BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the County Commissioner
Bleckley County, Georgia

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bleckley County, Georgia (the County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We did not audit the financial statements of Bleckley County Public Health Center, which is a discretely presented component unit and 100.00 percent, respectively of the assets, net position, and revenues of the discretely presented component units.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Bleckley County Public Health Center, which represent 100.00 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the discretely presented component units. Those financial 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 Bleckley County Public Health Center, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bleckley County, Georgia, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information and the schedule of funding progress as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 and other auditors 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.

The County has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Bleckley County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of special purpose local option sales tax expenditures, and other supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of special purpose local option sales tax expenditures, and other supplementary information are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures 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 by us and other auditors. In our opinion, based on our audit, the procedures performed as described above, and the report of the other auditors, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of special purpose local option sales tax expenditures, and other supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 6, 2017, 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, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Bleckley County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

H. M. Vickers & Associates, P.C.

November 6, 2017

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2016

	Primary Government	Component Unit
	Total Governmental Activities	Bleckley County Public Health Center
ASSETS:		
Cash	$ 3,968,582	$ 499,472
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		
Taxes	544,713	-
Intergovernmental	221,777	26,366
Accounts	155,269	-
Employee Cash	4,299	-
Prepaid expenses	58,311	-
Inventory, at cost	29,230	-
Capital assets:		
Capital assets not being depreciated	345,033	-
Capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation	9,869,433	2,837
Total Assets	15,196,647	528,675
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES-		
Pensions	291,738	69,193
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	300,458	-
Salaries and benefits payable	19,378	-
Due to other governments	56,051	12,694
Accrued interest payable	49,213	-
Landfill post-closure care costs due in one year	44,740	-
Landfill post-closure care costs due after one year	589,697	-
Compensated absences due within one year	51,005	3,486
Compensated absences due after one year	67,008	13,946
Capital leases due within one year	333,393	-
Capital leases due after one year	4,825,501	-
Net pension liability	751,408	287,730
Total Liabilities	7,087,852	317,856
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES-		
Pensions	5,778	23,059
NET POSITION:		
Net Investment in capital assets	5,055,572	2,837
Restricted for capital improvements	1,193,737	-
Restricted for prior year program income	-	14,918
Unrestricted	2,145,446	239,198
Total Net Position	$ 8,394,755	$ 256,953

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Program Revenues: Fees, Fines and Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Total	Component Unit: Bleckley County Public Health Center
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:							
General government	$ 1,647,809	$ 91,093	$ 290,812	$ -	$ (1,265,904)	$ (1,265,904)	$ -
Public safety	3,160,428	300,228	119,907	-	(2,740,293)	(2,740,293)	-
Court system	670,941	314,190	-	-	(356,751)	(356,751)	-
Highways and streets	871,175	-	384,499	-	(486,676)	(486,676)	-
Public health and welfare	689,296	67,081	73,051	-	(549,164)	(549,164)	-
Culture and recreation	161,037	-	-	-	(161,037)	(161,037)	-
County agent	86,566	-	-	-	(86,566)	(86,566)	-
Natural resources	24,826	-	-	-	(24,826)	(24,826)	-
Interest	151,471	-	-	-	(151,471)	(151,471)	-
Total Governmental Activities	7,463,549	772,592	868,269	-	(5,822,688)	(5,822,688)	-
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	$ 7,463,549	$ 772,592	$ 868,269	$ -	(5,822,688)	(5,822,688)	-
COMPONENT UNIT-							
Bleckley County Public Health Center	414,142	206,253	236,168	-	-	-	28,279
Total Component Unit	$ 414,142	$ 206,253	$ 236,168	$ -	-	-	28,279
General revenues:							
Property taxes					3,533,415	3,533,415	-
Alcoholic beverage taxes					45,150	45,150	-
Vehicle taxes					546,208	546,208	-
Sales taxes					1,733,553	1,733,553	-
Other taxes					452,452	452,452	-
Unrestricted interest earnings					76,269	76,269	-
Miscellaneous					52,540	52,540	12,101
Gain on disposition of capital assets					148,690	148,690	-
Total general revenues					6,588,277	6,588,277	12,101
Change in net position					765,589	765,589	40,380
Net position - beginning of year					7,629,166	7,629,166	216,573
Net position, end of year					$ 8,394,755	$ 8,394,755	$ 256,953

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2016

	General Fund	Capital Projects SPLOST-2013	Special Revenue T-SPLOST	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:					
Cash	$ 2,788,955	$ 1,068,666	$ -	$ 110,961	$ 3,968,582
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible:					
Taxes	544,713	-	-	-	544,713
Intergovernmental	115,252	86,168	20,357	-	221,777
Accounts	126,788	-	-	28,481	155,269
Due from other funds	20,357	-	-	-	20,357
Employee cash	4,299	-	-	-	4,299
Prepaid expenses	58,311	-	-	-	58,311
Inventory, at cost	29,230	-	-	-	29,230
Total Assets	$ 3,687,905	$ 1,154,834	$ 20,357	$ 139,442	$ 5,002,538
LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable	$ 255,970	$ 3,400	$ -	$ 41,088	$ 300,458
Salaries and benefits payable	19,378	-	-	-	19,378
Due to other funds	-	-	20,357	-	20,357
Due to other governments	-	56,051	-	-	56,051
Total Liabilities	275,348	59,451	20,357	41,088	396,244
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES -					
Unavailable revenue- property taxes	308,896	-	-	-	308,896
FUND BALANCES:					
Nonspendable:					
Prepaid items	58,311	-	-	-	58,311
Inventory	29,230	-	-	-	29,230
Restricted for:					
Public safety	-	-	-	23,546	23,546
Law library	-	-	-	74,808	74,808
Capital projects	-	1,095,383	-	-	1,095,383
Unassigned-					
General fund	3,016,120	-	-	-	3,016,120
Total Fund Balances	3,103,661	1,095,383	-	98,354	4,297,398
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	$ 3,687,905	$ 1,154,834	$ 20,357	$ 139,442	$ 5,002,538

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2016

Difference in amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position:		
Fund balances, total governmental funds	$	4,297,398
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds		10,214,466
Some governmental revenues will not be collected for several months after the year end and are deferred in the governmental funds		308,896
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future reporting periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:		
Deferred outflows		291,738
Deferred inflows		(5,778)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(6,711,965)
Net position of governmental activities	$	8,394,755

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	General Fund	Capital Projects SPLOST-2013	Special Revenue T-SPLOST	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Taxes	$ 5,059,447	$ 982,288	$ 216,105	$ -	$ 6,257,840
Licenses and permits	26,477	-	-	-	26,477
Fines and forfeitures	260,791	-	-	8,234	269,025
Charges for services	176,102	-	-	244,100	420,202
Intergovernmental	808,843	-	-	-	808,843
Interest earnings	75,868	-	-	400	76,268
Miscellaneous	113,927	-	-	-	113,927
Total Revenues	6,521,455	982,288	216,105	252,734	7,972,582
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
General government	1,467,040	-	-	-	1,467,040
Public safety	2,880,318	-	-	231,150	3,111,468
Court system	668,203	-	-	5,058	673,261
Highways and streets	1,107,809	-	216,105	-	1,323,914
Public health and welfare	535,119	-	-	-	535,119
Culture and recreation	104,310	-	-	-	104,310
County agent	85,010	-	-	-	85,010
Natural resources	24,826	-	-	-	24,826
Intergovernmental	-	327,397	-	-	327,397
Capital Outlay	-	298,421	-	-	298,421
Debt Service:					
Principal	38,251	303,259	-	-	341,510
Interest	3,875	150,501	-	-	154,376
Total Expenditures	6,914,761	1,079,578	216,105	236,208	8,446,652
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(393,306)	(97,290)	-	16,526	(474,070)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Insurance proceeds	192,465	-	-	-	192,465
Sale of capital assets	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	195,965	-	-	-	195,965
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(197,341)	(97,290)	-	16,526	(278,105)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,301,002	1,192,673	-	81,828	4,575,503
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ 3,103,661	$ 1,095,383	$ -	$ 98,354	$ 4,297,398

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

Difference in amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities:		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$	(278,105)
Capital outlay, reported as expenditures in governmental funds, are reported as capital assets in the statement of net position		1,208,651
Depreciation expense on governmental capital assets is included in the governmental statement of activities. The cost of the assets is allocated to expense over the estimated useful lives of the assets		(539,617)
Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt, recorded as other financing sources in govenmental funds, are included as an increase in long-term liabilities in the statement of net position		-
The decrease in liability for landfill post-closure care cost is reported as an expenditure in governmental funds, but as a reduction of long-term liabilities in the statement of net position		12,170
Expenses for compensated absences are reported for governmental activites but do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures for governmental funds		(8,225)
Pension contributions reported as expenditures in the governmental funds are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the statement of net position because the net pension liability is measured prior to the County's report date. Pension expense, which is the change in net pension liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, is reported in the statement of activities		(81,565)
Repayments of long-term debt principal is reported as an expenditure in governmental funds, but as a reduction of long-term liabilities in the statement of net position		341,510
Expenses for accrued interest on long-term debt are reported for governmental activites but do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures for governmental funds:		
Accrued interest balance at current fiscal year end		(49,213)
Accrued interest balance at prior fiscal year end		52,118
Some governmental revenues will not be collected for several months after the year end and are deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds:		
Unavailable revenue balance at current fiscal year end		308,896
Unavailable revenue balance at prior fiscal year end		(201,031)
Changes in net position of governmental activities in the statement of activities	$	765,589

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
December 31, 2016

	Agency Funds
ASSETS -	
Cash	$ 1,194,375
Total assets	$ 1,194,375
LIABILITIES -	
Accounts payable	$ 1,194,375
Total liabilities	$ 1,194,375

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General Statement

The financial statements of Bleckley County, Georgia, (the "County") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (the "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

Primary Government

Bleckley County, Georgia, the 145th county formed in Georgia, was created in 1912. The County operates under a sole commissioner form of government. The County provides various services, levies taxes, and issues licenses as provided by the Charter. These services include public safety, highways and streets, health and social services, emergency medical services, cultural and recreational programs and administrative services.

These financial statements present the County and its component units, entities for which the County is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities are, in substance, part of the County's operations and so data from these units are combined with data of the primary government. Discretely presented component units, on the other hand, are reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize they are legally separate from the County.

Currently, the County has no blended component units. However, the Bleckley County Board of Health DBA Bleckley County Public Health Center is presented herein as a discretely presented component unit.

The County is responsible for appointing some of the members of the boards of other organizations, but the County's accountability for these organizations do not extend beyond making the appointments. These related organizations include the following:

Bleckley County Board of Family and Children Services
Bleckley-Cochran Industrial Development Authority
Cochran-Bleckley Recreation Authority
Bleckley County Hospital Authority

Disbursements to these organizations based on contractual agreements have been budgeted and expended as part of the regular operations of the County.

Discretely Presented Component Unit

Bleckley County Public Health Center - The Bleckley County Public Health Center (the Center) provides various health services for citizens in Bleckley County under a contract with the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR). Under this contractual agreement DHR provides certain administrative and other services to the Center in addition to the grant-in-aid funding. These services are funded through other governmental entities or directly by DHR. Based on the contract with DHR, fixed assets cannot be disposed of without approval of DHR. In the event the Center was to dissolve, all fixed assets would return to DHR or to the donating agency. Substantially all of the Center's capital assets are titled to DHR.

It is the goal of the Bleckley County Public Health Center (Center) to provide health services for the citizens of Bleckley County within the guidelines established by the Bleckley County Board of Public Health, the South Central Health District and the Georgia Department of Human Resources. The Center is responsible for health programs designed for prevention, early detection, treatment and referral.

The amounts included in these financial statements in the component unit columns are as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

The complete audited financial statements of the Bleckley County Public Health Center may be obtained from the office of the Bleckley County Commissioner.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide 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 County (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. The County does not currently have business-type activities.

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. The County has elected not to allocate indirect costs among the programs, functions and segments. 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 as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental activities and, when applicable, for business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the County’s reporting entity are organized on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Governmental Funds
Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the County are financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the County's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. Governmental Funds are accounted for on a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets.

The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The County's governmental funds include the general fund, capital projects funds, and special revenue funds.

Fiduciary Funds
Agency Funds- Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the County in a trustee capacity for the County or as an agent for other governmental units or other funds. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Fiduciary funds are accounted for on the accrual basis.

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

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. 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.

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 government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period, with the exception of intergovernmental revenues, which are considered available if collected within 180 days after the year end. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments are recorded when due.

Revenues considered susceptible to accrual are property taxes, interest, and charges for services. Other receipts and taxes become measurable and available when cash is received by the County and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met. Grants received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenue.

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 **Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST-2013) Capital Projects Fund** accounts for capital outlay and other transactions related to the additional one-percent local option sales tax currently in effect.

The **Transportation Special District Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) Special Revenue Fund** accounts for the collection of proceeds and expenditures for transportation projects.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus. Government-wide financial statements do not provide information by fund or account group, but distinguish between the County's governmental activities

and business type activities. Significantly, the statement of net position will include noncurrent assets which were previously reported in the General Fixed Asset Account Group and long-term liabilities previously reported in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. In addition, the government-wide statement of activities reflects depreciation expenses on the County's capital assets.

Major individual governmental funds and major individual proprietary funds, when applicable, are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the County's policy to use fund balance in the following order:

- Committed
- Assigned
- Unassigned

D. Use of Estimates

Preparation of the County's financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent items at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

E. Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are recorded as expenditures or expenses, as appropriate, in the period incurred. No advertising costs are capitalized.

F. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditures of monies are reported in order to reserve that portion of applicable appropriations, is not employed by the County because it is considered impractical and not necessary to insure effective budgetary and cash planning and control.

G. Deposits and Investments

The County's cash is considered to be cash on hand, demand and interest-bearing deposits held in banks. Any bank deposit in excess of FDIC insured amounts must be secured by an equivalent amount of State of Georgia or U.S. Obligations.

H. Inventory

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The consumption method is used to account for inventories. Under the consumption method, inventory items are recognized as expenditures when used.

I. Prepaid Items

Prepaid items are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds during the period benefitted.

J. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or, when applicable, business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with 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 fair market value at the date of donation.

Prior to July 1, 2003, governmental funds' infrastructure assets were not capitalized. Infrastructure assets acquired prior to July 1, 2003, are not reported in the basic financial statements. General infrastructure assets will include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets acquired subsequent to July 1, 2003.

The cost of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government is depreciated using the straight line method over the assets' estimated useful lives as follows:

Primary Government:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives In Years	Capitalization Threshold
Buildings	50	$ 15,000
Building Improvements	20-30	$ 5,000
Machinery and equipment	5-10	$ 1,000
Vehicles	5-10	$ 5,000
Office equipment	5-10	$ 1,000
Computer equipment	3-10	$ 1,000
Infrastructure	30-40	$ 10,000

Component Unit:

Capital assets include equipment and various furniture and fixtures purchased during the performance of the Center's programs. Depreciation of capital assets is computed using the straight-line method. Equipment, furniture and fixtures with cost in excess of $1,000 are depreciated over a five-year life.

K. Accumulated Unpaid Vacation, Sick Pay, and Other Employee Benefits

Accumulated unpaid vacation, sick pay, and other employee benefits are not accrued by the county government when incurred in the funds.

L. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts, when applicable, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs, except any portion related to prepaid insurance costs, are recorded as an expense in the period incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances 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.

M. Fund Equity

1. Government-wide Statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

a. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

b. Restricted net position - Consists of net position items with constraints placed on the use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

c. Unrestricted net position - All other net position items that do not meet the definition of “net investment in capital assets” or “restricted net position”.

2. Fund Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Generally, fund balance represents the difference between current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes 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 there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

- **Committed-**Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the County Commissioner through the approval of a motion. Only the County Commissioner may modify or rescind the commitment.
- **Assigned-**Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the County's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Through resolution, the County Commissioner can authorize a designee to assign fund balances.
- **Unassigned-**Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criteria. The County reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

N. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly chargeable to another fund are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions are reported as transfers.

O. Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

Allowances for uncollectible accounts are maintained for all types of receivables which historically experience uncollectible accounts.

P. Post-employment health care benefits

Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), the County provides healthcare benefits to eligible former employees and eligible dependents. Certain requirements are outlined by the federal government for this coverage. The premium is paid in full by the insured for the actual month covered. This program is offered for a duration of 18 months after the termination date. There is no associated cost to the County under this program.

Q. Concentrations of Credit Risk

The County's solid waste transfer station serves customers within Bleckley County. The balance of receivables is composed mostly of residential and smaller commercial accounts. The County does not expect to incur significant losses as a result of these receivables. Management believes that the allowance for uncollectable is adequate to cover all anticipated future losses on these receivables.

R. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The County has implemented GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position* and GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities.* These new standards establish accounting and financial reporting for deferred outflows and inflows of resources and the concept of net position as the residual of all other elements presented in the statement of net position.

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 position that applies to future periods and, as such, will

be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure or expense, as applicable) in the future. The County has only one type of item that qualifies for reporting in this category. Under the accrual basis of accounting, pension related items are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for governmental activities and the discretely presented component unit, the Bleckley County Board of Health. These amounts are deferred and recognized as outflows of resources in the period that the amounts become applicable.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position 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 position that applies to future periods and, as such, will be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) in the future. The County has several types of items that qualify for reporting in this category. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, *unavailable revenue* from property taxes is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. Under the accrual basis of accounting, pension related items are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for governmental activities and the discretely presented component unit, the Bleckley County Board of Health. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

S. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Restated Pension Plan for Bleckley County Employees (Plan) and additions to / deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Primary Government

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized at 110% by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities. As of December 31, 2016, the County had deposits of $5,181,059 and the carrying amount of these deposits was $5,167,256. As of December 31, 2016, $4,227,940 of the County's bank balance of $5,181,059 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and uncollateralized	$ 1,614,088
Uninsured and collateralized with securities held in the pledging financial institution's trust department not in the County's name	2,613,852
Total	$ 4,227,940

Component Unit

State statutes requires all deposits and investments (other than federal or state governmental instruments) to be collateralized at 110% by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities.

At June 30, 2016, the carrying amount of the Center's bank deposits was $499,422 and the bank balance was $510,730. The Center also had an imprest petty cash fund of $50. As of June 30, 2016, the Center did not have any balances exposed to custodial credit risk as uninsured and uncollateralized.

Reporting Entity

Georgia law authorizes local governments to invest in the following types of obligations:

- Obligations of the State of Georgia or any other state;
- Obligations issued by the United States;
- Obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States Government or governmental agency;
- Obligations of any corporation of the United States Government;
- Prime bankers' acceptances;
- The State of Georgia Local Government Investment Pool;
- Repurchase agreements; and
- Obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

The County maintains only checking and interest-bearing savings accounts in Georgia financial institutions as permitted by O.C.G.A. 36-83-4.

The carrying amount of the County's deposits is reconciled to the financial statements as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
Cash in banks	$ 3,957,985
Cash on hand	10,597
Subtotal	3,968,582
Employee cash	4,299
Fiduciary Funds -	
Agency Funds	1,194,375
Total Primary Government	5,167,256
Component Unit –Health Department	
Cash in banks	499,422
Cash on hand	50
Total Component Unit	499,472
Total Reporting Entity	$ 5,666,728

3. PROPERTY TAXES

The County levies property taxes on September 1st of each year. The due date for these taxes is December 20th and the lien date is the following April 1st. Taxes are collected throughout the year. Property taxes for the year ended December 31, 2016, were assessed at the rate of 15.065 mills on the dollar on a total assessed valuation of $246,830,112 compared to a total assessed valuation of $252,030,700 at a rate of 15.065 mills on the dollar in 2015.

In the governmental fund financial statements, property taxes are recorded as receivables and deferred inflows of resources unavailable at the time the tax levy is billed. Revenues are recognized as the related ad valorem taxes are collected. Additional amounts estimated to be collectible within sixty days following the close of the year are therefore susceptible to accrual in accordance with GASB standards and have been recognized as revenue.

In the government-wide financial statements, property taxes receivable and related revenue include all amounts due the County regardless of when cash is received. Over time, substantially all property taxes are collected.

4. RECEIVABLES

Primary Government

Receivables at December 31, 2016, for the County's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts are as follows:

	General Fund	Capital Projects SPLOST 2013	Special Revenue T-SPLOST	Other Governmental Funds	Totals
Taxes	$ 778,468	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 778,468
Intergovernmental	115,252	86,168	20,357	-	221,777
Accounts	232,598	-	-	28,481	261,079
Gross receivables	1,126,318	86,168	20,357	28,481	1,261,324
Less allowance for uncollectibles	(339,565)	-	-	-	(339,565)
Net receivables	$ 786,753	$ 86,168	$ 20,357	$ 28,481	$ 921,759
Intergovernmental receivables are as follows-					
State of Georgia	$ 115,252	$ 86,168	$ 20,357	$ -	$ 221,777
Total	$ 115,252	$ 86,168	$ 20,357	$ -	$ 221,777

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2016, was as follows:

Description	Balance Beginning	Additions	Transfers/ Retirements	Balance Ending
Primary Goverment				
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 323,527	$ -	$ -	$ 323,527
Construction in progress	113,615	21,506	113,615	21,506
Total capital assets not being depreciated	437,142	21,506	113,615	345,033
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	1,450,525	1,000,230	-	2,450,755
Buildings and improvements	9,577,271	-	-	9,577,271
Machinery and equipment	5,442,222	347,804	231,495	5,558,531
Total capital assets being depreciated	16,470,018	1,348,034	231,495	17,586,557
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	421,865	56,191	-	478,056
Buildings and improvements	2,457,343	210,363	-	2,667,706
Machinery and equipment	4,482,520	273,063	184,221	4,571,362
Total accumulated depreciation	7,361,728	539,617	184,221	7,717,124
Governmental activities capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	323,527	-	-	323,527
Construction in progress	113,615	21,506	113,615	21,506
Total capital assets not being depreciated	437,142	21,506	113,615	345,033
Capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation:				
Infrastructure	1,028,660	944,039	-	1,972,699
Buildings and improvements	7,119,928	(210,363)	-	6,909,565
Machinery and equipment	959,702	74,741	47,274	987,169
Total capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation	9,108,290	808,417	47,274	9,869,433
Total governmental activities capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	$ 9,545,432	$ 829,923	$ 160,889	$ 10,214,466

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	$ 103,541
Public safety	316,793
Court system	2,837
Highways and streets	104,623
Public health and welfare	9,734
Culture and recreation	533
County agent	1,556
Total depreciation expense-governmental activities	$ 539,617

Description	Balance Beginning	Additions	Retirements	Balance Ending
Component Unit-				
Bleckley County Public Health Center-				
Capital assets not being depreciated-				
Land	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Capital assets being depreciated-				
Machinery and equipment	19,823	-	12,607	7,216
Total capital assets being depreciated	19,823	-	12,607	7,216
Less accumulated depreciation for-				
Machinery and equipment	15,019	1,967	12,607	4,379
Total accumulated depreciation	15,019	1,967	12,607	4,379
Public Health Center capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:				
Capital assets not being depreciated-				
Land	-	-	-	-
Capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation-				
Machinery and equipment	4,804	(1,967)	-	2,837
Total capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation	4,804	(1,967)	-	2,837
Total public health center capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	$ 4,804	$ (1,967)	$ -	$ 2,837

6. JOINT VENTURES

Primary Government

Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission

The Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission "HOGARC" is one of the 12 regional commissions in Georgia established under H.B. 1216 (O.C.G.A. 50-8) in July, 2009. The HOGARC serves a 17 county region in south central and southeast Georgia, the same as its predecessor agency the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center (Est. 1996). The region is a large, rural region of Georgia encompassing 17 counties, 63 cities, and approximately 6,904 square miles. The members of the commission are required to pay annual dues to the commission. The Official Code of Georgia Section 50-8-34 provides for the organizational structure of the RCs. The HOGARC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and the chief elected official of each municipality. The County board members and municipal board members from the same county elect one Member of the Board who is a resident (but not an elected or appointed official or employee of the County or municipality) to serve as a nonpublic member and a minority member who must be an elected official to serve as board members from a County.

O.C.G.A. 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC. Separate financial statements for the HOGARC are available from: Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, 5405 Oak Street, Eastman, GA 31023.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL PROVISIONS

The County is in compliance with all significant finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

Deficit Fund Balance-

The County had no individual funds with deficit fund balances at December 31, 2016.

Excess of expenditures over appropriations in individual departments-

The County had no individual funds with expenditures in excess of appropriations for the current year.

8. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the County for the current year:

	Balance Beginning	Additions	Retirements	Balance Ending	Amounts Due Within One Year	Interest Paid
Governmental Activities:						
Capital Leases	$ 5,500,404	$ -	$ 341,510	$ 5,158,894	$ 333,393	$ 151,471
Landfill post-closure	646,607	-	12,170	634,437	44,740	-
Compensated absences	109,788	8,225	-	118,013	51,005	-
Total Long-Term Debt	$ 6,256,799	$ 8,225	$ 353,680	$ 5,911,344	$ 429,138	$ 151,471

Total interest paid on long-term debt during the current year is summarized as follows:

Governmental Activities		
Total Interest	Less Direct Interest	Net Interest
$ 151,471	$ -	$ 151,471

The County leases machinery, equipment and vehicles under outstanding capital leases as of the end of the current year with a total original cost and accumulated depreciation of $6,579,770 and $1,028,023 respectively. Depreciation expense on assets recorded under capital leases totaled $138,338. These assets collateralize the leases payable as of the end of the current year. There are no special restrictions on assets collateralizing capital leases.

Of the total debt service principal and interest liquidated during the current year, the general fund paid a total of $42,126 and the special purpose local option sales tax fund (SPLOST Fund 2013) paid a total of $450,855. The general fund liquidated a total of $12,170 in landfill post-closure costs in the current year. For governmental activities, compensated absences are liquidated by the general fund.

The County had no earnings on unexpended debt proceeds and, accordingly, federal arbitrage regulations do not currently apply.

The annual requirements to service principal and interest on all County long-term debt to maturity is as follows:

Year Ending	Capital Leases Payable			Governmental Activities Total		
December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	$ 333,393	$ 143,362	$ 476,755	$ 333,393	$ 143,362	$ 476,755
2018	423,045	131,498	554,543	423,045	131,498	554,543
2019	435,276	119,267	554,543	435,276	119,267	554,543
2020	447,860	106,683	554,543	447,860	106,683	554,543
2021	460,809	93,734	554,543	460,809	93,734	554,543
2022-2026	2,511,760	260,954	2,772,714	2,511,760	260,954	2,772,714
2027-2031	546,751	7,791	554,542	546,751	7,791	554,542
Totals	$ 5,158,894	$ 863,289	$ 6,022,183	$ 5,158,894	$ 863,289	$ 6,022,183

The county has several annually renewable operating leases on buildings and office equipment with no contingent payments included therein. Rentals under operating leases for the current year totaled $20,721.

Details of long-term debt are as follows:

	Balance Beginning	Additions	Retirements	Balance Ending	Amounts Due Within One Year	Interest Paid
Primary Government						
Capital Leases:						
6.50% Capital lease payable, original amount of $30,228, with annual payments of $10,716, including interest, made on June 4, 2014, with the final payment due on June 4, 2016, incurred to purchase Sheriff's department vehicle	$ 10,062	$ -	$ 10,062	$ -	$ -	$ 654
6.50% Capital lease payable, original amount of $15,752, with annual payments of $9,676 and $9,180, respectively , including interest, made on November 7, 2014 with the final payment due on November 7, 2016, incurred to purchase Sheriff's department vehicle	8,124	-	8,124	-	-	528
6.50% Capital lease payable, original amount of $31,011 with annual payments of $10,994 including interest, made on July 23, 2015, with the final payment due on July 23, 2017, incurred to purchase Sheriff's department vehicle	20,017	-	9,694	10,323	10,323	1,301
6.50% Capital lease payable, original amount of $21,415 with annual payments of $11,763 including interest, made on September 28, 2015, with the final payment due on September 28, 2017 incurred to purchase Sheriff's department vehicle	21,415	-	10,371	11,044	11,044	1,392
2.85% Capital lease payable, original amount of $6,023,860 with annual payments of increasing amounts from $454,000 to $554,543, including interest, made on September 5, 2013, with the final payment due on March 1, 2027, incurred to construct a new county jail	5,440,786	-	303,259	5,137,527	312,026	147,596
Total Capital Leases	5,500,404	-	341,510	5,158,894	333,393	151,471
Landfill post-closure care costs	646,607	-	12,170	634,437	44,740	-
Compensated absences	109,788	8,225	-	118,013	51,005	-
Total	$ 6,256,799	$ 8,225	$ 353,680	$ 5,911,344	$ 429,138	$ 151,471

There was no short term debt activity of the County for the current year. The total interest paid on all County debt during the year was $151,471.

Component Unit	Balance Beginning	Additions	Retirements	Balance Ending	Amounts Due Within One Year	Interest Paid
Accrued leave	$ 23,420	$ -	$ 5,988	$ 17,432	$ 3,486	$ -
Total	$ 23,420	$ -	$ 5,988	$ 17,432	$ 3,486	$ -

9. RESTRICTED ASSETS - CASH

As of December 31, 2016, the County did not have restricted cash balances.

10. GRANTS AND COMMITMENTS

In the normal course of operations, the County receives grant funds from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed to be material.

Bleckley County entered into an agreement on May 26, 2010, with the Hospital Authority of Bleckley County to levy an ad valorem tax up to the legally permissible millage rate to pay for certain indigent care obligations and to pay principal and interest on debt of the Authority borrowed to finance improvements and repairs to the hospital facility roof in the principal amount of $226,000, in order to permit future operations of the Authority. The County signed a consent agreement with the lender, that if the borrower (Authority) is in default under the financing agreement, then upon receipt by County of written notice from lender that borrower was in default and the lender elects to exercise its rights under the contract in accordance with the terms of the agreement, that all payments and revenues owing or assigned to borrower under the contract shall thereafter be paid to lender unconditionally and without defense or offset by the County. The County paid a total of $20,887 ($15,066 was applied to principal and $5,821 to interest) on this loan for the year ended December 31, 2016. While the Hospital Authority is not in default on the note, it is expected that the County will continue to make payments on the loan until it is paid in full. The unpaid principal balance of the loan as of the end of the current year is $135,601.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The County maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the County. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past five fiscal years. The County paid $78 in premiums for various commercial coverage during 2016. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year.

The County is a member of the Association County Commissioners Self Insurance Workers Compensation Fund pursuant to Title 34, Chapter 9, Article 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The Fund represents a self-insurance pool, whereby members agree to pay the workers compensation claims of other members of the fund. The County paid $61,914 to the fund during the year ended December 31, 2016. There were no assessments made against the County for additional losses incurred by the fund.

The liability of the fund to the employees of any employer is specifically limited to such obligations as are imposed by applicable state laws against the employer for workers' compensation and/or employer's liability. The fund is to defend, in the name of and on behalf of the members, any suits or other proceedings which may at any time be instituted against them on account of injuries or death within the purview of the Worker's Compensation Law of Georgia, or on the basis of employer's liability, including suits or other proceedings alleging such injuries and demanding of compensation therefore, although such suits, other proceedings, allegations or demands be wholly groundless, false or fraudulent. The Fund is 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 has also become a member of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia - Interlocal Risk Management Agency for liability, motor vehicle and property damage risk self insurance. The County paid $87,994 to the fund during 2016. There were no assessments made against the County for additional losses incurred by the fund.

Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated authorizes Georgia municipalities to form interlocal risk management agencies. The Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) is a municipal interlocal risk management agency operating as an unincorporated nonprofit instrumentality of its member municipalities - GIRMA establishes and administers one or more group self insurance funds and a risk management service to prevent or lessen the incidence and severity of casualty and property losses occurring in the operation of municipal government. GIRMA is to defend and protect in accordance with the member government contract and related coverage descriptions any member of GIRMA against liability or loss. The County, among other requirements, must: pay all contributions, assessments or other sums due to GIRMA as such times and in such amounts as shall be established by GIRMA; select a person to serve as a member representative; allow GIRMA and its agents reasonable access to all facilities and all records of the County which relate to the purposes of GIRMA; allow attorneys appointed by the agency 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 Fund; assist and cooperate in the defense and settlement of claims against the County; furnish full cooperation to GIRMA's attorneys, claims adjusters, Service Company, and any agent, employee, officer or independent contractor of GIRMA relating to the purposes of GIRMA; follow loss reduction and prevention procedures established by the agency; furnish to GIRMA such budget, operating and underwriting information as may be requested; and report promptly as possible, and in accordance with any Coverage Descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in claims against the fund.

12. CONTINGENCIES

Grant Funds

The County participates in numerous grant programs on the federal and state level. Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal Government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Litigation

During the course of normal operations of the County, various claims and lawsuits arise. The County's legal counsel has been notified subsequent to December 31, 2016, of a possible claim against the County. The ultimate liability of the County, if any, is not currently determinable.

13. PENSION PLAN

Primary Government

Plan Description

The County sponsors the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Restated Pension Plan for Bleckley County Employees (The Plan), which is a defined benefit pension plan.

The specific benefit provisions of the County's plan were established by an adoption agreement executed by the County Commissioner. The Plan, through execution of an adoption agreement, is affiliated with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Third Restated Defined Benefit Plan (The ACCG Plan), an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by GEBCorp. The ACCG Plan is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating counties in Georgia. The ACCG, in its role as the Plan Sponsor, has the sole authority to amend the provisions of the ACCG Plan, as provided in Section 19.03 of The ACCG Plan document. The County has the authority to amend the adoption agreement, which defines the specific benefit provisions of the Plan, as provided in Section 19.02 of the ACCG Plan document. The ACCG issues a publicly available financial report for the Plan. That report may be obtained at the County Commissioner's office in Cochran, Georgia or by writing to GEBCorp, 400 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1250, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. An outline of plan provisions follows:

Benefits – The Plan provides benefits upon retirement, death, disablement, and termination of employment to Plan participants and beneficiaries, if certain eligibility requirements are met. All full-time County employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after completing three years of service. Benefits vest after five years of service. Participants become eligible to retire at age 65 with five years of service and three years of participation in the Plan. An employee may elect early retirement at age 55 with twenty five years of service or at age 60 with twenty years of service to receive full benefits. An employee may elect early retirement at age 60 with ten years of service to receive reduced benefits. Upon eligibility to retire, participants are entitled to an annual benefit in the amount of .5% of average annual compensation up to $6,600 plus 1.00% of average annual compensation in excess of $6,600 plus $36 multiplied by years of service. Compensation is averaged using the highest average of five consecutive plan years during the ten plan years preceding the participant's date of retirement or other termination.

Plan Membership - Participant counts as of January 1, 2016 (the most recent actuarial valuation date) and covered compensation for active participants (based on covered earnings for the preceding year) are shown below:

Retirees, beneficiaries and disabled receiving benefits	28
Terminated plan participants entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	33
Active employees participating in the Plan	50
Total number of Plan Participants	111
Covered compensation for active participants	$ 1,781,952

Contributions - The County is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Section 47-20 of the Georgia Code sets forth the minimum funding standards for state and local governmental pension plans. Administrative expenses are based on total covered compensation of active plan participants and are added to the state-required annual funding requirement.

The Georgia Constitution enables the governing authority of the County, the County Commissioner, to establish, and amend from time-to-time the contribution rates for the County and its plan participants.

County employees are not required or permitted to contribute to the Plan. The County contributes to the entire cost of the Plan, using the basis determined using actuarial methods and assumptions approved by the ACCG Plan trustees and must satisfy the minimum contribution requirement contained in the State of Georgia Statute 47-20. The annual County contribution meets or exceeds the minimum funding requirements of Georgia Statute 47-20. The required and actual contribution for the 2016 plan year was $182,448. This amount represents 10.2% of covered payroll.

Net Pension Liability

Effective January 1, 2015, the County implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, as well as Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*, which significantly changed the County's accounting for pension amounts. The information disclosed below is presented in accordance with these new standards.

Actuarial assumptions – The County's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2016. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial evaluation as of January 1, 2016 with update procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of December 31, 2016. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	3.00% per year with an aged based scale
Investment rate of return	7.50% per year, revised to 7.25% as of December 31, 2016

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with sex-distinct rates for healthy participants and the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table for disabled participants, set forward two years for males and one year for females.

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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 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. The target allocation and best estimate of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Average 20 Year Return	Weighted 20 Year Return	Average 30 Year Return	Weighted 30 Year Return
Fixed Income	30%	5.60%	1.68%	6.56%	1.97%
Equities:					
Large Cap	30%	7.91%	2.37%	10.22%	3.07%
Mid Cap	5%	11.22%	0.56%	11.53%	0.58%
Small Cap	5%	8.06%	0.40%	9.33%	0.47%
REIT	5%	10.79%	0.54%	10.44%	0.52%
International	15%	4.29%	0.64%	5.73%	0.86%
Multi Cap	5%	8.03%	0.40%	10.14%	0.51%
Global Allocation	5%	4.66%	0.23%	5.98%	0.30%
Weighted Return			6.82%		8.28%

Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that County contributions will be made based on the average County contribution made to the Plan over the prior five years. Based on this assumption, 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.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the net pension liability of the County, calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the County's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.25%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Net pension liability	$1,123,185	$751,408	$437,503

Pension plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ACCG financial report which is publicly available at www.gebcorp.com.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability – The changes in the components of the net pension liability of the County for the year ended December 31, 2016, were as follows:

	Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability
Balance, December 31, 2015	$ 3,079,401	$ 2,479,158	$ 600,243
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	63,252	-	63,252
Interest .	226,348	-	226,348
Liability experience (gain) / loss	74,109	-	74,109
Assumption change	83,422	-	83,422
Employer contributions	-	182,448	(182,448)
Net investment income	-	178,080	(178,080)
Benefit payments	(122,848)	(122,848)	-
Administrative expense	-	(15,472)	15,472
Other changes	-	(49,090)	49,090
Net changes	324,283	173,118	151,165
Balance, December 31, 2016	$ 3,403,684	$ 2,652,276	$ 751,408

Changes of assumptions – There have been no substantive changes since the last actuarial valuation.

Pension expense –

Service Cost	$ 63,252
Interest on TPL	226,348
Amortization of:	
Liability experience (gain) / loss	15,034
Change in assumption	44,600
Asset (gain) / loss	42,642
Projected earnings on plan investments	(180,119)
Administration expense	15,472
Other change in FNP	36,784
Total pension expense	$ 264,013

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions – At December 31, 2016, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 56,034	$ (5,778)
Changes of assumptions	109,155	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	126,549	-
Total	$ 291,738	$ (5,778)

Projected recognition of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions – Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
2017	$ 105,317	$ (3,041)
2018	102,893	(2,737)
2019	76,816	-
2020	6,712	-
Total projected recognition of deferred outflows and inflows of resources	$ 291,738	$ (5,778)

Other Retirement Benefits

The County makes contributions to the following pension and retirement plans which are not under the direct control of the County:

A. Probate Judges' Retirement Fund of Georgia

The Probate Judge is covered under a pension plan which requires that certain sums from marriage licenses and fines or bond forfeitures be remitted to the pension plan before the payment of any costs or other claims.

B. Clerk of Superior Court Retirement Fund

The Clerk of Superior Court is covered under a pension plan which requires that certain sums from fees and fines or bond forfeitures be remitted to the pension plan before the payment of any costs or other claims.

C. Sheriff's Retirement Fund/Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund

The Sheriff and sheriff deputies are covered under separate pension plans which require that certain sums from fines or bond forfeitures be remitted by the Probate Judge or Clerk of Superior Court to the pension plans before the payment of any costs or other claims. Contributions to the plans are not based on payroll, but rather on certain receipts.

D. Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia

The Magistrate Judge is covered under a pension plan which requires that certain sums from fees and fines collected in each civil matter or proceeding filed in the magistrate courts be remitted to the pension plan before the payment of any costs or other claims.

Discretely Presented Component Unit

BLECKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

Plan Description - The Employees' Retirement System (ERS) is a cost- sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the Georgia General Assembly during the 1949 Legislative Session for the purpose of providing retirement allowances for employees of the State of Georgia and its political subdivisions. ERS is directed by a Board of Trustees. Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. ERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs.

Benefits provided - The ERS Plan supports three benefit tiers: Old Plan, New Plan, and Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS). Employees under the Old Plan started membership prior to July 1, 1982, and are subject to plan provisions in effect prior to July 1, 1982. Members hired on or after July 1, 1982, but prior to January 1, 2009, are New Plan members subject to modified plan provisions. Effective January 1, 2009, new state employees and rehired state employees who did not retain membership rights under the Old or New Plans are members of GSEPS. ERS members hired prior to January 1, 2009; also have the option to irrevocably change their membership to GSEPS.

Under the Old Plan, the New Plan, and GSEPS, a member may retire and receive normal retirement benefits after completion of 10 years of creditable service and attainment of age 60 or 30 years of creditable service regardless of age. Additionally, there are some provisions allowing for early retirement after 25 years of creditable service for members under age 60.

Retirement benefits paid to members are based upon the monthly average of the member's highest 24 consecutive calendar months, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, multiplied by the applicable benefit factor. Annually, postretirement cost-of-living adjustments may also be made to members' benefits, provided the members were hired prior to July 1, 2009. The normal retirement pension is payable monthly for life; however, options are available for distribution of the member's monthly pension, at reduced rates, to a designated beneficiary upon the member's death. Death and disability benefits are also available through ERS.

Contributions - Member contributions under the Old Plan are 4% of annual compensation, up to $4,200, plus 6% of annual compensation in excess of $4,200. Under the Old Plan, the state pays member contributions in excess of 1.25% of annual compensation. Under the Old Plan, these state contributions are included in the members' accounts for refund purposes and are used in the computation of the members' earnable compensation for the purpose of computing retirement benefits. Member contributions under the New Plan and GSEPS are 1.25% of annual compensation. The Center's contractually required contribution rate, actuarially determined annually, for the year ended June 30, 2016, was 24.72% of annual covered payroll for Old and New Plan members and 21.69% for GSEPS members. The Center's contributions to ERS totaled $40,642 for the year ended June 30, 2016. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - At June 30, 2016, the Center reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2014. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2015 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The Center's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to ERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. At June 30, 2015, the Employer's proportion was 0.007102%, which was an increase (decrease) of 0.000795% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Center recognized pension expense of $40,390. At June 30, 2016, the Center reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ -	$ 2,299
Changes of assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	20,760
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	-
Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	28,551	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	40,642	-
Total	$ 69,193	$ 23,059

The Center's contributions subsequent to the measurement date of $40,642 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2016	$ 10,345
2017	(2,600)
2018	(9,253)
2019	7,000
2020	-
Thereafter	-

Actuarial assumptions - The total pension liability as of June 30, 2015, was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2014, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	5.45 - 9.25%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for the periods after service retirement, for dependent beneficiaries, and for deaths in active service, and the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table set back eleven years for males for the period after disability retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2009.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate on 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. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return
Fixed income	30.00 %	3.00 %
Domestic large equities	39.70	6.50
Domestic mid equities	3.70	10.00
Domestic small equities	1.60	13.00
International developed market equities	18.90	6.50
International emerging market equities	6.10	11.00
Total	100.00 %	

* Rates shown are net of the 3.00% assumed rate of inflation

Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50%. 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 employer and State of Georgia 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 periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that 1-percentage-point lower (6.50%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$407,868	$287,730	$185,308

Pension plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ERS financial report which is publicly available at www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs.

14. LANDFILL POST-CLOSURE CARE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require that a final cover be placed on the landfill when it stops accepting waste, and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site after closure. The County's landfill stopped accepting waste on April 8, 1994. The closure certificate (Permit No. 012-004D(SL)) contains conditions requiring the County to conduct post-closure care for a period of

five years from December 5, 1996, the date of the closure certificate. The certificate provided that the five-year period may be extended by the Director of the Environmental Protection Division if deemed necessary to adequately protect human health and the environment.

On July 27, 2008, the County was notified by Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Environmental Protection Division that they had reviewed the Assessment of Corrective Measures (ACM), Site Characterization and Evaluation of Corrective Measures report for Bleckley County, Georgia. In July 2006, the EPD approved the County's corrective action plan. Estimates indicate that the post-closure period would be extended an additional twenty-two years from 2005.

The estimated remaining cost of $634,437 to monitor the landfill during the remaining post-closure period is reflected as a liability in the statement of net position at December 31, 2016. The estimates are based on the latest opinion of probable post-closure care costs prepared by professional engineers for the County. The estimates are based on average or typical costs with provisions for potential changes due to inflation or deflation, technology, or applicable laws or regulations. However, actual costs may be higher.

15. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund receivables, payables and transfers as of December 31, 2016, is as follows:

Fund	Due To Other Funds	Due From Other Funds
Special Revenue-T-SPLOST		
Due to-		
General Fund	$ 20,357	$ -
General Fund		
Due from-		
Special Revenue-T-SPLOST Fund	-	20,357
Total	$ 20,357	$ 20,357

The composition of the interfund receivables and payables is the result of General Fund road department expenditures reimbursed by the T-SPLOST Fund. The result is an increase in the T-SPLOST Fund expenditures and a reduction in the General Fund expenditures for the current year.

There were no interfund transfers in the current year.

16. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

The following table provides detail regarding the deferred outflows and inflows of resources on the government-wide Statement of Net Position for governmental activities and the discretely presented component unit, Bleckley County Board of Health:

	Primary Government Government-Wide Governmental Activities	Discretely Presented Component Unit Bleckley County Board of Health
Deferrred Outflows		
Pensions:		
Employer contributions subsequent to measurement date	$ -	$ 40,642
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	28,551
Differences between expected and actual experience	56,034	
Changes in assumptions	109,155	-
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	126,549	-
Total deferred outflows	$ 291,738	$ 69,193
Deferred Inflows		
Pensions:		
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 5,778	$ 2,299
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	20,760
Total deferred inflows	$ 5,778	$ 23,059

17. RESTRICTED NET POSITION

All of the restricted net position of $1,193,737 included in the Statement of Net Position is restricted by enabling legislation.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances – Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budet
REVENUES:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	$ 4,300,800	$ 4,373,000	$ 4,037,691	$ (335,309)
Alcoholic beverage tax	46,000	46,000	45,150	(850)
Insurance premium tax	387,700	442,000	441,446	(554)
Local option sales tax	525,000	536,000	535,160	(840)
Total Taxes	5,259,500	5,397,000	5,059,447	(337,553)
Licenses and Permits:				
Beer and wine licenses	4,500	5,500	5,250	(250)
Other licenses, permits and fees	20,000	22,000	21,227	(773)
Total Licenses and Permits	24,500	27,500	26,477	(1,023)
Fines and Forfeitures:				
Probate Court	165,000	146,500	145,956	(544)
Superior Court	55,000	75,000	74,567	(433)
Drug surcharges, etc.	35,000	41,000	40,268	(732)
Total Fines and Forfeitures	255,000	262,500	260,791	(1,709)
Charges for Services:				
Magistrate	14,000	12,000	11,406	(594)
Superior Court	49,000	35,000	34,241	(759)
Sheriff	48,000	42,000	41,570	(430)
Solid Waste fees	77,000	68,000	67,081	(919)
Tax Assessors	80	100	39	(61)
Transit fares	19,000	9,000	8,527	(473)
Qualifying fees	-	-	13,238	13,238
Total Charges for Services	207,080	166,100	176,102	10,002
Intergovernmental:				
Federal grants	-	12,000	11,109	(891)
State grants	400,000	642,500	743,804	101,304
Other intergovernmental	110,000	55,000	53,930	(1,070)
Total Intergovernmental	510,000	709,500	808,843	99,343
Interest Earnings	50,000	76,000	75,868	(132)
Miscellaneous:				
Nutrition program	70,000	74,000	73,050	(950)
Other	55,000	238,500	40,877	(197,623)
Total Miscellaneous	125,000	312,500	113,927	(198,573)
Total Revenues	6,431,080	6,951,100	6,521,455	(429,645)

The accompanying notes to required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budet
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General Government:				
Administration	200,000	202,000	201,679	321
Courthouse	600,000	325,000	320,135	4,865
Tax commissioner	216,500	224,000	222,094	1,906
Voter registrars	55,000	82,000	81,043	957
Tax assessor	178,000	182,000	181,424	576
Building inspector	40,000	42,000	41,151	849
Non-departmental	422,880	420,000	419,514	486
Total General Government	1,712,380	1,477,000	1,467,040	9,960
Public safety:				
Sheriff	875,700	810,000	808,529	1,471
Jail	800,000	820,000	815,870	4,130
Communication center and E-911	225,000	439,000	437,632	1,368
Fire department	125,000	321,000	319,708	1,292
Emergency management	63,000	65,000	64,838	162
Ambulance	375,500	375,500	375,180	320
Coroner	27,000	31,500	30,298	1,202
Animal control	25,000	28,500	28,263	237
Total Public Safety	2,516,200	2,890,500	2,880,318	10,182
Court System:				
Clerk of Superior Court	222,000	242,000	241,468	532
Superior Court	125,000	125,000	123,312	1,688
Probate Court	180,000	182,500	181,683	817
Magistrate Court	127,000	121,500	120,504	996
Juvenile Court	-	1,500	1,236	264
Total Court System	654,000	672,500	668,203	4,297
Highways and Streets	762,000	1,108,000	1,107,809	191
Public Health and Welfare:				
Public health and welfare appropriations	110,000	126,000	125,629	371
Sanitation	240,000	231,000	230,053	947
Senior center	75,000	57,500	56,221	1,279
Transit system	125,000	124,500	123,216	1,284
Total Public Health and Welfare	550,000	539,000	535,119	3,881
Culture and Recreation	65,000	108,000	104,310	3,690
County Agent	86,000	86,000	85,010	990

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BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
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Fund Balances – Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budet
EXPENDITURES-continued:				
Natural Resources	23,500	25,000	24,826	174
Debt Service:				
Principal	52,000	40,000	38,251	1,749
Interest	10,000	5,100	3,875	1,225
Total Debt Service	62,000	45,100	42,126	2,974
Total Expenditures	6,431,080	6,951,100	6,914,761	36,339
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	(393,306)	(393,306)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:				
Insurance proceeds	-	-	192,465	192,465
Sale of capital assets	-	-	3,500	3,500
Total Other Financing Sources	-	-	195,965	195,965
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	(197,341)	(197,341)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,301,002	3,301,002	3,301,002	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ 3,301,002	$ 3,301,002	$ 3,103,661	$(197,341)

The accompanying notes to required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances – Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Special Revenue – T-SPLOST Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budet
REVENUES -				
Taxes	$ 225,000	$ 218,000	$ 216,105	$ (1,895)
Total Revenues	225,000	218,000	216,105	(1,895)
EXPENDITURES -				
Current-				
Highways and streets	225,000	218,000	216,105	1,895
Total Expenditures	225,000	218,000	216,105	1,895
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

The accompanying notes to required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Schedule of Changes in the County's Net Pension
Liability and Related Ratios -
ACCG Restated Pension Plan for Bleckley County Employees

	2016	2015	2014
Total pension liability			
Service Cost	$ 63,252	$ 59,031	$ 57,602
Interest on total pension liability	226,348	215,386	200,266
Differences between expected and actual experience	74,109	(11,860)	-
Changes of assumptions	83,422	94,585	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(122,848)	(149,557)	(112,547)
Other changes	-	-	-
Net change in total pension liability	324,283	207,585	145,321
Total pension liability - beginning	3,079,401	2,871,816	2,726,495
Total pension liability - ending	$ 3,403,684	$ 3,079,401	$ 2,871,816
Plan fiduciary net position			
Contributions - employer	$ 182,448	$ 143,902	$ 142,661
Net investment income	178,080	19,723	164,947
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(122,848)	(144,152)	(112,547)
Administrative expense	(15,472)	(10,861)	(11,181)
Other expenses	(49,090)	(18,761)	(17,789)
Net change in fiduciary net position	173,118	(10,149)	166,091
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	2,479,158	2,489,307	2,323,216
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	$ 2,652,276	$ 2,479,158	$ 2,489,307
Net pension liability - ending	$ 751,408	$ 600,243	$ 382,509
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	77.92%	80.51%	86.68%
Covered employee payroll	$ 1,781,952	$ 1,547,542	$ 1,669,186
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	42.17%	38.79%	22.92%

Note: The above information should include 10 years, if available, per GASB Statement No. 68; however, during the transition period, information should be presented for as many years as are available. The year ended December 31, 2014 is the first year that data has been measured in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68.

The accompanying notes to required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Schedule of County Contributions
ACCG Restated Pension Plan for Bleckley County Employees

	2016	2015	2014
Actuarily determined contribution	$ 182,448	$ 143,902	$ 142,661
Contributions in relation to the actuarily determined contribution	182,448	143,902	142,661
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered employee payroll	$ 1,781,952	$ 1,547,542	$ 1,669,186
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	10.24%	9.30%	8.55%

Note: The above information should include 10 years, if available, per GASB Statement No. 68; however, during the transition period, information should be presented for as many years as are available. The year ended December 31, 2014 is the first year that data has been measured in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68.

The accompanying notes to required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

Budgets and Budgetary Control

Each fund's appropriated budget is prepared on a departmental basis. Revenues are budgeted by source. Expenditures are budgeted by department and class. This constitutes the legal level of control. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations at this level. All budget revisions at this level are subject to final review by the County Commissioner.

The County follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in required supplementary information:

1. The Sole Commissioner, with input from other elected officials, prepares an operating budget for the calendar year commencing on January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means by which those expenditures are to be financed.

2. The Sole Commissioner holds a public hearing on the budget, giving notice thereof at least ten days in advance by publication in the official organ of Bleckley County.

3. The budget so adopted may be revised during the year only by formal action of the Commissioner in a regular meeting and no increase shall be made therein without provision also being made for financing same.

4. Formal budgetary integration is not employed as a management control during the year for the general fund. The budget for the general fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

5. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, and as amended by the Commissioner.

6. Legally adopted budgets are required and adopted for the general fund and special revenue funds. Project-length budgets are adopted for the capital projects funds.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditures of monies are reported in order to reserve that portion of applicable appropriations, is not employed by the County because it is considered impractical and not necessary to insure effective budgetary and cash planning and control.

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in Individual Departments

No major funds/departments had an excess of expenditures over appropriations for the current year.

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Notes to Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability
ACCG Restated Pension Plan for Bleckley County Employees

Valuation Date: Actuarially determined contribution rate was determined as of January 1, 2016, with an interest adjustment to the fiscal year. Contributions in relation to this actuarially determined contribution rate will be reported for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Asset valuation method	Smoothed market value with a 5-year smoothing period
Net investment rate of return	7.50% per year, revised to 7.25% as of December 31, 2016
Projected salary increases	3.00% per year with an age based scale
Cost of living adjustments	0.00%
Retirement age	Age 65 with 5 years of service
Mortality	RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with sex-distinct rates, set forward two years for males and one year for females RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with sex distinct rates

See Note 13 for changes in assumptions and benefit changes.

COMPONENT UNIT – BLECKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability -
Employees' Retirement System

	2016	2015
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability	0.007102%	0.006307%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 287,730	$ 236,551
Employer's covered - employee payroll during the measurement period	$ 163,910	$ 144,475
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered - employee payroll	175.54%	163.73%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	76.20%	77.99%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

COMPONENT UNIT – BLECKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Schedule of Contributions -
Employees' Retirement System

	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	$ 40,642	$ 35,656	$ 26,214
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	40,642	35,656	26,214
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Center's covered - employee payroll	$ 164,222	$ 163,910	$ 144,475
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	24.72%	21.75%	18.14%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

COMPONENT UNIT – BLECKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Notes to Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability -
Employees' Retirement System

Changes of assumptions:

There were no changes in assumptions or benefits that affect the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date.

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions:

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of contributions are calculated as of June 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the contractually required contributions for year ended June 30, 2016 reported in that schedule:

Valuation date	June 30, 2013
Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level dollar, open
Remaining amortization period	25 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Inflation rate	3.00%
Salary increases	5.45% - 9.25%
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Law Library Fund	E-911 Fund	Confiscated Assets Fund	Commissary Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS:					
Cash	$ 74,808	$ -	$ 7,951	$ 28,202	$ 110,961
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles-					
Accounts	-	28,481	-	-	28,481
Total Assets	$ 74,808	$ 28,481	$ 7,951	$ 28,202	$ 139,442
LIABILITIES -					
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 28,481	$ 6,833	$ 5,774	$ 41,088
Total Liabilities	-	28,481	6,833	5,774	41,088
FUND BALANCES -					
Restricted for:					
Public safety	-	-	1,118	22,428	23,546
Law library	74,808	-	-	-	74,808
Total Fund Balances	74,808	-	1,118	22,428	98,354
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$ 74,808	$ 28,481	$ 7,951	$ 28,202	$ 139,442

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Law Library Fund	E-911 Fund	Confiscated Assets Fund	Commissary Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Fines and forfeitures	$ 7,752	$ -	$ 482	$ -	$ 8,234
Charges for services	-	148,243	-	95,857	244,100
Interest earnings	400	-	-	-	400
Total Revenues	8,152	148,243	482	95,857	252,734
EXPENDITURES -					
Current:					
Public safety	-	148,243	1,523	81,384	231,150
Court system	5,058	-	-	-	5,058
Total Expenditures	5,058	148,243	1,523	81,384	236,208
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	3,094	-	(1,041)	14,473	16,526
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	71,714	-	2,159	7,955	81,828
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ 74,808	$ -	$ 1,118	$ 22,428	$ 98,354

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances-
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Nonmajor Special Revenue – Law Library Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budet
REVENUES:			
Fines and Forfeitures	$ 5,500	$ 7,752	$ 2,252
Interest Earnings	-	400	400
Total Revenues	5,500	8,152	2,652
EXPENDITURES-			
Current-			
Court System	5,500	5,058	442
Total Expenditures	5,500	5,058	442
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	3,094	3,094
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	71,714	71,714	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ 71,714	$ 74,808	$ 3,094

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances-
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Nonmajor Special Revenue – E-911 Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budet
REVENUES -			
Charges for Services	$ 150,000	$ 148,243	$ (1,757)
Total Revenues	150,000	148,243	(1,757)
EXPENDITURES -			
Current-			
Public safety	150,000	148,243	1,757
Total Expenditures	150,000	148,243	1,757
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ -

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances-
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Nonmajor Special Revenue – Confiscated Assets Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budet
REVENUES -			
Fines and Forfeitures	$ 5,000	$ 482	$ (4,518)
Total Revenues	5,000	482	(4,518)
EXPENDITURES -			
Current-			
Public safety	5,000	1,523	3,477
Total Expenditures	5,000	1,523	3,477
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	(1,041)	(1,041)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,159	2,159	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ 2,159	$ 1,118	$ (1,041)

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances-
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Nonmajor Special Revenue – Commissary Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budet
REVENUES -			
Charges for Services	$ 82,000	$ 95,857	$ 13,857
Total Revenues	82,000	95,857	13,857
EXPENDITURES -			
Current-			
Public safety	82,000	81,384	616
Total Expenditures	82,000	81,384	616
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	14,473	14,473
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,955	7,955	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ 7,955	$ 22,428	$ 14,473

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
December 31, 2016

	Superior Court	Probate Court	Tax Commissioner	Magistrate	Sheriff	Tax Assessor	Building Department	Totals
ASSETS -								
Cash	$ 170,760	$ 13,882	$ 1,003,699	$ 2,112	$ 3,922	$ -	$ -	$ 1,194,375
Total assets	$ 170,760	$ 13,882	$ 1,003,699	$ 2,112	$ 3,922	$ -	$ -	$ 1,194,375
LIABILITIES -								
Accounts payable	$ 170,760	$ 13,882	$ 1,003,699	$ 2,112	$ 3,922	$ -	$ -	$ 1,194,375
Total liabilities	$ 170,760	$ 13,882	$ 1,003,699	$ 2,112	$ 3,922	$ -	$ -	$ 1,194,375

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Balance Beginning	Increase	Decrease	Balance Ending
ALL AGENCY FUNDS:				
Assets:				
Cash	$ 1,745,617	$ 10,035,672	$ 10,586,914	$ 1,194,375
Total Assets	$ 1,745,617	$ 10,035,672	$ 10,586,914	$ 1,194,375
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 1,745,617	$ 10,035,672	$ 10,586,914	$ 1,194,375
Total Liabilities	$ 1,745,617	$ 10,035,672	$ 10,586,914	$ 1,194,375
SUPERIOR COURT:				
Assets:				
Cash	$ 308,807	$ 337,699	$ 475,746	$ 170,760
Total Assets	$ 308,807	$ 337,699	$ 475,746	$ 170,760
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 308,807	$ 337,699	$ 475,746	$ 170,760
Total Liabilities	$ 308,807	$ 337,699	$ 475,746	$ 170,760
PROBATE COURT:				
Assets:				
Cash	$ 16,728	$ 262,528	$ 265,374	$ 13,882
Total Assets	$ 16,728	$ 262,528	$ 265,374	$ 13,882
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 16,728	$ 262,528	$ 265,374	$ 13,882
Total Liabilities	$ 16,728	$ 262,528	$ 265,374	$ 13,882
TAX COMMISSIONER:				
Assets:				
Cash	$ 1,412,255	$ 9,255,473	$ 9,664,029	$ 1,003,699
Total Assets	$ 1,412,255	$ 9,255,473	$ 9,664,029	$ 1,003,699
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 1,412,255	$ 9,255,473	$ 9,664,029	$ 1,003,699
Total Liabilities	$ 1,412,255	$ 9,255,473	$ 9,664,029	$ 1,003,699

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Balance Beginning	Increase	Decrease	Balance Ending
MAGISTRATE COURT:				
Assets:				
Cash	$ 2,461	$ 93,634	$ 93,983	$ 2,112
Total Assets	$ 2,461	$ 93,634	$ 93,983	$ 2,112
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 2,461	$ 93,634	$ 93,983	$ 2,112
Total Liabilities	$ 2,461	$ 93,634	$ 93,983	$ 2,112
SHERIFF:				
Assets:				
Cash	$ 5,366	$ 64,280	$ 65,724	$ 3,922
Total Assets	$ 5,366	$ 64,280	$ 65,724	$ 3,922
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 5,366	$ 64,280	$ 65,724	$ 3,922
Total Liabilities	$ 5,366	$ 64,280	$ 65,724	$ 3,922
TAX ASSESSORS:				
Assets:				
Cash	$ -	$ 831	$ 831	$ -
Total Assets	$ -	$ 831	$ 831	$ -
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 831	$ 831	$ -
Total Liabilities	$ -	$ 831	$ 831	$ -
BUILDING DEPARTMENT:				
Assets:				
Cash	$ -	$ 21,227	$ 21,227	$ -
Total Assets	$ -	$ 21,227	$ 21,227	$ -
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 21,227	$ 21,227	$ -
Total Liabilities	$ -	$ 21,227	$ 21,227	$ -

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Schedule of Expenditures of
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

Project	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Expenditues Prior Years	Expenditues Current Year	Expenditues Total
Beginning 2013:					
County:					
Jail, capital projects	$ 2,724,600	$ 2,724,600	$ 603,558	$ 453,760	$ 1,057,318
Recreation department, capital projects	175,200	175,200	30,456	25,055	55,511
Public library, capital projects	15,000	15,000	4,445	-	4,445
Emergency management agency,capital projects	24,120	24,120	4,017	-	4,017
Fire department, capital projects	24,120	24,120	9,961	2,000	11,961
Courthouse, capital projects	84,960	84,960	5,899	-	5,899
Roads and bridges, capital projects	952,200	952,200	107,084	271,366	378,450
Total County	4,000,200	4,000,200	765,420	752,181	1,517,601
City of Cochran:					
Recreation department; emergency management agency: streets, library, fire department, police department, sewage department and water department, capital outlay projects	1,999,800	1,999,800	978,899	327,397	1,306,296
Total	$ 6,000,000	$ 6,000,000	$ 1,744,319	$ 1,079,578	$ 2,823,897

Compliance Section

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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*

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To the County Commissioner
Bleckley County, 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 discretely presented component unit - Bleckley County Public Health Center, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bleckley County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Bleckley County, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2017. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Bleckley County Public Health Center, as described in our report on Bleckley County, Georgia'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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Bleckley County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Bleckley County, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Bleckley County, Georgia'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. 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 may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Bleckley County, Georgia'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Bleckley County, Georgia's Response to Findings

Bleckley County, Georgia's response to the findings in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Bleckley County, Georgia's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

H. M. Vickers & Associates, P.C.

November 6, 2017

FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2007-1 Cash: General Government Operations

Condition: Due to the limited number of personnel, overlapping of duties exists in the County's operations, primarily in the areas of cash receipts and disbursements. This overlapping of duties presents a situation where unauthorized use of assets could occur and not be detected within a timely period.

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place that provide reasonable assurance that an individual cannot misappropriate funds without being detected during the normal course of business.

Effect: Failure to properly segregate duties between recording, processing and reconciliation of accounts can lead to misappropriation of funds that are not detected during the normal course of business.

Recommendation: That management continually exercise alert supervision of employees in order to protect the assets of the County. We further recommend that the County implement an internal audit review to be performed on a quarterly basis. This internal audit would serve to further mitigate the lack of segregation of duties.

Response: The Commissioner concurs with the recommendation. The Commissioner realizes that with limited personnel adequate segregation of duties is not possible. Therefore, to mitigate this, the Commissioner will exercise alert supervision over all employees. The Commissioner will consider the feasibility of performing quarterly internal audits in the future.