000, with an interest rate of 0.57%. Drawdowns on the loan were \$9,339,509 for the year ended December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the loan is still in the drawdown phase, and the County has not received an amortization schedule for the loan. Therefore, the outstanding loan balance of \$15,438,229 at December 31, 2023 is not included in the schedule below.

The debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 38,082	\$ 6,068	\$ 44,150
2025	38,464	5,685	44,149
2026	38,851	5,299	44,150
2027	39,241	4,909	44,150
2028	39,635	4,515	44,150
2029-2033	204,230	16,519	220,749
2034-2038	214,696	6,053	220,749
2039	11,022	18	11,040
Total	<u>\$ 624,221</u>	<u>\$ 49,066</u>	<u>\$ 673,287</u>

Landfill Postclosure Costs. Effective July 14, 1999, the Forsyth County Landfill was closed and no additional waste has been accepted. According to state and federal laws and regulations, the County must perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for a minimum of 30 years. As of December 31, 2023, the County has 11 years of monitoring remaining. Engineering studies estimate postclosure costs of approximately \$808,560 over the 11-year period. These costs are based on what it would cost to perform all postclosure care in 2022, adjusted annually for the remaining period. Actual costs may be higher due to changes in inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. Should any problems occur during this postclosure period, the costs and time period required for the maintenance and monitoring functions may substantially increase.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Arbitrage Liability. The Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires issuers of tax-exempt debt to make payments to the United States Treasury of investment income received at yields that exceed the issuer's tax-exempt borrowing rates. The United States Department of Treasury requires payment ever five years, or upon maturity of the bonds, whichever is earlier. The most recent arbitrage calculation as of December 1, 2023 for the County's Water and Sewer Series 2019 Revenue bonds resulted in a liability of \$761,754.

NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description. The County contributes to the Forsyth County Defined Benefit Pension Plan, which is a single employer public employee retirement system. The plan does not issue a stand-alone report.

The Plan was established by resolution of the Board of Commissioners which grants the authority to establish and amend the Plan to the Administrative Committee, subject to approval and action by the Board of Commissioners. The Administrative Committee is comprised of five (5) members who serve without compensation by the Plan. The members of the Administrative Committee consist of the County's Chief Financial Officer (by position), the Human Resources Director (by position), and three (3) at-large nominations from the Board of Commissioners.

The County created this plan simultaneously with changes to its Defined Contribution Plan (a 401(k) plan). There were a number of senior County employees who would not have been able to accrue adequate benefits for retirement as members of the Defined Contribution Plan. Therefore, the County provided the Defined Benefit Plan for a specific group of employees. This group, to be eligible, was required to have 10 years of continuous service as of December 31, 2000. The Plan is closed to new entrants. Participants become eligible to retire when they are 65 and have 10 years of continuous service or achieve a combination of years of service and age equal to 75 or greater. Upon eligibility to retire, participants are entitled to an annual benefit in the amount of 1.5% of Average Annual Compensation for each year of service. The Plan also provides benefits in the event of death or disability.

As of January 1, 2023, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan membership included the following categories of participants:

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	57
Terminated vested participants not yet receiving benefits	1
Active participants	11
	<u>69</u>

The Plan's financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis, which include unrealized gains or losses on marketable securities owned by the Plan. Investments in securities are valued at current market prices. The trust fund is invested in various fixed income and equity mutual funds, along with money market funds. All of these investments are handled through Evergreen Investments, which is the asset management division of Wells Fargo & Company.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions. A resolution by the Board of Commissioners grants the authority to establish and amend the contributions requirements of the County and active plan members to the Plan's Administrative Committee, subject to Board of Commissioner's approval. The Board establishes rates based on an actuarially determined amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the County's contribution rate was 79.2 percent of annual payroll. The Plan participants are not required to contribute to the plan.

Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the County. The County's net pension liability (asset) was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2023. An expected total pension liability as of December 31, 2023 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques.

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases, including inflation	4.00%
Investment rate of return	6.75%, including inflation, net of investment expense

The mortality basis is the PubG-2010 Mortality Table with fully generational mortality projection using the MP-2021 projection scale.

The Plan's actuaries have not performed an experience study as the plan was closed to new entrants as of December 31, 2000.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation
Cash and cash equivalents	3.6%
Fixed income	59.7%
Equity	36.7%
Total	100%

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in both the prior year and the current year was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that County contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all of the projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the County. The changes in the components of the net pension liability (asset) of the County for the year ended December 31, 2023 were as follows:

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a) - (b)
Balances at 12/31/2022	\$ 22,277,829	\$ 20,711,538	\$ 1,566,291
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	118,594	-	118,594
Interest	1,461,679	-	1,461,679
Differences between expected and actual experience	(26,658)	-	(26,658)
Changes in assumptions	-	-	-
Contributions—employer	-	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Net investment income	-	1,379,543	(1,379,543)
Differences between expected and actual returns	-	1,884,747	(1,884,747)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,483,829)	(1,483,829)	-
Administrative expense	-	(63,905)	63,905
Net changes	69,786	2,716,556	(2,646,770)
Balances at 12/31/2023	\$ 22,347,615	\$ 23,428,094	\$ (1,080,479)

As of December 31, 2023, the Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is 104.8%.

The required schedule of changes in the County's net pension liability (asset) and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following table presents the net pension liability (asset) of the County, calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the County's net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

1% Decrease (5.75%)	Current Discount Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase (7.75%)
\$ 1,156,348	\$ (1,080,479)	\$ (2,995,604)

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of December 31, 2023 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the County recognized pension expense of (\$300,556). At December 31, 2023, the County reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 553,814

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending December 31:	
2024	\$ (75,045)
2025	336,597
2026	669,213
2027	(376,951)
Total	<u>\$ 553,814</u>

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NOTE 11. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The County has a 401(k) tax qualified defined contribution plan (The Forsyth County Profit Sharing Plan administered by Diversified Investment Advisors) as a retirement program for eligible employees. As of December 31, 2023, there were 1,829 plan members. The plan issues a stand-alone report. This report may be obtained from: Diversified Investment Advisors, 4333 Edgewood Road NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52499. The plan is voluntary and the County matches 100% of the employee's contribution up to a maximum of 3% of their salary. After 10 years of service, the County will match 50% of an employee's contribution of up to an additional 3%. In addition, after three years of service, the County contributes 3% of an employee's pensionable earnings to the plan regardless of whether the employee contributes. For the year ended December 31, 2023, employee contributions were \$8,388,266 and County contributions, which was also the County's pension expense, were \$11,557,477. County contributions are vested over a five-year period at 20% per year. The investments are self directed by the employee. The plan was established by resolution of the Board of Commissioners. It may also be amended by resolution of same. There were no employer liabilities as of December 31, 2023.

NOTE 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Administration and Benefits. The County, as authorized by the County Commission, administers a single-employer defined benefit Postemployment Healthcare Benefits Plan (the "PHCB Plan"). The PHCB Plan is administered by the County management, under the direction of the County's Board of Commissioners. The County pays an explicit subsidy equal to the difference between the claims incurred (for the Aetna plans) or the monthly premium charged by the insurance carrier (for the Kaiser and vision plans). To be eligible for these benefits, the employee's age plus years of service must equal to at least seventy-five (75) or be aged sixty (60) years with at least five years of service. The County's Board of Commissioners established and may amend the benefit provisions. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 and a separate report was not issued for the PHCB Plan.

Plan Membership. Membership of the PHCB Plan consisted of the following at January 1, 2023, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Active participants	1,403
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	50
Total	<u>1,453</u>

Contributions. The Board of Commissioners has elected to fund the PHCB plan on a "pay as you go" basis. Plan members, once retired, contribute to the plan based on number of years of creditable service. Per a County resolution, the County is required to contribute the current year benefit costs of the Plan which are not paid by the retiree. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the County contributed \$1,234,279 for the pay as you go benefits for the PHCB Plan.

The County's total OPEB liability was measured as of December 31, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2023 with the actuary using standard techniques to roll forward the liability to the measurement date.

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NOTE 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Actuarial assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the January 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Discount Rate:	4.31%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:	6.25% - 5.2%, Trend by 2024
Inflation Rate:	Not available
Salary increase:	3.25% including inflation
Participation rate:	Not available

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Government Headcount weighted tables with improvements projected using scale MP 2021.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.31%, which is no change from prior year. This rate is based on the return on the S&P Municipal Bond 20-year High Grade Index as of December 31, 2023.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability of the County. The changes in the total OPEB liability of the County for the year ended December 31, 2023, were as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability (a)
Balances at 12/31/22	\$ 36,116,396
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	2,328,913
Interest	1,603,795
Benefit payments	(1,234,279)
Net changes	<u>2,698,429</u>
Balances at 12/31/23	<u><u>\$ 38,814,825</u></u>

The required schedule of changes in the County's total OPEB liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about the total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.31%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.31%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (3.31%)	Discount Rate (4.31%)	1% Increase (5.31%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 42,682,891	\$ 38,814,825	\$ 35,296,748

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (5.25% decreasing to 4.20%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.25% decreasing to 6.20%) than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Healthcare Trend rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 33,719,828	\$ 38,814,825	\$ 44,945,924

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revisions as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of December 31, 2023 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and inactive employees.

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the County recognized OPEB expense of \$7,405,678. At December 31, 2023, the County reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,950,613	\$ -
Changes in plan assumptions	21,403,141	(110,884)
Total	<u>\$ 24,353,754</u>	<u>\$ (110,884)</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ending December 31:	
2024	\$ 3,472,970
2025	3,472,970
2026	3,472,970
2027	3,472,970
2028	3,463,599
Thereafter	6,887,391
	<u>\$ 24,242,870</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 13. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; injuries to employees; and losses resulting from providing accident and health benefits to employees and their dependents. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in each of the past three years.

Medical Self-Insurance

The County provides health coverage for its employees under a plan of partial self-insurance. Under this plan, the County covers claim settlements and judgments out of its Employee Health Benefits Fund resources. Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

The County purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided by the County. During the year ended December 31, 2023, excess coverage was obtained for any individual claim in excess of \$125,000. The County pays most of the coverage for eligible employees and their dependents. Employee contributions are used to pay claims and expenses of the plan incurred during the year. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNRs).

The following describes the activity for the past two fiscal years:

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Year Claims Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Paid	End of Year Claims Liability
2023	\$ 2,135,497	\$ 26,529,830	\$ 26,081,852	\$ 2,583,475
2022	1,334,010	23,039,100	22,237,613	2,135,497

Workers' Compensation

The County provides workers' compensation coverage for its employees under a plan of partial self-insurance. Under this plan, the County covers claim settlements and judgments out of its Workers' Compensation Fund resources. Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

The County has purchased commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided by the County. During the year ended December 31, 2023, excess coverage was obtained for any individual claims in excess of \$325,000. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNRs). Settled claims have not exceeded the County's additional coverage in any of the past three (3) periods.

The following describes the activity for the past two fiscal years:

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Year Claims Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Paid	End of Year Claims Liability
2023	\$ 1,047,013	\$ 1,576,237	\$ 1,602,994	\$ 1,020,256
2022	1,250,000	822,999	1,025,986	1,047,013

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 13. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

General Liability

The County participates in the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (IRMA), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member local governments.

As part of the risk pool, the County is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the pool, to cooperate with the pool's agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by the funds, and to report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in the funds being required to pay any claim of loss. The County is also to allow the pool's agents and attorneys to represent the County in investigation, settlement discussions and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the County within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

The funds are to defend and protect the members of the funds against liability or loss as prescribed in the member government contract and in accordance with the workers' compensation law of Georgia. The funds are to pay all costs taxed against members in any legal proceeding defended by the members, all interest accruing after entry of judgment, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation or defense.

The County participates in the large deductible option with a \$50,000 deductible. Under this plan, Forsyth County is responsible for all payments up to \$50,000 per occurrence on general liability claims. Once an individual claim exceeds the deductible, the plan will pay all costs in excess of the deductible. As of December 31, 2023, an actuary determined that an estimated \$505,314 in reported unpaid claims and incurred but not reported claims were outstanding relating to fiscal year 2023 for which Forsyth County will be liable.

The following describes the activity for the past two fiscal years:

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Year Claims Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Paid	End of Year Claims Liability
2023	\$ 810,000	\$ 3,066,605	\$ 2,556,605	\$ 1,320,000
2022	1,190,000	1,876,952	2,256,952	810,000

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Contractual Commitments

In addition to the liabilities enumerated in the balance sheet, at December 31, 2023, the County has contractual commitments on uncompleted contracts of approximately \$87,947,014.

Litigation

The County is a defendant in certain legal actions in the nature of claims for alleged damages to persons and property and other similar types of actions arising in the course of County operations. Although the outcome of these cases is not presently determinable, in the opinion of management and legal counsel, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

Grant Contingencies

The County has received Federal and State grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to the disallowance of certain expenditures previously reimbursed by those agencies. Based upon prior experience, County management believes such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

NOTE 15. JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the area, is a member of the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the County paid \$320,040 in such dues. Membership in the Commission is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the Commission in Georgia.

The Commission Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of the Commission. Separate financial statements may be obtained from:

Georgia Mountain Regional Commission
P.O. Box 1720
Gainesville, GA 30503

NOTE 16. HOTEL/MOTEL TAX

The County has levied a 5% lodging tax. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the County collected \$1,121,902 in revenues. Of this amount \$1,121,902 or 100%, was expended on the promotion of tourism in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 48-13-51.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION

2023



FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GAAP BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 150,321,753	\$ 151,308,253	\$ 163,729,991	\$ 12,421,738
Licenses and permits	5,911,040	5,911,040	5,015,638	(895,402)
Intergovernmental	366,000	366,000	407,635	41,635
Fines and forfeitures	2,350,000	2,350,000	3,540,471	1,190,471
Charges for services	22,869,350	23,596,606	24,769,402	1,172,796
Investment income (loss)	250,000	250,000	7,673,527	7,423,527
Contributions	108,360	108,360	26,307	(82,053)
Miscellaneous	1,665,437	1,665,437	1,485,726	(179,711)
Total revenues	183,841,940	185,555,696	206,648,697	21,093,001
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Board of commissioners	546,650	546,650	444,888	101,762
Administration	3,417,749	4,461,684	3,110,780	1,350,904
Voter registration	1,440,419	1,440,419	1,347,943	92,476
Finance	2,353,483	2,353,483	2,291,106	62,377
Tax administration	1,613,124	1,613,124	1,343,768	269,356
Business license	680,393	680,393	642,940	37,453
Procurement	1,103,433	1,103,433	1,069,147	34,286
Information system and technology	4,895,836	4,976,189	4,881,834	94,355
GIS	1,657,331	1,762,031	1,640,368	121,663
Personnel services	1,719,932	1,778,932	1,674,448	104,484
Tax commissioner	4,744,827	4,679,294	4,385,467	293,827
Tax assessor	4,083,992	4,139,525	3,918,798	220,727
Records management	2,167,513	2,219,103	1,947,919	271,184
Public facilities	8,382,605	8,511,248	7,712,477	798,771
Other	10,132,621	8,007,252	4,695,348	3,311,904
Total general government	48,939,908	48,272,760	41,107,231	7,165,529
Judicial:				
Judicial administration	1,692,303	1,692,302	1,592,915	99,387
Superior court	672,545	672,545	618,142	54,403
Clerk superior court	3,600,130	3,620,130	3,426,942	193,188
District attorney	1,100,227	1,116,727	1,116,352	375
State court	1,262,879	1,262,879	1,173,650	89,229
Magistrate court	1,627,563	1,627,563	1,550,954	76,609
Probate court	1,624,144	1,624,144	1,456,139	168,005
Juvenile court	2,379,318	2,379,318	2,159,833	219,485
Solicitor-state court	2,226,303	2,276,303	2,270,239	6,064
Indigent defense	2,296,598	2,493,186	2,379,185	114,001
Pretrial services	395,277	395,277	363,394	31,883
Total judicial	18,877,287	19,160,374	18,107,745	1,052,629
Public safety:				
Sheriff's office	61,905,312	63,126,355	61,822,030	1,304,325
Ambulance services	1,055,841	1,055,841	1,055,841	-
Dispatchers	367,338	367,338	261,337	106,001
Emergency management	401,826	972,838	851,876	120,962
Coroner and medical examiner	201,334	201,334	177,104	24,230
Animal shelter	1,983,065	2,010,593	1,917,309	93,284
Total public safety	65,914,716	67,734,299	66,085,497	1,648,802
Public works:				
Fleet maintenance	310,000	510,000	399,914	110,086
Total public works	310,000	510,000	399,914	110,086

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GAAP BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Expenditures: (Continued)				
Health and welfare:				
Health department	\$ 153,244	\$ 153,244	\$ 107,603	\$ 45,641
Senior citizens center	2,283,983	2,283,984	1,936,348	347,636
Total health and welfare	2,437,227	2,437,228	2,043,951	393,277
Culture and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	13,039,732	13,663,578	13,184,163	479,415
Library	8,322,644	8,323,964	8,165,123	158,841
Total culture and recreation	21,362,376	21,987,542	21,349,286	638,256
Housing and development:				
Conservation	123,790	133,790	132,977	813
Planning and community development	7,803,379	7,920,372	6,705,923	1,214,449
Code enforcement	1,182,560	1,246,451	1,215,022	31,429
Economic development	350,000	352,500	352,500	-
County agent	1,820	500	370	130
Total housing and development	9,461,549	9,653,613	8,406,792	1,246,821
Debt service:				
Principal	-	377,000	376,896	104
Interest	-	72,500	72,269	231
Total debt service	-	449,500	449,165	335
Total expenditures	167,303,063	170,205,316	157,949,581	12,255,735
Excess of revenues over expenditures	16,538,877	15,350,380	48,699,116	33,348,736
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	2,248,460	3,234,848	3,283,740	48,892
Transfers out	(18,787,337)	(46,686,449)	(44,590,611)	2,095,838
Total other financing sources (uses)	(16,538,877)	(43,451,601)	(41,306,871)	2,144,730
Net change in fund balances	-	(28,101,221)	7,392,245	35,493,466
Fund balances, beginning of year	89,954,979	89,954,979	89,954,979	-
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 89,954,979</u>	<u>\$ 61,853,758</u>	<u>\$ 97,347,224</u>	<u>\$ 35,493,466</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
FIRE DISTRICT FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GAAP BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 32,893,136	\$ 32,893,136	\$ 34,456,078	\$ 1,562,942
Interest income	110,000	110,000	1,894,492	1,784,492
Contributions	4,000	4,000	578	(3,422)
Miscellaneous	35,600	35,600	42,003	6,403
Total revenues	<u>33,042,736</u>	<u>33,042,736</u>	<u>36,393,151</u>	<u>3,350,415</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	38,696,369	42,290,715	36,360,119	5,930,596
Total expenditures	<u>38,696,369</u>	<u>42,290,715</u>	<u>36,360,119</u>	<u>5,930,596</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(5,653,633)	(9,247,979)	33,032	9,281,011
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,000,000	1,000,000	45,604	(954,396)
Transfers out	(100,000)	(100,000)	-	100,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>900,000</u>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>45,604</u>	<u>(854,396)</u>
Net changes in fund balances	(4,753,633)	(8,347,979)	78,636	8,426,615
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>20,520,874</u>	<u>20,520,874</u>	<u>20,520,874</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 15,767,241</u>	<u>\$ 12,172,895</u>	<u>\$ 20,599,510</u>	<u>\$ 8,426,615</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
ARPA FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GAAP BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,572,627	\$ 1,572,627	\$ 1,566,027	\$ (6,600)
Interest income	500,000	500,000	2,130,277	1,630,277
Total revenues	<u>2,072,627</u>	<u>2,072,627</u>	<u>3,696,304</u>	<u>1,623,677</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	<u>2,072,627</u>	<u>2,072,627</u>	<u>1,566,027</u>	<u>506,600</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,072,627</u>	<u>2,072,627</u>	<u>1,566,027</u>	<u>506,600</u>
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	2,130,277	2,130,277
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>822,336</u>	<u>822,336</u>	<u>822,336</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 822,336</u>	<u>\$ 822,336</u>	<u>\$ 2,952,613</u>	<u>\$ 2,130,277</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
OPEB RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S TOTAL
OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

	2023	2022	2021
Total OPEB liability			
Service cost	\$ 2,328,913	\$ 378,857	\$ 348,519
Interest on total OPEB liability	1,603,795	134,241	144,471
Experience differences	-	3,074,019	692,117
Benefit payments	(1,234,279)	(1,164,414)	(695,004)
Assumption changes	-	26,941,880	(156,265)
Net change in total OPEB liability	2,698,429	29,364,583	333,838
Total OPEB liability - beginning	36,116,396	6,751,813	6,417,975
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 38,814,825	\$ 36,116,396	\$ 6,751,813
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 113,890,065	\$ 99,621,541	\$ 95,210,544
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	34.1%	36.3%	7.1%
	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB liability			
Service cost	\$ 354,364	\$ 305,765	\$ 288,533
Interest on total OPEB liability	113,428	186,286	209,187
Experience differences	111,400	-	-
Benefit payments	599,776	(524,261)	(569,942)
Assumption changes	(564,764)	167,429	-
Net change in total OPEB liability	614,204	135,219	(72,222)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	5,803,771	5,668,552	5,740,774
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 6,417,975	\$ 5,803,771	\$ 5,668,552
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 95,510,902	\$ 86,422,316	\$ 78,422,256
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	6.7%	6.7%	7.2%

Notes to the Schedule:

The schedule will present 10 years of information once it is accumulated.

The County is not accumulating assets in a trust fund that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 for payment of future OPEB benefits.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RETIREMENT PLAN

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
AND RELATED RATIOS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total pension liability					
Service cost	\$ 118,594	\$ 121,417	\$ 165,413	\$ 178,991	\$ 173,642
Interest on total pension liability	1,461,679	1,431,480	1,435,161	1,358,013	1,227,351
Differences between expected and actual experience	(26,658)	(463,632)	(340,498)	160,708	(112,953)
Changes in assumptions	-	(1,811,957)	-	756,661	1,994,675
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,483,829)	(1,313,613)	(1,239,247)	(1,145,868)	(1,106,799)
Net change in total pension liability	69,786	(2,036,305)	20,829	1,308,505	2,175,916
Total pension liability - beginning	22,277,829	24,314,134	24,293,305	22,984,800	20,808,884
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 22,347,615	\$ 22,277,829	\$ 24,314,134	\$ 24,293,305	\$ 22,984,800
Plan fiduciary net position					
Contributions - employer	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 825,000	\$ 1,000,000
Net investment income (loss)	1,379,543	1,483,869	2,988,009	3,210,889	3,288,258
Differences between expected and actual returns	1,884,747	(5,230,806)	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(1,483,829)	(1,313,613)	(1,239,247)	(1,145,868)	(1,106,799)
Administrative expenses	(63,905)	(67,403)	(71,123)	(66,111)	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	2,716,556	(4,127,953)	2,677,639	2,823,910	3,181,459
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	20,711,538	24,839,491	22,161,852	19,337,942	16,156,483
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$ 23,428,094	\$ 20,711,538	\$ 24,839,491	\$ 22,161,852	\$ 19,337,942
County's net pension liability (asset) - ending (a) - (b)	\$ (1,080,479)	\$ 1,566,291	\$ (525,357)	\$ 2,131,453	\$ 3,646,858
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	104.8%	93.0%	102.2%	91.2%	84.1%
Covered payroll	\$ 1,262,766	\$ 1,408,947	\$ 1,559,854	\$ 1,636,556	\$ 1,623,352
Net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of covered payroll	-85.6%	111.2%	-33.7%	130.2%	224.6%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total pension liability					
Service cost	\$ 144,052	\$ 153,508	\$ 191,249	\$ 210,781	\$ 195,813
Interest on total pension liability	1,296,817	1,342,712	1,293,085	1,177,655	1,228,732
Differences between expected and actual experience	478,588	(1,024,769)	237,513	159,510	-
Changes in assumptions	750,037	-	-	1,071,161	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,090,880)	(1,060,702)	(940,744)	(886,675)	(802,177)
Net change in total pension liability	1,578,614	(589,251)	781,103	1,732,432	622,368
Total pension liability - beginning	19,230,270	19,819,521	19,038,418	17,305,986	16,683,618
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 20,808,884	\$ 19,230,270	\$ 19,819,521	\$ 19,038,418	\$ 17,305,986
Plan fiduciary net position					
Contributions - employer	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,000,000
Net investment income (loss)	(619,911)	2,062,163	1,278,960	13,832	991,813
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(1,090,880)	(1,060,702)	(940,744)	(886,675)	(802,177)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	(710,791)	2,001,461	1,338,216	27,157	1,189,636
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	16,867,274	14,865,813	13,527,597	13,500,440	12,310,804
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$ 16,156,483	\$ 16,867,274	\$ 14,865,813	\$ 13,527,597	\$ 13,500,440
County's net pension liability (asset) - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 4,652,401	\$ 2,362,996	\$ 4,953,708	\$ 5,510,821	\$ 5,510,821
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	77.6%	87.7%	75.0%	71.1%	78.0%
Covered payroll	\$ 1,657,916	\$ 1,809,638	\$ 2,129,390	\$ 2,189,987	\$ 2,462,389
Net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of covered payroll	280.6%	130.6%	232.6%	251.6%	223.8%

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 825,000	\$ 1,000,000
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	825,000	1,000,000
Contribution excess	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered payroll	\$ 1,262,766	\$ 1,408,947	\$ 1,559,854	\$ 1,636,556	\$ 1,623,352
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	79.2%	71.0%	64.1%	50.4%	61.6%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,000,000
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	900,000	1,000,000
Contribution excess	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered payroll	\$ 1,657,916	\$ 1,809,638	\$ 2,129,390	\$ 2,189,987	\$ 2,462,389
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	60.3%	55.3%	47.0%	41.1%	40.6%

Notes to the Schedule:

(1) Actuarial Assumptions	
Valuation Date	January 1, 2023
Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Asset Valuation Method	Market value
Assumed Rate of Return on Investments	6.75%
Projected Salary Increases	4.00%
Cost-of-living Adjustment	None
Amortization Method	Level dollar for unfunded liability
Remaining Amortization Period	30 years (open)

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF PENSION INVESTMENT RETURNS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expenses for the County's Pension Plan	14.50%	-16.75%	12.41%	15.16%	18.53%
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expenses for the County's Pension Plan	-3.75%	13.00%	9.01%	0.10%	7.69%

Notes to the Schedule:

The schedule will present 10 years of information once it is accumulated.

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted or committed to expenditures for particular purposes.

Victims Rights & Assistance Fund - to account for funds collected from fines and forfeitures that are used to assist victims of crime. The allowable expenditures of these fines are restricted under state law.

Drug Abuse Treatment & Education Fund - to account for funds collected from fines and forfeitures to be used to create and maintain a Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund. The allowable expenditures of these fines are restricted under state law.

Emergency 911 Telephone System Fund - to account for the monthly 911 charge to help fund the cost of providing emergency 911 services. The E911 charges are restricted in purpose by state law.

Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund - to account for funds from seizures, which are restricted by state law, to be used for law enforcement activities.

District Attorney Seizure Fund - to account for funds received through seizures, which are restricted by state law, to be used for activities within the District Attorney's office.

Law Library Fund - to account for the revenues and related expenditures of operating the County's Law Library. The allowable expenditures of these fines are restricted under state law.

Juvenile Court Fund - to account for funds from fines and forfeitures to be used for law enforcement activities. The allowable expenditures of these fines are restricted under state law.

Grant Fund - to account for restricted grant monies received from various Federal and State agencies.

Insurance Premium Tax Fund - to account for the insurance premium tax and the expenditures related to the tax. Revenues generated from this tax are restricted for the benefit of providing services primarily provided to unincorporated areas of the County, as restricted by State Law.

Inmate General Welfare Fund - to account for amounts collected for inmates.

County Jail Fund - to account for funds collected from fines and forfeitures that are used to operate the County's Jail Facility.

Hotel/Motel Tax Fund - to account for the collection of hotel/motel taxes within the County and for the expenditures made distributing the collections to the appropriate entities. These taxes are restricted by state law on how they can be expended.

Opioid Settlement Fund - to account for restricted funds received from legal settlements related to the nationwide opioid epidemic.

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund

The **Impact Fees Fund** - to account for impact fees restricted for the acquisition or construction of specific capital projects.

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

ASSETS	Special Revenue Funds							
	Victims Rights & Assistance Fund	Drug Abuse Treatment & Education Fund	Emergency 911 Telephone System Fund	Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund	District Attorney Seizure Fund	Law Library Fund	Juvenile Court Fund	Grant Fund
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 72,316	\$ 480,663	\$ 4,309,466	\$ 696,226	\$ 126,269	\$ 181,509	\$ 39,338	\$ 1,459,475
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	-	-	1,077,004	-	-	2,088	-	247,732
Taxes receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental receivable	1,590	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,242,443
Prepaid items	-	-	2,728	-	-	-	-	14,050
Total assets	<u>\$ 73,906</u>	<u>\$ 480,663</u>	<u>\$ 5,389,198</u>	<u>\$ 696,226</u>	<u>\$ 126,269</u>	<u>\$ 183,597</u>	<u>\$ 39,338</u>	<u>\$ 5,963,700</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES								
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	\$ 870	\$ 11,950	\$ 102,367	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 385	\$ 186,203
Retainage payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	213,889
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	4,431	-	1,477,854
Total liabilities	<u>870</u>	<u>11,950</u>	<u>102,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,431</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>1,877,946</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Unavailable revenue - grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,233,843
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,233,843</u>
FUND BALANCES								
Nonspendable:								
Prepaid items	-	-	2,728	-	-	-	-	14,050
Restricted:								
Crime victims' assistance	73,036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Law enforcement activities	-	468,713	-	696,226	126,269	-	38,953	-
Law library operations	-	-	-	-	-	179,166	-	-
Emergency 911 services	-	-	5,284,103	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,162,139)
Total fund balances (deficits)	<u>73,036</u>	<u>468,713</u>	<u>5,286,831</u>	<u>696,226</u>	<u>126,269</u>	<u>179,166</u>	<u>38,953</u>	<u>(2,148,089)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 73,906</u>	<u>\$ 480,663</u>	<u>\$ 5,389,198</u>	<u>\$ 696,226</u>	<u>\$ 126,269</u>	<u>\$ 183,597</u>	<u>\$ 39,338</u>	<u>\$ 5,963,700</u>

Special Revenue Funds					Capital Projects Fund		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Insurance Premium Tax Fund	Inmate General Welfare Fund	County Jail Fund	Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	Opioid Settlement Fund	Impact Fees Fund		
\$ 21,618,394	\$ 681,193	\$ 1,501,023	\$ 425,705	\$ 604,644	\$ 7,375,858	\$	39,572,079
794	-	-	-	-	-		1,327,618
-	-	-	100,970	-	-		100,970
-	-	3,097	-	-	10,938		4,258,068
-	-	-	-	-	-		16,778
<u>\$ 21,619,188</u>	<u>\$ 681,193</u>	<u>\$ 1,504,120</u>	<u>\$ 526,675</u>	<u>\$ 604,644</u>	<u>\$ 7,386,796</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>45,275,513</u>
\$ 713,082	\$ 4,524	\$ -	\$ 526,675	\$ -	\$ 44,942	\$	1,590,998
-	-	-	-	-	952,344		1,166,233
-	16,505	-	-	-	3,096		1,501,886
<u>713,082</u>	<u>21,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>526,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000,382</u>		<u>4,259,117</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-		6,233,843
-	-	-	-	-	-		6,233,843
-	-	-	-	-	-		16,778
-	-	-	-	-	-		73,036
-	660,164	1,504,120	-	604,644	-		4,099,089
-	-	-	-	-	-		179,166
-	-	-	-	-	-		5,284,103
20,906,106	-	-	-	-	6,386,414		27,292,520
-	-	-	-	-	-		(2,162,139)
<u>20,906,106</u>	<u>660,164</u>	<u>1,504,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,644</u>	<u>6,386,414</u>		<u>34,782,553</u>
<u>\$ 21,619,188</u>	<u>\$ 681,193</u>	<u>\$ 1,504,120</u>	<u>\$ 526,675</u>	<u>\$ 604,644</u>	<u>\$ 7,386,796</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>45,275,513</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds							
	Victims Rights & Assistance Fund	Drug Abuse Treatment & Education Fund	Emergency 911 Telephone System Fund	Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund	District Attorney Seizure Fund	Law Library Fund	Juvenile Court Fund	Grant Fund
Revenues:								
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,424,454
Fines and forfeitures	183,436	564,932	-	140,396	3,159	119,500	8,800	-
Licenses and permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	6,308,402	-	-	-	-	93,679
Interest income	4,076	12,789	175,028	29,524	-	-	-	-
Contributions and donations	-	-	-	10,032	-	-	-	309,145
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,945	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	187,512	577,721	6,485,375	179,952	3,159	119,500	8,800	8,827,278
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	171,174
Judicial	625,805	-	-	-	1,964	95,110	-	620,948
Public safety	-	316,269	5,849,332	313,925	-	-	585	850,749
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,448,575
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,217,458
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78,725
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,906
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,753,806
Total expenditures	625,805	316,269	5,849,332	313,925	1,964	95,110	585	10,188,341
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(438,293)	261,452	636,043	(133,973)	1,195	24,390	8,215	(1,361,063)
Other financing sources (uses):								
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	-	-	-	25,335	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	470,814	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,369,067
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	470,814	-	-	25,335	-	-	-	1,369,067
Net change in fund balances	32,521	261,452	636,043	(108,638)	1,195	24,390	8,215	8,004
Fund balances (deficits), beginning of year	40,515	207,261	4,650,788	804,864	125,074	154,776	30,738	(2,156,093)
Fund balances (deficits), end of year	\$ 73,036	\$ 468,713	\$ 5,286,831	\$ 696,226	\$ 126,269	\$ 179,166	\$ 38,953	\$ (2,148,089)

Special Revenue Funds					Capital Projects Fund	
Insurance Premium Tax Fund	Inmate General Welfare Fund	County Jail Fund	Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	Opioid Settlement Fund	Impact Fees Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ 20,030,948	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,121,901	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,152,849
502,230	-	-	-	-	-	8,926,684
124,608	-	390,860	-	115,791	-	1,651,482
39,720	-	-	-	-	-	39,720
-	-	-	-	-	3,904,093	10,306,174
489,376	30,175	66,333	-	-	451,087	1,258,388
-	-	-	-	-	-	319,177
907	212,367	-	-	-	-	215,219
21,187,789	242,542	457,193	1,121,901	115,791	4,355,180	43,869,693
-	-	-	-	-	-	171,174
-	-	-	-	-	-	1,343,827
-	216,177	345,276	-	-	-	7,892,313
12,776,705	-	-	-	-	-	16,225,280
-	-	-	-	-	-	2,217,458
-	-	-	-	-	-	78,725
-	-	-	1,121,901	-	115,408	1,284,215
-	-	6,227	-	-	6,705,360	9,465,393
12,776,705	216,177	351,503	1,121,901	-	6,820,768	38,678,385
8,411,084	26,365	105,690	-	115,791	(2,465,588)	5,191,308
-	-	-	-	-	-	25,335
-	-	-	-	-	-	1,839,881
(107,688)	-	-	-	-	-	(107,688)
(107,688)	-	-	-	-	-	1,757,528
8,303,396	26,365	105,690	-	115,791	(2,465,588)	6,948,836
12,602,710	633,799	1,398,430	-	488,853	8,852,002	27,833,717
\$ 20,906,106	\$ 660,164	\$ 1,504,120	\$ -	\$ 604,644	\$ 6,386,414	\$ 34,782,553

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
VICTIMS RIGHTS & ASSISTANCE
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 183,436	\$ 53,436
Interest income	500	500	4,076	3,576
Contributions	9,000	9,000	-	(9,000)
Total revenues	<u>139,500</u>	<u>139,500</u>	<u>187,512</u>	<u>48,012</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	600,008	667,840	625,805	42,035
Total expenditures	<u>600,008</u>	<u>667,840</u>	<u>625,805</u>	<u>42,035</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(460,508)	(528,340)	(438,293)	90,047
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	470,814	538,646	470,814	(67,832)
Transfers out	(10,306)	(10,306)	-	10,306
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>460,508</u>	<u>528,340</u>	<u>470,814</u>	<u>(57,526)</u>
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	32,521	32,521
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>40,515</u>	<u>40,515</u>	<u>40,515</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 40,515</u>	<u>\$ 40,515</u>	<u>\$ 73,036</u>	<u>\$ 32,521</u>

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT & EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 454,000	\$ 454,000	\$ 564,932	\$ 110,932
Interest income	750	750	12,789	12,039
Total revenues	<u>454,750</u>	<u>454,750</u>	<u>577,721</u>	<u>122,971</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	696,501	696,501	316,269	380,232
Total expenditures	<u>696,501</u>	<u>696,501</u>	<u>316,269</u>	<u>380,232</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(241,751)	(241,751)	261,452	503,203
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	(3,687)	(3,687)	-	3,687
Total other financing sources	<u>(3,687)</u>	<u>(3,687)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,687</u>
Net changes in fund balances	(245,438)	(245,438)	261,452	506,890
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>207,261</u>	<u>207,261</u>	<u>207,261</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ (38,177)</u>	<u>\$ (38,177)</u>	<u>\$ 468,713</u>	<u>\$ 506,890</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
EMERGENCY 911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 6,308,402	\$ 708,402
Interest income	8,000	8,000	175,028	167,028
Miscellaneous revenue	7,500	7,500	1,945	(5,555)
Total revenues	<u>5,615,500</u>	<u>5,615,500</u>	<u>6,485,375</u>	<u>869,875</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	<u>6,028,099</u>	<u>7,183,372</u>	<u>5,849,332</u>	<u>1,334,040</u>
Total expenditures	<u>6,028,099</u>	<u>7,183,372</u>	<u>5,849,332</u>	<u>1,334,040</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(412,599)	(1,567,872)	636,043	2,203,915
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	<u>(100,000)</u>	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	<u>(100,000)</u>	-	-	-
Net changes in fund balances	(512,599)	(1,567,872)	636,043	2,203,915
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>4,650,788</u>	<u>4,650,788</u>	<u>4,650,788</u>	-
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 4,138,189</u>	<u>\$ 3,082,916</u>	<u>\$ 5,286,831</u>	<u>\$ 2,203,915</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SHERIFF'S LAW ENFORCEMENT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 259,400	\$ 259,400	\$ 140,396	\$ (119,004)
Interest income	1,800	1,800	29,524	27,724
Contributions	11,755	11,755	10,032	(1,723)
Total revenues	272,955	272,955	179,952	(93,003)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	402,555	425,393	313,925	111,468
Total expenditures	402,555	425,393	313,925	111,468
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(129,600)	(152,438)	(133,973)	18,465
Other financing sources:				
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	-	-	25,335	25,335
Total other financing sources	-	-	25,335	25,335
Net changes in fund balances	(129,600)	(152,438)	(108,638)	43,800
Fund balances, beginning of year	804,864	804,864	804,864	-
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 675,264</u>	<u>\$ 652,426</u>	<u>\$ 696,226</u>	<u>\$ 43,800</u>

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
DISTRICT ATTORNEY SEIZURE
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,159	\$ (841)
Total revenues	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,159</u>	<u>(841)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	4,000	4,000	1,964	2,036
Total expenditures	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,964</u>	<u>2,036</u>
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	1,195	1,195
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>125,074</u>	<u>125,074</u>	<u>125,074</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 125,074</u>	<u>\$ 125,074</u>	<u>\$ 126,269</u>	<u>\$ 1,195</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
LAW LIBRARY
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 112,744	\$ 112,744	\$ 119,500	\$ 6,756
Total revenues	112,744	112,744	119,500	6,756
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	112,744	112,744	95,110	17,634
Total expenditures	112,744	112,744	95,110	17,634
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	24,390	24,390
Fund balances, beginning of year	154,776	154,776	154,776	-
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 154,776</u>	<u>\$ 154,776</u>	<u>\$ 179,166</u>	<u>\$ 24,390</u>

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
JUVENILE COURT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,800	\$ 1,800
Interest income	150	150	-	(150)
Total revenues	<u>7,150</u>	<u>7,150</u>	<u>8,800</u>	<u>1,650</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	18,610	18,610	585	18,025
Total expenditures	<u>18,610</u>	<u>18,610</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>18,025</u>
Net changes in fund balances	(11,460)	(11,460)	8,215	19,675
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>30,738</u>	<u>30,738</u>	<u>30,738</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 19,278</u>	<u>\$ 19,278</u>	<u>\$ 38,953</u>	<u>\$ 19,675</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 8,644,081	\$ 62,663,538	\$ 8,424,454	\$ (54,239,084)
Charges for services	70,600	85,715	93,679	7,964
Contributions and donations	36,000	402,022	309,145	(92,877)
Total revenues	8,750,681	63,151,275	8,827,278	(54,323,997)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	-	271,173	171,174	99,999
Judicial	785,489	913,737	620,948	292,789
Public safety	557,249	1,429,106	850,749	578,357
Public works	2,674,079	3,535,135	3,448,575	86,560
Health and welfare	1,995,221	2,783,295	2,217,458	565,837
Culture and recreation	-	79,168	78,725	443
Housing and development	-	54,415	46,906	7,509
Capital outlay	3,691,027	55,532,007	2,753,806	52,778,201
Total expenditures	9,703,065	64,598,036	10,188,341	54,409,695
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(952,384)	(1,446,761)	(1,361,063)	85,698
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	952,384	1,446,761	1,369,067	(77,694)
Total other financing sources	952,384	1,446,761	1,369,067	(77,694)
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	8,004	8,004
Fund balances (deficits), beginning of year	(2,156,093)	(2,156,093)	(2,156,093)	-
Fund balances (deficits), end of year	<u>\$ (2,156,093)</u>	<u>\$ (2,156,093)</u>	<u>\$ (2,148,089)</u>	<u>\$ 8,004</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 20,030,948	\$ 7,030,948
Intergovernmental	330,000	330,000	502,230	172,230
Licenses and permits	30,000	30,000	39,720	9,720
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	124,608	124,608
Interest income	6,000	6,000	489,376	483,376
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	907	(3,093)
Total revenues	<u>13,370,000</u>	<u>13,370,000</u>	<u>21,187,789</u>	<u>7,817,789</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public works	14,351,268	14,283,231	12,776,705	1,506,526
Total expenditures	<u>14,351,268</u>	<u>14,283,231</u>	<u>12,776,705</u>	<u>1,506,526</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(981,268)	(913,231)	8,411,084	9,324,315
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	(70,873)	(195,873)	(107,688)	88,185
Total other financing uses	<u>(70,873)</u>	<u>(195,873)</u>	<u>(107,688)</u>	<u>88,185</u>
Net changes in fund balances	(1,052,141)	(1,109,104)	8,303,396	9,412,500
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>12,602,710</u>	<u>12,602,710</u>	<u>12,602,710</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 11,550,569</u>	<u>\$ 11,493,606</u>	<u>\$ 20,906,106</u>	<u>\$ 9,412,500</u>

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
INMATE GENERAL WELFARE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Interest income	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 30,175	\$ 29,175
Miscellaneous	525,000	525,000	212,367	(312,633)
Total revenues	526,000	526,000	242,542	(283,458)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	526,000	526,000	216,177	309,823
Total expenditures	526,000	526,000	216,177	309,823
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	26,365	26,365
Fund balances, beginning of year	633,799	633,799	633,799	-
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 633,799</u>	<u>\$ 633,799</u>	<u>\$ 660,164</u>	<u>\$ 26,365</u>

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COUNTY JAIL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 205,000	\$ 205,000	\$ 390,860	\$ 185,860
Interest income	12,000	12,000	66,333	54,333
Total revenues	<u>217,000</u>	<u>217,000</u>	<u>457,193</u>	<u>240,193</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	783,869	777,619	345,276	432,343
Capital outlay	-	6,250	6,227	23
Total expenditures	<u>783,869</u>	<u>783,869</u>	<u>351,503</u>	<u>432,366</u>
Net changes in fund balances	(566,869)	(566,869)	105,690	(192,173)
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>1,398,430</u>	<u>1,398,430</u>	<u>1,398,430</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 831,561</u>	<u>\$ 831,561</u>	<u>\$ 1,504,120</u>	<u>\$ (192,173)</u>

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,122,500	\$ 1,121,901	\$ (599)
Total revenues	600,000	1,122,500	1,121,901	(599)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Housing and development	600,000	1,122,500	1,121,901	599
Total expenditures	600,000	1,122,500	1,121,901	599
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,791	\$ 115,791
Total revenues	-	-	115,791	115,791
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	115,791	115,791
Fund balances, beginning of year	488,853	488,853	488,853	-
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 488,853</u>	<u>\$ 488,853</u>	<u>\$ 604,644</u>	<u>\$ 115,791</u>

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 17,853,694	\$ 17,928,694	\$ 18,120,610	\$ 191,916
Investment income	30,000	30,000	802,013	772,013
Total revenues	<u>17,883,694</u>	<u>17,958,694</u>	<u>18,922,623</u>	<u>963,929</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	10,000	85,000	68,498	16,502
Debt service:				
Principal	38,610,000	38,610,000	38,060,000	550,000
Interest	<u>7,966,444</u>	<u>7,966,444</u>	<u>7,758,943</u>	<u>207,501</u>
Total expenditures	<u>46,586,444</u>	<u>46,661,444</u>	<u>45,887,441</u>	<u>774,003</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(28,702,750)	(28,702,750)	(26,964,818)	1,737,932
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	<u>25,702,750</u>	<u>25,702,750</u>	<u>25,702,750</u>	-
Total other financing sources	<u>25,702,750</u>	<u>25,702,750</u>	<u>25,702,750</u>	-
Net changes in fund balances	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(1,262,068)	1,737,932
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>12,331,997</u>	<u>12,331,997</u>	<u>12,331,997</u>	-
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 9,331,997</u>	<u>\$ 9,331,997</u>	<u>\$ 11,069,929</u>	<u>\$ 1,737,932</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL
OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Project	Estimated Cost		Expenditures		Total
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	
SPLOST VI - 2008 SPLOST					
Road, street, bridges and sidewalks	\$ 108,600,000	\$ 105,522,195	\$ 103,066,215	\$ -	\$ 103,066,215
Public safety facilities	17,800,000	13,052,093	11,059,494	2,455,132	13,514,626
Park and recreation facilities	13,500,000	11,137,500	11,126,287	-	11,126,287
Library facilities	7,200,000	5,940,000	5,694,069	-	5,694,069
Cultural facilities	6,000,000	6,877,656	6,877,656	-	6,877,656
Payments to the City of Cumming	6,900,000	6,075,666	6,075,666	-	6,075,666
Total 2008 SPLOST	<u>\$ 160,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 148,605,110</u>	<u>\$ 143,899,387</u>	<u>2,455,132</u>	<u>\$ 146,354,519</u>
SPLOST VII - 2013 SPLOST					
Courthouse and jail expansion	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 92,523,939	-	\$ 92,523,939
Road, street, bridges and sidewalks	76,925,025	94,530,000	83,512,388	9,651,368	93,163,756
Animal shelter	2,999,975	2,999,975	1,802,282	-	1,802,282
Libraries	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,758,336	-	2,758,336
Public safety improvements	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,899,999	-	3,899,999
Emergency water generator	1,000,000	1,184,219	1,184,219	-	1,184,219
Park and recreation facilities	-	2,400,000	2,021,238	-	2,021,238
Administration building	-	2,500,000	1,096,194	-	1,096,194
Payments to the City of Cumming	12,375,000	14,382,889	14,382,888	-	14,382,888
Total 2013 SPLOST	<u>\$ 200,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 224,697,083</u>	<u>\$ 203,181,483</u>	<u>9,651,368</u>	<u>\$ 212,832,851</u>
SPLOST VIII - 2018 SPLOST					
Roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks	\$ 153,000,000	\$ 151,000,000	\$ 83,011,733	33,666,309	\$ 116,678,042
Public safety facilities	32,100,000	32,100,000	7,876,074	4,152,408	12,028,482
Park and recreation facilities	44,000,000	44,000,000	16,873,387	9,256,264	26,129,651
Library facilities	9,700,000	9,700,000	2,228	2,560,838	2,563,066
Animal services	956,000	956,000	-	329,297	329,297
Cultural facilities	500,000	500,000	153,446	-	153,446
Water facilities	10,250,000	10,250,000	105,640	-	105,640
Administration services	9,000,000	9,000,000	28,379	1,134	29,513
Payments to the City of Cumming	14,494,000	14,494,000	9,524,893	2,821,964	12,346,857
Total 2018 SPLOST	<u>\$ 274,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 272,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 117,575,780</u>	<u>52,788,214</u>	<u>\$ 170,363,994</u>
Transfers out to pay for debt service				19,702,750	
Total SPLOST Fund expenditures and transfers out				<u>\$ 84,597,464</u>	

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Internal service funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the government and to other government units, on a cost reimbursement basis.

Risk Management Fund – to account for charges to other funds and for the payment of general liability and property insurance and the payment of claims.

Employee Health Benefit Fund – to account for charges to other funds and for the payment of the County's health insurance and claims.

Workers' Compensation Fund – to account for charges to other funds and for the payment of the workers' compensation insurance and claims.

Fleet Maintenance Fund – to account for charges to other funds and to account for the costs of operating the fleet maintenance function.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Risk Management Fund	Employee Health Benefits Fund	Workers' Compensation Fund	Fleet Maintenance Fund	Total
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash	\$ 995,071	\$ 14,518,644	\$ 2,383,485	\$ 58,420	\$ 17,955,620
Receivables	71,297	1,198,067	-	1,012	1,270,376
Inventories	-	-	-	47,663	47,663
Prepaid items	794,051	-	-	-	794,051
Total current assets	<u>1,860,419</u>	<u>15,716,711</u>	<u>2,383,485</u>	<u>107,095</u>	<u>20,067,710</u>
Noncurrent assets:					
Capital assets:					
Capital assets, being depreciated	137,160	145,682	-	965,963	1,248,805
Less accumulated depreciation	(137,160)	(109,262)	-	(654,044)	(900,466)
Total capital assets, net	<u>-</u>	<u>36,420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311,919</u>	<u>348,339</u>
Total assets	<u>1,860,419</u>	<u>15,753,131</u>	<u>2,383,485</u>	<u>419,014</u>	<u>20,416,049</u>
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	216,114	1,010,244	15,077	68,337	1,309,772
Compensated absences, due within one year	22,420	-	-	63,815	86,235
Claims payable, due within one year	368,472	2,583,475	587,717	-	3,539,664
Lease liabilities, due within one year	-	51,887	-	-	51,887
Total current liabilities	<u>607,006</u>	<u>3,645,606</u>	<u>602,794</u>	<u>132,152</u>	<u>4,987,558</u>
Long-term liabilities:					
Compensated absences, due in more than one year	5,605	-	-	15,954	21,559
Claims payable, long-term	951,528	-	432,539	-	1,384,067
Total long-term liabilities	<u>957,133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>432,539</u>	<u>15,954</u>	<u>1,405,626</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,564,139</u>	<u>3,645,606</u>	<u>1,035,333</u>	<u>148,106</u>	<u>6,393,184</u>
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	-	(15,467)	-	311,919	296,452
Unrestricted (deficit)	296,280	12,122,992	1,348,152	(41,011)	13,726,413
Total net position	<u>\$ 296,280</u>	<u>\$ 12,107,525</u>	<u>\$ 1,348,152</u>	<u>\$ 270,908</u>	<u>\$ 14,022,865</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Risk Management Fund	Employee Health Benefits Fund	Workers' Compensation Fund	Fleet Maintenance Fund	Total
OPERATING REVENUES					
Charges for services	\$ 2,486,844	\$ 35,988,319	\$ 1,462,488	\$ 1,727,895	\$ 41,665,546
Insurance recoveries	332,329	-	494,539	-	826,868
Total operating revenues	2,819,173	35,988,319	1,957,027	1,727,895	42,492,414
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries and benefits	220,903	77,640	178,292	1,468,394	1,945,229
Supplies and maintenance	-	-	-	1,520,038	1,520,038
Claims	3,159,235	26,598,446	1,576,237	-	31,333,918
Insurance premiums	31,088	4,164,027	-	-	4,195,115
General and administrative	183,579	1,633,542	18,139	-	1,835,260
Depreciation and amortization expense	-	60,701	-	72,656	133,357
Total operating expenses	3,594,805	32,534,356	1,772,668	3,061,088	40,962,917
Operating income (loss)	(775,632)	3,453,963	184,359	(1,333,193)	1,529,497
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Investment earnings	45,625	-	91,447	-	137,072
Loss on sale of capital assets	-	-	-	28,465	28,465
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	45,625	-	91,447	28,465	165,537
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	(730,007)	3,453,963	275,806	(1,304,728)	1,695,034
Transfers in	-	-	-	1,271,185	1,271,185
Transfers out	-	(3,283,740)	-	-	(3,283,740)
Total transfers	-	(3,283,740)	-	1,271,185	(2,012,555)
Change in net position	(730,007)	170,223	275,806	(33,543)	(317,521)
NET POSITION, beginning of year	1,026,287	11,937,302	1,072,346	304,451	14,340,386
NET POSITION, end of year	<u>\$ 296,280</u>	<u>\$ 12,107,525</u>	<u>\$ 1,348,152</u>	<u>\$ 270,908</u>	<u>\$ 14,022,865</u>

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Risk Management Fund	Employee Health Benefits Fund	Workers Compensation Fund	Fleet Maintenance Fund	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Receipts from customers	\$ 2,749,085	\$ 35,988,319	\$ 1,957,027	\$ 1,730,987	\$ 42,425,418
Payments to suppliers and service providers	(2,977,705)	(31,405,965)	(1,798,150)	(1,472,523)	(37,654,343)
Payments to employees	(214,833)	-	-	(1,490,764)	(1,705,597)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(443,453)	4,582,354	158,877	(1,232,300)	3,065,478
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Interest received	45,625	-	91,447	-	137,072
Net cash provided by investing activities	45,625	-	91,447	-	137,072
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Purchases of capital assets	-	-	-	(8,930)	(8,930)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	-	28,465	28,465
Principal payments on lease liabilities	-	(48,471)	-	-	(48,471)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	-	(48,471)	-	19,535	(28,936)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Transfers in from other funds	-	-	-	1,271,185	1,271,185
Transfers out to other funds	-	(3,283,740)	-	-	(3,283,740)
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	-	(3,283,740)	-	1,271,185	(2,012,555)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(397,828)	1,250,143	250,324	58,420	1,161,059
Cash and cash equivalents:					
Beginning of year	1,392,899	13,268,501	2,133,161	-	16,794,561
End of year	<u>\$ 995,071</u>	<u>\$ 14,518,644</u>	<u>\$ 2,383,485</u>	<u>\$ 58,420</u>	<u>\$ 17,955,620</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Operating income (loss)	\$ (775,632)	\$ 3,453,963	\$ 184,359	\$ (1,333,193)	\$ 1,529,497
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization	-	60,701	-	72,656	133,357
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(70,088)	141,797	-	3,092	74,801
Decrease in inventory	-	-	-	59,448	59,448
Increase in prepaid items	(234,561)	-	-	-	(234,561)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	120,758	477,915	1,275	(11,933)	588,015
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences	6,070	-	-	(22,370)	(16,300)
Increase (decrease) in claims payable	510,000	447,978	(26,757)	-	931,221
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ (443,453)</u>	<u>\$ 4,582,354</u>	<u>\$ 158,877</u>	<u>\$ (1,232,300)</u>	<u>\$ 3,065,478</u>

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

Custodial funds are used to account for assets held by the government as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governments.

Tax Commissioner - to account for the collection of all property taxes which are disbursed to other taxing units.

Sheriff - to account for collection of cash bonds, fines, forfeitures and other fees which are disbursed to other parties.

The following custodial funds are used to account for fines, fees and other moneys collected by the courts and remitted to other parties in accordance with court orders and state law:

Clerk of Superior Court

Probate Court

Magistrate Court

Juvenile Court

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS	Tax Commissioner	Sheriff	Clerk of Superior Court	Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Juvenile Court	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,448,482	\$ 383,892	\$ 29,222,563	\$ 21,740	\$ 285,721	\$ 3,321	\$ 35,365,719
Taxes receivable	10,780,727	-	-	-	-	-	10,780,727
Total assets	16,229,209	383,892	29,222,563	21,740	285,721	3,321	46,146,446
LIABILITIES							
Due to others	5,448,482	91,157	799,295	8,192	285,721	3,321	6,636,168
Uncollected taxes	10,780,727	-	-	-	-	-	10,780,727
Total liabilities	16,229,209	91,157	799,295	8,192	285,721	3,321	17,416,895
NET POSITION							
Restricted:							
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	-	292,735	28,423,268	13,548	-	-	28,729,551
Total net position	\$ -	\$ 292,735	\$ 28,423,268	\$ 13,548	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,729,551

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN
FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Tax Commissioner	Sheriff	Clerk of Superior Court	Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Juvenile Court	Total
ADDITIONS							
Taxes	\$ 586,597,397	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 586,597,397
Fines and fees	-	5,602,092	13,362,085	929,532	2,557,765	24,686	22,476,160
Criminal and civil bonds	-	-	31,957,200	-	-	-	31,957,200
Interest income	-	-	-	-	-	294	294
Total additions	<u>586,597,397</u>	<u>5,602,092</u>	<u>45,319,285</u>	<u>929,532</u>	<u>2,557,765</u>	<u>24,980</u>	<u>641,031,051</u>
DEDUCTIONS							
Taxes and fees paid to other governments	586,597,397	-	34,049,360	822,584	-	-	621,469,341
Other custodial disbursements	-	5,618,294	2,774,795	93,400	2,557,765	24,980	11,069,234
Total deductions	<u>586,597,397</u>	<u>5,618,294</u>	<u>36,824,155</u>	<u>915,984</u>	<u>2,557,765</u>	<u>24,980</u>	<u>632,538,575</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	-	(16,202)	8,495,130	13,548	-	-	8,492,476
Net position, beginning of year	-	308,937	19,928,138	-	-	-	20,237,075
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 292,735</u>	<u>\$ 28,423,268</u>	<u>\$ 13,548</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 28,729,551</u>



STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of Forsyth County's annual comprehensive financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the government's overall financial health.

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STATISTICAL SECTION

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
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NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 824,767	\$ 868,626	\$ 961,421	\$ 990,472	\$ 985,786	\$ 1,014,384	\$ 1,123,681	\$ 1,169,621	\$ 1,210,829	\$ 1,279,851
Restricted:										
Debt service	18,462	15,629	15,823	16,713	15,184	14,300	11,622	8,592	9,669	9,035
Capital projects	41,157	53,502	10,264	34,796	65,260	83,115	85,838	106,487	152,656	151,231
Public safety programs	8,783	8,594	8,484	10,675	11,887	13,277	20,555	24,831	29,042	30,213
Public works	3,021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial programs	119	90	94	107	93	124	129	149	155	252
Jail construction	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	1,090	7,252
Pension benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,634
Unrestricted:	73,670	31,945	30,637	38,289	67,305	73,416	105,907	139,344	154,607	182,391
Total governmental activities net position	\$ 970,084	\$ 978,386	\$ 1,026,723	\$ 1,091,052	\$ 1,145,515	\$ 1,198,616	\$ 1,347,732	\$ 1,449,048	\$ 1,558,048	\$ 1,661,859
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 312,319	\$ 329,049	\$ 358,440	\$ 421,277	\$ 471,770	\$ 541,438	\$ 464,586	\$ 559,711	\$ 561,393	\$ 582,970
Restricted	4,326	3,859	3,939	4,118	4,323	4,483	95,737	4,839	6,064	6,433
Unrestricted	53,336	75,501	91,475	70,928	48,539	2,527	11,927	28,830	46,461	53,045
Total business-type activities net position	\$ 369,981	\$ 408,409	\$ 453,854	\$ 496,323	\$ 524,632	\$ 548,448	\$ 572,250	\$ 593,380	\$ 613,918	\$ 642,448
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 1,137,086	\$ 1,197,675	\$ 1,319,861	\$ 1,411,749	\$ 1,457,556	\$ 1,555,822	\$ 1,588,267	\$ 1,729,332	\$ 1,772,222	\$ 1,862,821
Restricted	75,973	81,674	38,604	66,409	96,747	115,299	213,881	144,922	198,676	206,050
Unrestricted	127,006	107,446	122,112	109,217	115,844	75,943	117,834	168,174	201,068	235,436
Total primary government net position	\$ 1,340,065	\$ 1,386,795	\$ 1,480,577	\$ 1,587,375	\$ 1,670,147	\$ 1,747,064	\$ 1,919,982	\$ 2,042,428	\$ 2,171,966	\$ 2,304,307

From: Statement of Net Position

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
TABLE 2
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
EXPENSES										
Governmental activities:										
General Government	\$ 27,209	\$ 27,515	\$ 27,992	\$ 34,715	\$ 37,230	\$ 41,890	\$ 40,574	\$ 40,505	\$ 47,452	\$ 52,855
Judicial	13,360	14,053	14,827	15,272	15,201	15,996	16,607	17,286	17,814	19,583
Public Safety	62,404	67,785	75,028	77,125	81,256	86,485	90,745	95,784	99,072	119,678
Public Works	19,105	58,197	30,155	26,346	27,178	33,296	38,967	40,603	40,552	45,794
Health and Welfare	2,767	2,756	3,128	3,011	3,473	3,484	8,054	3,799	4,032	4,943
Culture and Recreation	16,743	16,725	17,268	19,255	20,523	21,654	16,745	23,397	25,712	28,355
Housing and Development	4,643	5,190	5,977	6,524	7,481	8,062	8,874	8,877	9,593	10,160
Interest and paying agent fees	5,723	8,136	6,792	5,781	5,678	7,409	5,961	5,279	5,115	6,356
Total governmental activities expenses	151,954	200,357	181,167	188,029	198,020	218,276	226,527	235,530	249,342	287,724
Business-type activities:										
Water and sewer	43,383	40,898	44,664	47,267	51,122	62,185	63,537	67,398	71,068	72,397
Solid waste	792	875	995	888	1,354	1,698	1,917	2,130	2,011	2,208
Total business-type activities expenses	44,175	41,773	45,659	48,155	52,476	63,883	65,454	69,528	73,079	74,605
Total primary government expenses	\$ 196,129	\$ 242,130	\$ 226,826	\$ 236,184	\$ 250,496	\$ 282,159	\$ 291,981	\$ 305,058	\$ 322,421	\$ 362,329
PROGRAM REVENUES										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
General Government	\$ 5,947	\$ 7,030	\$ 8,903	\$ 11,947	\$ 11,036	\$ 11,736	\$ 13,400	\$ 14,503	\$ 15,062	\$ 15,787
Judicial	4,657	5,133	5,127	5,128	5,240	5,494	5,491	6,259	6,448	6,464
Public Safety	5,286	4,766	4,967	5,107	6,388	7,710	7,640	8,262	8,668	10,118
Public Works	4,768	5,420	6,375	10,618	10,916	6,665	8,713	8,451	6,073	4,068
Health and Welfare	81	76	74	69	81	79	37	64	608	257
Culture and Recreation	2,644	2,639	2,668	2,829	3,030	3,303	1,803	3,857	4,440	5,103
Housing and Development	5,202	5,708	5,822	5,592	5,678	5,864	5,369	5,765	4,212	3,525
Total charges for services	28,585	30,772	33,936	41,290	42,369	40,851	42,453	47,161	45,511	45,322
Operating grants and contributions	3,736	2,694	2,190	1,442	2,035	2,504	19,486	20,491	7,249	6,327
Capital grants and contributions	18,186	23,119	19,743	26,121	10,782	12,617	76,693	8,908	20,611	22,382
Total governmental activities program revenues	50,507	56,585	55,869	68,853	55,186	55,972	138,632	76,560	73,371	74,031
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services:										
Water and sewer	34,773	39,582	45,704	40,741	47,339	54,072	54,009	58,084	63,653	67,984
Solid waste	2,027	2,081	2,319	2,431	1,974	2,147	2,403	2,740	2,684	3,015
Total charges for services	36,800	41,663	48,023	43,172	49,313	56,219	56,412	60,824	66,337	70,999
Capital grants and contributions	29,343	38,806	45,429	47,067	29,573	30,233	32,836	30,868	26,649	27,741
Total business-type activities program revenues	66,143	80,469	93,452	90,239	78,886	86,452	89,248	91,692	92,986	98,740
Total primary government program revenues	\$ 116,650	\$ 137,054	\$ 149,321	\$ 159,092	\$ 134,072	\$ 142,424	\$ 227,880	\$ 168,252	\$ 166,357	\$ 172,771

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
TABLE 2
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Net (expense)/revenue										
Governmental activities	\$ (101,447)	\$ (143,772)	\$ (125,298)	\$ (119,176)	\$ (142,834)	\$ (162,304)	\$ (87,895)	\$ (158,970)	\$ (175,971)	\$ (213,693)
Business-type activities	21,968	38,696	47,793	42,084	26,410	22,569	23,794	22,164	19,907	24,135
Total primary government net expense	\$ (79,479)	\$ (105,076)	\$ (77,505)	\$ (77,092)	\$ (116,424)	\$ (139,735)	\$ (64,101)	\$ (136,806)	\$ (156,064)	\$ (189,558)
GENERAL REVENUES AND OTHER										
CHANGES IN NET POSITION										
Governmental activities:										
Taxes										
Property Taxes	\$ 65,927	\$ 70,365	\$ 81,779	\$ 86,347	\$ 93,248	\$ 98,761	\$ 107,863	\$ 113,291	\$ 116,499	\$ 130,868
Sales Taxes	62,001	64,061	66,721	69,718	74,446	77,490	87,297	100,780	110,592	111,703
Insurance premium taxes	8,336	8,926	9,499	10,173	10,969	11,754	12,477	12,960	19,133	20,031
Other taxes	12,990	13,774	13,028	13,719	15,815	19,423	23,296	28,978	31,781	33,959
Total taxes	149,254	157,126	171,027	179,957	194,478	207,428	230,933	256,009	278,005	296,561
Investment earnings	775	787	1,091	1,828	4,022	5,469	2,464	950	3,815	17,917
Miscellaneous	673	723	786	970	1,559	1,758	1,521	2,183	2,102	1,820
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,319	-	-	-
Gain on in-substance defeasance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	885
Transfers	465	500	733	750	750	750	774	1,146	1,049	321
Total governmental activities	151,167	159,136	173,637	183,505	200,809	215,405	237,011	260,288	284,971	317,504
Business-type activities:										
Investment earnings	210	179	518	1,079	1,897	1,565	721	78	1,614	4,650
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	719	11	17	-	-	-
Intergovernmental revenue	-	-	31	33	33	421	33	33	66	65
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	-	-	23	(1)	-	12	-	-	-
Transfers	(465)	(500)	(733)	(750)	(750)	(750)	(774)	(1,147)	(1,049)	(321)
Total business-type activities	(255)	(321)	(184)	385	1,898	1,247	9	(1,036)	631	4,394
Total primary government	\$ 150,912	\$ 158,815	\$ 173,453	\$ 183,890	\$ 202,707	\$ 216,652	\$ 237,020	\$ 259,252	\$ 285,602	\$ 321,898
CHANGE IN NET POSITION										
Governmental activities	\$ 49,720	\$ 15,364	\$ 48,339	\$ 64,329	\$ 57,975	\$ 53,101	\$ 149,116	\$ 101,318	\$ 109,000	\$ 103,811
Business-type activities	21,713	38,375	47,609	42,469	28,308	23,816	23,803	21,128	20,538	28,529
Total primary government	\$ 71,433	\$ 53,739	\$ 95,948	\$ 106,798	\$ 86,283	\$ 76,917	\$ 172,919	\$ 122,446	\$ 129,538	\$ 132,340

From: Statement of Activities

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
TABLE 3
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General fund										
Nonspendable:										
Prepaid items	\$ 55	\$ 42	\$ 180	\$ 231	\$ 246	\$ 197	\$ 572	\$ 185	\$ 75	\$ 251
Inventory	331	405	417	610	729	411	358	436	460	423
Leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	20
Long-term advances	3,531	6,871	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted:										
Grant projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed:										
Tree replacement	63	38	95	119	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paving expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned:										
Use of fund balance in										
subsequent budget	77	236	308	388	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional services	129	510	76	219	230	103	92	154	118	234
Capital projects	229	1,262	179	69	1,100	324	186	100	722	373
Supplies and materials	342	243	7	138	201	20	38	338	6	30
Health insurance administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	46,694	43,451	52,865	51,629	54,492	60,453	75,532	86,329	88,571	96,016
Total general fund	51,451	53,058	54,187	53,403	56,998	61,508	76,778	87,542	89,955	97,347

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
TABLE 3
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All other governmental funds										
Nonspendable:										
Prepaid items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 99	\$ 83	\$ 21	\$ 31	\$ 27	\$ 35	\$ 30
Inventory	362	383	323	358	355	326	378	359	317	344
Long-term advances	-	-	-	480	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted:										
Judicial services	119	90	94	107	93	124	121	148	195	252
Public safety services	8,647	8,101	8,001	10,084	11,286	12,749	19,959	24,345	28,530	29,634
Public works	3,021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	823	2,953
Capital projects	68,521	125,364	85,584	91,814	112,552	195,410	195,688	182,793	168,906	155,662
Jail construction and equipping	104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service	18,403	15,569	15,735	16,616	15,077	14,198	11,523	11,642	12,332	11,070
Assigned for capital projects	22,113	23,469	23,351	29,474	23,982	27,554	41,226	60,584	73,993	101,706
Unassigned	(2,433)	(230)	(1,331)	(386)	-	(366)	(3,983)	(2,038)	(2,168)	(2,162)
Total all other governmental funds	118,857	172,746	131,827	148,646	163,428	250,016	264,943	277,884	282,963	299,489
Total all funds	\$ 170,308	\$ 225,804	\$ 186,014	\$ 202,049	\$ 220,426	\$ 311,524	\$ 341,721	\$ 365,426	\$ 372,918	\$ 396,836

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TABLE 4
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
REVENUES										
Taxes (see table 5)	\$ 149,249	\$ 157,188	\$ 170,877	\$ 179,885	\$ 194,343	\$ 207,445	\$ 230,853	\$ 256,422	\$ 277,804	\$ 296,542
Licenses and permits	6,286	6,855	6,990	6,867	6,928	7,219	6,527	7,221	5,659	5,055
Intergovernmental	3,672	9,817	5,359	5,284	6,397	5,685	23,293	20,722	15,440	10,900
Fines and forfeitures	4,012	3,663	3,459	3,664	3,818	3,943	3,411	3,945	5,128	5,192
Charges for services	18,287	20,254	23,486	30,760	31,623	29,689	32,515	35,995	34,724	35,076
Contributions and donations	77	868	91	73	134	232	1,113	598	292	346
Investment earnings	824	824	1,110	1,895	4,462	6,769	3,142	1,083	6,266	24,017
Miscellaneous	704	723	986	970	2,351	1,758	2,706	2,183	2,102	1,820
Total revenues	183,111	200,192	212,358	229,398	250,056	262,740	303,560	328,169	347,415	378,948
EXPENDITURES										
General government	20,418	23,754	23,242	27,410	28,317	30,273	36,068	37,951	39,323	42,345
Judicial	12,416	13,104	13,580	14,092	14,912	15,747	16,756	17,287	18,355	19,452
Public safety	59,537	65,260	69,413	68,228	74,634	81,514	87,201	90,975	95,807	110,591
Public works	8,999	15,486	17,655	14,404	15,593	17,917	21,579	19,468	18,897	22,145
Public health and welfare	2,653	2,613	2,999	3,005	3,434	3,207	3,299	3,388	3,825	4,261
Recreation and culture	14,262	13,879	14,067	15,637	16,054	17,154	16,908	18,551	20,240	21,970
Housing and development	4,717	5,153	5,784	6,348	7,735	8,286	8,676	8,452	9,098	9,691
Intergovernmental	183	35,262	2,532	4,813	6,374	3,677	2,536	2,858	3,293	2,822
Capital outlay	85,051	44,200	73,188	41,326	43,790	71,882	62,128	82,200	99,987	77,440
Principal on long-term debt	4,801	32,442	28,748	9,663	15,644	14,869	10,620	23,885	25,565	38,437
Interest and paying agent fees	5,594	6,407	9,046	8,923	7,089	7,526	11,195	10,815	9,726	8,432
Bond issuance costs	-	811	-	439	-	574	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	218,631	258,371	260,254	214,288	233,576	272,626	276,966	315,830	344,116	357,586
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(35,520)	(58,179)	(47,896)	15,110	16,480	(9,886)	26,594	12,339	3,299	21,362

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
TABLE 4
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ 6	\$ 250	\$ 2	\$ 238	\$ 170	\$ 151	\$ 2,917	\$ 657	\$ 644	\$ 223
Transfers in	15,598	44,274	36,116	19,239	19,916	22,884	28,333	76,321	67,688	66,734
Transfers out	(15,133)	(44,064)	(35,883)	(18,999)	(18,189)	(21,263)	(27,649)	(65,610)	(64,139)	(64,401)
Capital leases	-	-	7,870	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from bond refunding	29,599	60,315	-	76,830	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from general obligation bond	-	96,165	-	-	-	85,300	-	-	-	-
Premium on bonds issued	-	30,645	-	7,317	-	13,914	-	-	-	-
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	-	(73,908)	-	(83,698)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	30,070	113,677	8,105	927	1,897	100,986	3,601	11,368	4,193	2,556
Net change in fund balances	\$ (5,450)	\$ 55,498	\$ (39,791)	\$ 16,037	\$ 18,377	\$ 91,100	\$ 30,195	\$ 23,707	\$ 7,492	\$ 23,919
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	12.7%	8.0%	19.3%	20.6%	11.0%	12.4%	11.7%	10.3%	14.6%	16.9%

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TABLE 5
GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Fiscal Year	Property Taxes	Sales Taxes	Title Ad Valorem Tax	Insurance Premium Tax	Other Taxes	Total
2014	\$ 65,922	\$ 62,001	\$ 8,539	\$ 8,336	\$ 4,451	149,249
2015	70,425	64,061	8,948	8,926	4,826	157,186
2016	81,628	66,721	7,994	9,499	5,035	170,877
2017	86,274	69,718	8,696	10,173	5,024	179,885
2018	93,112	74,446	10,771	10,969	5,045	194,343
2019	98,777	77,491	14,252	11,754	5,171	207,445
2020	107,782	87,297	16,474	12,477	6,823	230,853
2021	113,704	100,780	21,808	12,960	7,170	256,422
2022	116,299	110,592	24,450	19,133	7,330	277,804
2023	130,848	111,703	27,043	20,031	6,917	296,542

Note: Other taxes include real estate and recording taxes, franchise taxes, alcoholic beverage taxes and hotel/motel taxes.
Title Ad Valorem Tax was created in 2013 and was the first year of collection of this tax type.

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TABLE 6
ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Fiscal Year	Tax Year	Real Property				Personal Property				Less Exemptions:		Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Taxable Value (3)	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value
		Residential Property	Agricultural Property (1)	Commercial & Industrial	Public Utilities	Inventory & Equipment (4)	Motor Vehicles	Mobile Homes	Other (2)	Real Property	Personal Property				
2015	2014	\$ 6,652,676	\$ 184,275	\$ 1,079,629	\$ 105,818	\$ 616,552	\$ 564,744	\$ 11,172	\$ 52,100	\$ 521,557	\$ 378,956	\$ 8,366,453	7.656	\$ 20,916,133	40.00%
2016	2015	7,685,610	197,395	1,284,324	89,457	675,748	400,864	11,031	54,673	555,427	679,963	9,163,712	8.036	22,909,280	40.00%
2017	2016	8,350,070	202,673	1,318,592	86,704	686,910	298,089	10,736	54,696	561,201	770,313	9,676,956	8.036	24,192,390	40.00%
2018	2017	9,266,270	231,025	1,441,482	114,416	696,822	217,892	10,766	57,490	566,685	1,021,904	10,447,574	8.036	26,118,935	40.00%
2019	2018	10,272,554	264,017	1,967,296	133,697	804,276	164,739	10,896	132,310	624,877	1,370,707	11,754,201	8.036	29,385,503	40.00%
2020	2019	11,218,653	291,213	2,282,957	145,764	862,348	130,514	10,670	72,941	642,036	1,635,450	12,737,574	7.936	31,843,935	40.00%
2021	2020	11,903,321	355,373	2,298,604	150,356	865,800	107,449	9,810	79,781	634,188	1,803,534	13,332,773	7.896	33,331,932	40.00%
2022	2021	12,679,730	364,703	2,374,389	155,297	912,213	88,157	9,591	95,386	723,678	2,017,791	13,937,997	7.896	34,844,993	40.00%
2023	2022	15,664,378	569,006	2,725,562	164,217	976,522	80,780	9,656	95,436	755,895	3,716,622	15,813,040	7.896	39,532,600	40.00%
2024	2023	19,693,837	708,814	3,272,228	170,422	1,122,148	81,379	9,273	129,345	828,394	6,125,316	18,233,736	7.896	45,584,340	40.00%

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue and Forsyth County Tax Assessor's Department

(1) Includes conservation use and preferential property.

(2) Includes aircraft, boats, miscellaneous personal property, timber and heavy equipment.

(3) Property that is exempt from taxation has not been included. That is typically property owned by governments and not-for-profit organizations like churches.

(4) Includes furniture and fixtures.

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TABLE 7
PROPERTY TAX RATES (DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Mills - rate per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value)

Fiscal Year	Tax Year	Forsyth County				School District			CID - South Forsyth	State	Total Direct & Overlapping Rates
		Operating Millage	Fire Millage	Debt Service Millage	Total County Millage	Operating Millage	Debt Service Millage	Total School Millage	Operating Millage	Operating Millage	
2015	2014	4.812	1.975	0.869	7.656	16.300	2.418	18.718	0.000	0.100	26.474
2016	2015	4.642	1.975	1.419	8.036	17.300	2.418	19.718	0.000	0.050	27.804
2017	2016	4.642	1.975	1.419	8.036	17.300	2.418	19.718	0.000	0.000	27.754
2018	2017	4.642	1.975	1.419	8.036	17.300	2.418	19.718	0.000	0.000	27.754
2019	2018	4.642	1.975	1.419	8.036	17.300	2.418	19.718	0.000	0.000	27.754
2020	2019	4.791	2.175	0.970	7.936	17.300	2.418	19.718	4.000	0.000	31.654
2021	2020	4.791	2.175	0.930	7.896	17.300	2.418	19.718	4.000	0.000	31.614
2022	2021	4.791	2.175	0.930	7.896	17.300	2.418	19.718	4.000	0.000	31.614
2023	2022	4.791	2.175	0.930	7.896	17.300	1.418	18.718	4.000	0.000	30.614
2024	2023	4.791	2.175	0.930	7.896	15.300	1.418	16.718	4.000	0.000	28.614

Source: State Department of Revenue

Overlapping rates are those of local and county governments that apply to property owners within the County. Not all potential overlapping rates apply to all County property owners (e.g., the rates for special districts apply only proportion of the government's property owners whose property is located within the geographic boundaries of the special district.)

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TABLE 8
PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO
December 31, 2023
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Taxpayer	Type of Business	2023			2014		
		Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value
Sawnee EMC	Electric Power Utility	\$ 80,255,976	1	0.44%	\$ 52,716	1	0.63%
Georgia Transmissions Corp.	Power Transfer Utility	46,476,371	2	0.25%	27,045	4	0.32%
Deerfield Crossing Apartments	Real Estate Holdings	45,600,000	3	0.25%			
Bel Venue LLC	Real Estate Holdings	38,114,000	4	0.21%			
Forsyth Owner 1 LP	Developer	36,609,852	5	0.20%	48,574	2	0.58%
Bluegrass Materials Company LLC	Developer	32,606,649	6	0.18%			
Northside Hospital Inc.	Hospital	28,650,771	7	0.16%			
WOP Preston Pointe LLC	Real Estate Holdings	28,454,400	8	0.16%			
Colfin 2015-5 Ind. Owner, LLC	Real Estate Holdings	26,657,459	9	0.15%			
Gipper LLC	Real Estate Holdings	25,488,000	10	0.14%			
United Parcel Service	Delivery Service				31,531	3	0.28%
DDA Winter Garden LLC	Developer				21,970	5	0.19%
Lennar Georgia, Inc.	Developer				17,704	6	0.18%
Mar Windemere LP	Developer				15,640	7	0.17%
Scientific Games, Inc.	Printed Lottery Tickets				17,341	8	0.17%
D.R. Horton, Inc.	Developer				14,564	9	0.15%
AT&T Services, Inc.	Telephone/Cell Phone Service				13,949	10	0.15%
Totals		<u>\$ 388,913,478</u>		<u>2.13%</u>	<u>\$ 261,034</u>		<u>2.82%</u>

Source: Forsyth County Tax Commissioner

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TABLE 9A
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Fiscal Year	Tax Year	Tax Due Date	Taxes Levied for the Tax Year		Interest, Costs, & Penalties	Total Adjusted Levy	Collected within Fiscal year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date		Uncollected Balance
			(Original Levy)	Adjustments			Amount	Percentage of Original Levy		Amount	Percentage of Adjusted Levy	
2015	2014	11/15/14	\$ 66,304	\$ (100)	\$ 105	\$ 66,309	\$ 64,430	97.17%	\$ 1,780	\$ 66,210	99.85%	\$ 99
2016	2015	11/15/15	77,541	(718)	131	76,954	74,248	95.75%	2,588	76,836	99.85%	118
2017	2016	11/15/16	82,227	(536)	110	81,801	78,873	95.92%	2,819	81,692	99.87%	109
2018	2017	11/15/17	88,981	(603)	77	88,455	86,403	97.10%	1,952	88,355	99.89%	100
2019	2018	11/15/18	95,299	(1,050)	17	94,266	92,094	96.64%	2,159	94,253	99.99%	13
2020	2019	11/15/19	102,870	(1,307)	129	101,692	98,899	96.14%	2,662	101,561	99.87%	131
2021	2020	11/15/20	107,061	(864)	29	106,226	102,668	95.90%	3,491	106,159	99.94%	67
2022	2021	11/15/21	112,211	(571)	-	111,640	108,342	96.55%	3,239	111,581	99.95%	59
2023	2022	11/15/22	128,582	(1,001)	-	127,581	124,053	96.48%	3,264	127,317	99.79%	264
2024	2023	11/15/23	142,785	5,618	-	148,403	144,198	100.99%	-	144,198	97.17%	4,205

Source: Forsyth County Tax Commissioner's Office

Note:

Taxes levied during the calendar year 2022 are recorded as revenues in the financial statements in fiscal year 2023 since they are levied to finance that fiscal year's expenditures.

Taxes levied include real and personal property, motor vehicle, mobile home, timber, and heavy equipment taxes.

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TABLE 9B
TOP 10 WATER CUSTOMERS
December 31, 2023

Customer Name	Business	Gallons Metered	Total Water Billed	% of Total Billings
Forsyth County Schools	School System	78,947,470	\$ 580,452	1.66%
A and A Water Company LLC	Private Water System	34,649,570	159,258	0.46%
Truby Inc	Private Water System	28,537,350	129,114	0.37%
Pac Summit Crossing LLC	Apartments	24,624,620	125,691	0.36%
TS Big Creek LLC	Apartments	15,967,300	74,158	0.21%
Deerfield Crossing Apartments	Apartments	15,118,900	82,928	0.24%
WOP Preston Pointe LLC	Apartments	14,829,000	78,389	0.22%
GT RP Halcyon LLC	Management Consulting	13,402,240	97,504	0.28%
Forsyth County Parks and Rec	Government	12,514,860	99,591	0.29%
Forsyth Owner 1 LP	Manufacturing	11,704,900	69,719	0.20%
All other customers			33,392,541	95.71%
Total Billing			<u><u>\$ 34,889,345</u></u>	

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TABLE 9C
TOP 10 SEWER CUSTOMERS
December 31, 2023

Customer Name	Business	Gallons Metered	Total Sewer Billed	% of Total Billings
Forsyth County Schools	School System	53,715,430	\$ 435,231	1.42%
Pac Summit Crossing LLC	Apartments	23,757,750	183,785	0.60%
TS Big Creek LLC	Apartments	15,967,300	122,749	0.40%
Deerfield Crossings Apartments	Apartments	14,389,000	110,691	0.36%
WOP Preston Pointe LLC	Apartments	14,370,400	110,549	0.36%
Toll Brothers	Commercial Developer	12,383,470	130,508	0.43%
Forsyth Owner 1 LP	Commercial Developer	11,704,900	90,184	0.29%
Bel Venue LLC	Apartments	11,616,000	89,505	0.29%
Amelia Bay LLC	Manufacturing	11,269,200	86,476	0.28%
GT RP Halcyon LLC	Commercial Developer	11,229,740	89,968	0.29%
All other customers			29,130,228	95.26%
Total Billing			<u><u>\$ 30,579,874</u></u>	

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TABLE 9D
WATER SYSTEM RATES, FEES AND CHARGES
December 31, 2023

METER SIZE (1)	TAP FEE EXISTING LINES	MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGES
5/8	\$ 2,238	\$ 14.25
3/4	2,238	14.25
1	3,805	17.81
1 1/2	7,385	23.75
2	11,862	35.62
3	22,380	106.88
4	37,375	148.47
6	74,526	296.92
8	119,286	534.45

Average monthly billing for a residential customer using 9000 gallons of water on a 3/4" domestic meter per month

Water	\$ 50.68
Sewer	84.56
Total	\$ 135.24

Source: The Water Rate Resolution adopted November 2019.
 (1) Meter sizes are in inches.

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TABLE 10 RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE Last Ten Fiscal Years

(amounts expressed in thousands, except per capita amounts)

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities				Business-Type Activities				Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income (1)	Per Capita (1)
	General Obligation Bonds	Financed Purchases (2)	Lease Liabilities (3)	Total	Revenue Bonds (2)	Notes Payable	Lease Liabilities (3)	Total			
2014	\$ 152,756	\$ 7,934	\$ -	\$ 160,690	\$ 151,137	\$ 6,826	\$ -	\$ 157,963	\$ 318,653	3.66%	\$ 1,560
2015	241,561	7,897	-	249,458	207,833	6,699	-	214,532	463,990	5.30%	2,184
2016	209,672	15,729	-	225,401	201,160	6,434	-	207,594	432,995	4.94%	1,959
2017	201,678	13,121	-	214,799	194,371	6,368	-	200,739	415,538	4.52%	1,823
2018	186,217	10,456	-	196,673	187,406	6,243	-	193,649	390,322	4.13%	1,650
2019	270,245	7,777	-	278,022	272,099	5,917	-	278,016	556,038	5.47%	2,276
2020	253,537	7,777	-	261,314	264,284	5,750	-	270,034	531,348	4.68%	2,053
2021	223,709	7,777	1,429	232,915	256,150	5,565	312	262,027	494,942	4.08%	1,895
2022	193,449	7,777	1,028	202,254	251,113	6,763	215	258,091	460,345	3.48%	1,723
2023	152,246	7,777	603	160,626	242,021	16,062	112	258,195	418,821	2.84%	1,535

Note: Details regarding the County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

(1) See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data.

(2) Includes Certificates of Participation.

(3) Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, *Leases*, was implemented as of January 1, 2022.

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TABLE 11
RATIOS OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(amounts expressed in thousands, except per capita amounts)

Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds	Less: Amounts Restricted to Repaying Principal	Total	Percentage of Estimated Actual Taxable Value of Property (1)	Per Capita (2)
2014	\$ 241,561	\$ 18,403	\$ 223,158	1.07%	\$ 658
2015	209,672	15,569	194,103	0.85%	1,064
2016	201,678	15,735	185,943	0.77%	878
2017	186,217	16,616	169,601	0.65%	812
2018	270,245	15,077	255,168	0.87%	723
2019	270,245	14,198	256,047	0.80%	1,048
2020	253,537	11,523	242,014	0.73%	935
2021	223,709	11,642	212,067	0.61%	815
2022	193,449	12,332	181,117	0.46%	678
2023	152,246	11,070	141,176	0.31%	517

Note: Details regarding the County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

(1) See the Schedule of Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property for property value data.

(2) See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for population data.

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TABLE 12
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT
as of December 31, 2023
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Governmental Unit	Debt Outstanding	Percentage Applicable to Government	Amount Applicable to Government
Overlapping			
Forsyth County School District	\$ 484,408	100.00%	\$ 484,408
Forsyth County direct debt	160,626	100.00%	160,626
Total direct and overlapping debt	<u>\$ 645,034</u>		<u>\$ 645,034</u>

Assessed value data used to estimate applicable percentages provided by the State Department of Revenue.

Note: Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of the county. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the residents and businesses of the county. This process recognizes that, when considering the government's ability to issue and repay long-term debt, the entire debt burden borne by the residents and businesses should be taken into account. However, this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and, therefore, responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping government.

The percentage of overlapping debt applicable is estimated using taxable assessed property values. Applicable percentages were estimated by determining the portion of the county's taxable assessed value that is within the government's boundaries and dividing it by the county's total taxable assessed value.

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TABLE 13
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Assessed value of property	\$ 9,266,966	\$ 10,840,629	\$ 11,008,470	\$ 12,036,163	\$ 13,749,785	\$ 15,015,060	\$ 15,770,496	\$ 16,679,466	\$ 20,285,557	\$ 25,187,446
Debt limit (10% of total assessed value)	926,697	1,084,063	1,100,847	1,203,616	1,374,979	1,501,506	1,577,050	1,667,947	2,028,556	2,518,745
Amount of Debt applicable to limit:										
General obligation bonds	152,756	241,561	209,672	201,678	186,217	270,245	253,537	223,709	193,449	152,246
Less: Resources restricted to paying principal	(18,403)	(15,569)	(15,735)	(16,616)	(15,077)	(14,198)	(11,523)	(11,642)	(12,332)	(11,070)
Total net debt applicable to limit	134,353	225,992	193,937	185,062	171,140	256,047	242,014	212,067	181,117	141,176
Legal debt margin	\$ 792,344	\$ 858,071	\$ 906,910	\$ 1,018,554	\$ 1,203,839	\$ 1,245,459	\$ 1,335,036	\$ 1,455,880	\$ 1,847,439	\$ 2,377,569
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	14.50%	20.85%	17.62%	15.38%	12.45%	17.05%	15.35%	12.71%	8.93%	5.61%

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TABLE 14
PLEDGED-REVENUE COVERAGE
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Income (loss) of the System (1)	\$ (8,361,641)	\$ (1,076,752)	\$ 1,627,371	\$ (5,440,848)	\$ (2,075,010)	\$ (6,457,321)	\$ (9,391,264)	\$ (9,475,421)	\$ (6,374,845)	\$ (44,051)
Plus:										
Interest on debt	5,448,408	5,750,271	5,072,477	4,048,005	6,390,645	7,449,371	8,513,353	8,511,816	7,305,709	7,159,496
Depreciation and amortization	10,962,318	11,111,499	11,561,154	14,025,321	14,633,880	15,871,628	16,804,464	18,067,135	19,617,511	19,366,748
	8,049,085	15,785,018	18,261,002	12,632,478	18,949,515	16,863,678	15,926,553	17,103,530	20,548,375	26,482,193
Connection fees accounted for as capital contributions (2)	13,415,495	15,393,622	15,312,240	14,810,270	14,083,395	13,702,780	15,007,494	17,394,836	12,109,347	6,877,331
Cash flow available for debt service	21,464,580	31,178,640	33,573,242	27,442,748	33,032,910	30,566,458	30,934,047	34,498,366	32,657,722	33,359,524
Annual debt service requirements	9,228,926	9,128,188	12,237,077	12,819,339	13,150,296	14,187,357	15,136,540	16,489,672	11,707,892	15,895,666
Debt-service coverage ratio	2.33	3.42	2.74	2.14	2.51	2.15	2.04	2.09	2.79	2.10

(1) Represents the income (loss) of the Water and Sewerage Authority before capital contributions and transfers.

(2) Represents the cash portion of capital contributions.

Source: Applicable year's annual comprehensive financial report.

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TABLE 15
DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Population	Personal Income (amounts expressed in thousands) (1)	Per Capita Personal Income	Median Age	Education Level as a Percent of Population 25 yrs & over			School Enrollment	Unemployment Rate
					High School or Higher	Bachelor's or Higher	Degree or Higher		
2014	204,302	\$ 8,705,125	42,609	37	91.4%		43.8%	42,435	5.30%
2015	212,438	8,758,500	41,228	37	91.6%		44.6%	44,286	4.40%
2016	221,009	8,760,500	39,639	38	92.0%		45.6%	46,238	4.50%
2017	227,967	9,184,200	40,287	38	94.4%		48.3%	47,732	3.40%
2018	236,612	9,439,872	39,896	38	92.5%		50.2%	49,657	3.10%
2019	244,252	10,157,219	41,585	38	92.5%		51.7%	51,000	2.20%
2020	258,770	11,342,407	43,832	38	93.0%		53.1%	51,152	4.60%
2021	260,206	12,091,773	46,470	39	93.4%		54.8%	53,501	2.10%
2022	267,237	13,229,835	49,506	39	93.6%		55.9%	54,180	2.60%
2023	272,887	14,736,444	54,002	39	93.6%		56.2%	54,393	2.30%

Data sources:

Bureau of the Census/County Regional Planning Commission, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)*, State Department of Labor, State Department of Commerce, and Georgia Department of Education.

Note: Population, median age, and education level information are based on surveys conducted during the last quarter of the calendar year. Personal income information is a total for the year. Unemployment rate information is an adjusted yearly average. School enrollment is based on the census at the start of the school year.

(1) Personal income statistics provided by BEA.

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TABLE 16
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
Current Year and Nine Years Ago

Employer	2023			2014		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
Forsyth County School System	8,000	1	6.21%	4,496	1	4.95%
Northside Hospital - Forsyth	3,100	2	2.41%	2,200	2	2.42%
Forsyth County Government	1,611	3	1.25%	1,139	4	1.25%
Tyson Foods, Inc.	1,100	4	0.85%	1,100	3	1.21%
Koch Foods	1,000	5	0.78%	900	5	0.99%
Scientific Games International, Inc.	1,000	6	0.78%	1,095	6	1.20%
Siemens Industry, Inc.	700	7	0.54%	668	7	0.74%
Sawnee EMC	650	8	0.50%			
Baran Telecom, Inc.	475	9	0.37%			
Solvay Specialty Polymers LLC	450	10	0.35%			
Publix	-		0.00%	685	8	0.75%
Kroger Company	-		0.00%	534	9	0.59%
Walmart Supercenter	-		0.00%	468	10	0.52%
All other employers	110,651		85.95%	77,587		85.38%
Total	128,737		100.00%	90,872		100.00%

Source: Cumming-Forsyth Chamber of Commerce, Bond Documents and Forsyth County Planning and Development, and Georgia Department of Labor.

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TABLE 17 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function	Full-time Equivalent Employees as of December 31									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Government (1)	187	195	200	215	207	191	239	239	245	262
Judicial	110	115	125	138	143	150	151	150	152	152
Public Health and Welfare	29	22	35	47	37	58	43	42	42	45
Public Safety										
Police	328	358	395	436	425	438	450	444	478	482
Officers	268	302	332	398	349	357	365	366	390	392
Civilians	60	56	63	38	76	81	85	78	88	90
Fire	172	166	192	196	180	205	210	211	223	228
Firefighters and Officers	166	160	184	187	156	186	175	175	193	198
Civilians	6	6	8	9	24	19	35	36	30	30
E-911 and Coroner's Office	41	39	40	48	43	52	47	45	43	46
Public Works	76	77	80	84	102	109	117	113	113	100
Recreation and Culture	65	67	71	74	76	77	80	85	86	90
Housing and Development	47	42	51	61	59	75	64	65	69	65
Solid Waste	6	8	9	9	11	11	12	11	12	11
Water and Sewer	78	78	99	110	106	113	122	123	128	126
Total	1,139	1,167	1,297	1,418	1,389	1,479	1,535	1,528	1,591	1,607

Source: Forsyth County's Personnel Services Department

Notes: A full-time employee is scheduled to work 2,080 hours per year (including vacation and sick leave). Full-time-equivalent employment is calculated by dividing total labor hours by 2,080.

(1) Includes Internal Service departments that fall under the general government category.

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TABLE 18 OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Sheriff										
Physical arrests	4,920	(1)	6,727	5,678	6,037	6,102	4,404	4,880	5,669	6,213
Traffic violations	12,985	(1)	(1)	18,720	20,963	22,258	26,561	30,233	23,207	27,044
Fire										
Number of calls answered	12,799	13,283	13,873	14,993	14,441	14,771	15,081	17,152	17,878	17,594
Inspections	3,422	5,918	7,608	6,422	7,060	10,015	7,516	8,520	10,599	11,365
Highways and streets										
Street resurfacing (miles)	49	57	65	63	53	56	42	50	50	33
Potholes repaired	558	235	389	525	801	2,307	250	500	732	765
Sanitation										
Refuse collected (tons/day)	5	6	6	7	7	7	10	8	8	12
Recyclables collected (tons/day)	5	8	5	6	8	7	10	7	8	11
Water										
New connections	2,120	2,566	2,282	2,143	2,009	1,408	1,844	1,880	1,086	822
Water mains breaks	60	60	91	86	59	61	46	69	81	52
Average daily consumption (thousands of gallons)	11,998	12,830	15,210	14,241	14,784	15,797	14,365	15,154	16,312	15,569
Wastewater										
Average daily sewage treatment (thousands of gallons)	2,553	2,894	3,222	3,372	3,881	4,897	5,611	6,388	6,576	6,674

Sources: Various county departments including Fire, Sheriff's Office, Engineering, Water and Sewer, and Solid Waste.

(1) Information is not available for 2015 or 2016.

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TABLE 19 CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Function										
Public safety										
Sheriff:										
Precincts	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Number of vehicles	316	374	391	345	349	353	345	434	434	376
Fire:										
Stations	12	12	12	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
Number of vehicles	90	94	95	95	90	86	92	89	89	86
Highways and streets										
Streets (miles)	1,128	1,157	1,169	1,165	1,158	1,186	1,191	1,204	1,204	1,204
Streetlights	33	66	66	72	72	73	69	76	76	76
Traffic signals	71	71	71	71	73	71	73	75	77	78
Culture and recreation										
Parks acreage	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	2,820	2,820	2,820	2,833	2,934
Parks	23	23	25	25	25	25	25	25	27	28
Baseball/softball fields	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	57
Tennis courts	36	36	36	36	36	36	42	42	42	46
Soccer/Football fields	24	24	28	32	32	32	32	33	38	36
Playgrounds	20	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	22	23
Community centers	5	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	8
Water										
Water mains (miles)	963	986	1,009	1,051	1,065	1,088	1,005	1,112	1,126	1,141
Fire hydrants	6,681	9,473	9,481	9,677	8,254	11,062	11,250	11,268	11,300	11,649
Sewer										
Sanitary sewers (miles)	509	538	562	601	613	651	534	672	683	697

Sources: Various county departments.

Note: No capital asset indicators are available for the general government function.

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TABLE 20
WATER SYSTEM STATISTICS
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Average Daily Demand (1)	Maximum Daily Demand (1)	Water System Accounts (2)	Sewer System Accounts (2)
2014	12.00	17.24	52,309	24,830
2015	12.83	21.09	54,951	27,201
2016	15.21	24.17	57,419	29,136
2017	14.24	20.01	59,365	30,867
2018	14.78	19.95	61,632	32,533
2019	15.80	23.08	62,880	33,708
2020	14.37	21.90	64,828	35,253
2021	15.15	29.23	66,572	37,265
2022	16.31	26.29	67,567	38,108
2023	15.57	24.60	68,332	38,648

(1) Millions of gallons per day (MGD).

(2) Number at year end.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER
MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

**Board of Commissioners
of Forsyth County, Georgia
Cumming, Georgia**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Forsyth County, Georgia (the "County"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2024. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Forsyth County Health Department, as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditor's testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
June 10, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

**Board of Commissioners
of Forsyth County, Georgia
Cumming, Georgia**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified Opinions

We have audited Forsyth County, Georgia's (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The County's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results Section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Qualified Opinion on Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Cluster (Assistance Listing 66.468)

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Cluster program (Assistance Listing 66.468) for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Qualified Opinion on Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Assistance Listing 21.027)

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program (Assistance Listing 21.027) for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Qualified Opinions

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinions on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Cluster (Assistance Listing 66.468)

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the County did not comply with requirements regarding the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Cluster as described in finding number 2023-002 for Procurement, Suspension, and Debarment.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the County to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Assistance Listing 21.027)

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the County did not comply with requirements regarding the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as described in finding number 2023-001 for Procurement, Suspension, and Debarment.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the County to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Governmental Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's responses to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The County's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as Items 2023-001 and 2023-002 to be material weaknesses.

A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The County's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
June 10, 2024

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Contract or Project Number	Total Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE			
Passed through the Office of the State Treasurer of Georgia: Payments in Lieu of Taxes - Flood Lands	12.112	2023	\$ 502,230
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR			
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	15.226	2023	77,606
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
Passed through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: VOCA Victims Assistance Grant (Sheriff)	16.575	C21-8-036	51,364
VOCA Victims Assistance Grant (Sheriff)	16.575	C22-8-099	21,693
VOCA Victims Assistance Grant (District Attorney)	16.575	C22-8-076	122,521
VOCA Victims Assistance Grant (District Attorney)	16.575	C23-8-101	22,450
			218,028
Passed through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)	16.593	R20-8-002	53,387
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)	16.593	R20-8-005	164,622
			218,009
Equitable Sharing Program	16.922	GA-0580000	58,264
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	15PBJA-22-GG-02798-JAGX	5,253
Edward Byrne Discretionary Community Project	16.753	15PBJA-22-GG-00091-BRND	141,122
Edward Byrne Discretionary Community Project	16.753	15PBJA-23-GG-00188-BRND	49,836
Edward Byrne Discretionary Counselors Grant	16.753	15PBJA-22-GG-00188-BRND	45,000
			235,958
Total U.S. Department of Justice			735,512
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
Passed through the Georgia Department of Transportation: Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas	20.509	T007228 (5311)	29,669
Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas	20.509	T007311 (5311)	83,229
Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas	20.509	GA-2022-003-00(5307)	181,092
Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas	20.509	GA-2023 (5307)	241,702
			535,692
Passed through the Georgia Department of Transportation: Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	PI#0009316	136,100
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	16066	77,775
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	16975	117,916
Total Highway Planning and Construction			331,791
Passed through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety: Highway Enforcement Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.)	20.600	GA-2024-402 PT-019	38,493
Total Highway Safety Cluster			38,493
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			905,976
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	H.R. 1319	1,566,027
			1,566,027
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			1,566,027
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Passed through the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority: Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Cluster	66.468	DW2020029	9,339,509
Total Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Cluster			9,339,509
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			9,339,509

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Contract or Project Number	Total Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
Passed through the Legacy Link, Inc:			
Special Programs for the Aging: Title III, Part B	93.044	427-93-07070254-99	\$ 31,118
Transportation - SSBG-HCBS and OAA Title IIIB	93.044	427-93-07070254-99	2,411
Special Programs for the Aging: Title III, Part C	93.045	427-93-07070254-99	257,865
APRA - HDM and Congregate	93.045	427-93-07070254-99	204,250
Nutrition Services Incentive	93.053	427-93-07070254-99	47,726
Total Aging Cluster			<u>543,370</u>
Passed through the Legacy Link, Inc:			
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	427-93-07070254-99	14,077
APRA - Wellness	93.052	427-93-07070254-99	25,500
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>582,947</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
Passed through Georgia Emergency Management Agency:			
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	OEM21-060	45,000
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	#50	710
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	#61	2,240
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	#29	50,155
			<u>53,105</u>
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>98,105</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 13,807,912</u>

See accompanying notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Accounting

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

In instances where the grant agreement requires the County to match grant awards with local funds, such matching funds are excluded in the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Federal grant programs which are administered through State agencies (pass-through awards) have been included in this report. These programs are operated according to Federal regulations promulgated by the Federal agency providing the funding.

The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in or used in the preparation of the financial statements.

The County did not utilize the 10% de minimus indirect cost rate permitted by the Uniform Guidance.

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**SECTION I
SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified?	<u> </u> yes	<u> X </u> no
Significant deficiencies identified?	<u> </u> yes	<u> X </u> none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<u> </u> yes	<u> X </u> no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major program:

Material weaknesses identified?	<u> X </u> yes	<u> </u> no
Significant deficiencies identified?	<u> </u> yes	<u> X </u> none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major program Qualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? X yes no

Identification of major programs:

<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Listing Number</u>
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Cluster	66.468
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<u> </u> yes <u> X </u> no

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**

None

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**SECTION III
FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

Finding 2023 – 001 Procurement, Suspension, and Debarment

Program: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal Assistance Listing No. 21.027

Criteria: 49 CFR Part 18.36 requires grant recipients to follow the procurement standards established by their state and their own policies as long as those standards meet federal requirements. The County's procurement standards meet Federal and State requirements. Also, in compliance with the guidance set forth in the grant agreements and with the OMB A-102 Common Rule (which applies to grants and cooperative agreements) Attachment 1 (d), all recipients are required, during the procurement process, to ensure vendors are not cited as suspended or debarred or otherwise excluded from participation in federally funded contracts. This can be accomplished by checking www.sam.gov maintained by the General Services Administration, collecting a certification from the entity, or adding a clause or condition to the contract with the vendor.

Condition: During our testing of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("CSLFRF"), it was discovered that the County did not document its verification of whether its major contractor was noted as excluded on the federal government's suspension and debarred lists and did not include the appropriate language in the contract with that contractor.

Possible Effects: The County could unintentionally enter into a noncompliant contract and be forced to reimburse the federal government for all expenditures made with a debarred or suspended contractor. Based on a review of the excluded parties listing, the contractor in this case was not included as suspended or debarred.

Questioned Costs: None.

Context: The major contractor used with CSLFRF funds was not noted as having the proper suspension and debarment certification in its contract and there was no documentation of the County's review of the excluded party listing.

Cause: The County did not obtain suspension and debarment certifications from the contractor or document that a review of suspended and debarred vendors had occurred.

Recommendation: We recommend the County establish procedures to document its process of verification of a contractor's suspension and debarment status prior to engagement, and also periodically perform and document a review of the listing of suspended and debarred vendors.

Auditee's Response: We concur with the finding. We will take necessary steps to ensure processes are properly documented in the future.

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**SECTION III
FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)**

Finding 2023 – 002 Procurement, Suspension, and Debarment

Program: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – Federal Assistance Listing No. 66.468

Criteria: 49 CFR Part 18.36 requires grant recipients to follow the procurement standards established by their state and their own policies as long as those standards meet federal requirements. The County's procurement standards meet Federal and State requirements. Also, in compliance with the guidance set forth in the grant agreements and with the OMB A-102 Common Rule (which applies to grants and cooperative agreements) Attachment 1 (d), all recipients are required, during the procurement process, to ensure vendors are not cited as suspended or debarred or otherwise excluded from participation in federally funded contracts. This can be accomplished by checking www.sam.gov maintained by the General Services Administration, collecting a certification from the entity, or adding a clause or condition to the contract with the vendor.

Condition: During our testing of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("DWSRF"), it was discovered that the County did not document its verification of whether its major contractor was noted as excluded on the federal government's suspension and debarred lists and did not include the appropriate language in the contract with that contractor.

Possible Effects: The County could unintentionally enter into a noncompliant contract and be forced to reimburse the federal government for all expenditures made with a debarred or suspended contractor. Based on a review of the excluded parties listing, the contractor in this case was not included as suspended or debarred.

Questioned Costs: None.

Context: The major contractor used with DWSRF funds was not noted as having the proper suspension and debarment certification in its contract and there was no documentation of the County's review of the excluded party listing.

Cause: The County did not obtain suspension and debarment certifications from the contractor or document that a review of suspended and debarred vendors had occurred.

Recommendation: We recommend the County establish procedures to document its process of verification of a contractor's suspension and debarment status prior to engagement, and also periodically perform and document a review of the listing of suspended and debarred vendors.

Auditee's Response: We concur with the finding. We will take necessary steps to ensure processes are properly documented in the future.

**FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

2022-001 Revenue Recognition – Forsyth County Public Library

Condition and Context: Internal controls were not sufficient to detect certain misstatements in the reporting of intergovernmental receivables for the State Revenue Fund and the Capital Projects Fund.

Status: Resolved.

2022-002 Accounting for Issuance of Refunding Revenue Bonds

Condition and Context: Internal controls were not sufficient to detect certain misstatements in the Water and Sewerage Authority Fund that resulted from the issuance of refunding bonds.

Status: Resolved.



Forsyth County Finance Department

BRIAN CLARK, Chief Financial Officer

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

2023-001 Procurement, Suspension, and Debarment

Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the Corrective Action Plan: Brian Clark, Chief Financial Officer.

Corrective Action Plan: Additional steps within the existing process have been put in place. The Procurement Department has implemented a verification step to confirm a vendor's suspension and/or debarment status. This step also requires documented proof of verification to be saved on the vendor master file within the County's Financial Software. A periodic review is now required to ensure all vendors meet these requirements on an ongoing basis.

Anticipated Completion Date: Implemented as of June 30, 2024

2023-002 Procurement, Suspension, and Debarment

Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the Corrective Action Plan: Brian Clark, Chief Financial Officer.

Corrective Action Plan: Additional steps within the existing process have been put in place. The Procurement Department has implemented a verification step to confirm a vendor's suspension and/or debarment status. This step also requires documented proof of verification to be saved on the vendor master file within the County's Financial Software. A periodic review is now required to ensure all vendors meet these requirements on an ongoing basis.

Anticipated Completion Date: Implemented as of June 30, 2024