DODGE COUNTY, GEORGIA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Dodge County, Georgia

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DODGE COUNTY, GEORGIA

PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dan McCranie	Commissioner, Chairman
Karen Cheek	Commissioner, Vice Chairman
Sharon Cobb Flanagan	Commissioner
Kelly Belflower	Commissioner
Brian Watkins	Commissioner

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Kay Graham	Tax Commissioner
Waymon A. McCranie, Jr.	Judge, Probate Court
Brian Robinson	Sheriff
Rhett Walker	Clerk of Superior Court
Thomas S. Cranford	Judge, Magistrate Court
Joe Smith	Coroner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Conner Bearden	County Manager

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues
Dodge County, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Dodge County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Dodge County, Georgia's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Dodge County, Georgia, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and American Rescue Plan Grant Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

I conducted my 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. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of Dodge County, Georgia and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management 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, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud of error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting

from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards,* I:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the defined pension benefit plan and postemployment benefits other than pensions schedules on pages 46 through 52 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards general 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management 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. My opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Dodge County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Official Code of Georgia 48-8-121, and are also not required part

of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and the schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the certification of 9-1-1 expenditures but does not include the basis financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. My opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and I do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated October 31, 2024, on my consideration of the Dodge County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Dodge County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Dodge County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Eastman, Georgia
October 31, 2024

Dodge County, Georgia
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	Primary Government Total	Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Dodge County Public Health Center
Assets:		
Cash	$ 6,568,880	$ 1,099,576
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		-
Taxes	2,010,154	-
Accounts	15,932	-
Due from other governments	18,065	40,466
Inventory	17,802	
Proportionate share of collective net OPEB benefit	-	-
Restricted assets:		
Cash	5,543,343	-
Capital assets:		-
Capital assets not being depreciated	398,909	-
Capital assets being depreciated, net of		-
accumulated depreciation	13,002,362	534
Total Assets	27,575,447	1,140,576
Deferred Outflows of Resources:		
Pensions	240,426	235,960
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	95,492	256
Salaries and benefits payable	34,958	-
Due to other governments	-	-
Accrued liabilities	41,789	-
Unearned revenue	1,084,041	
Accrued compensated absences	-	1,000
Long-term obligations	87,600	-
Noncurrent liabilites:		
Accrued compensated absences	-	4,000
Long-term obligations	101,623	-
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs	1,370,021	-
Net pension liability	188,325	479,981
Net OPEB liability	-	1,397
Total liabilities	3,003,849	486,634
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Pensions	164,801	51,048
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	13,212,048	534
Restricted for:		
Prior year program income	-	199,925
Capital projects	5,050,491	-
Grant programs	50	
Health & Wellness Program	798	-
Public Safety	403,107	-
Judiciary	28,313	
Unrestricted	5,952,416	638,395
Total net position	$ 24,647,223	$ 838,854

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

Dodge County, Georgia
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

Functions	Expenses	Charges for Services and Fines	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Component Unit Governmental Activities
Primary government-						
Governmental activities:						
General government	$ 1,639,459	$ 14,198	$ 217,285	$ -	$ (1,407,976)	-
Public safety	9,767,668	3,389,234	877,530	866,605	(4,634,299)	-
Public works	5,494,095	382,179	1,417,043	791	(3,694,082)	-
Judiciary	1,224,285	562,993	198,450	-	(462,842)	-
Health & welfare	141,383	-	42,696	-	(98,687)	-
Recreation & culture	265,156	-	-	-	(265,156)	-
Development & housing	147,533	30,628	-	-	(116,905)	-
Community service	1,488,459	6,582	1,118,638	-	(363,239)	-
Interest on Long Term Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	$20,168,038	$ 4,385,814	$ 3,871,642	$ 867,396	(11,043,186)	-
Component unit:						
Dodge County Puiblic Health Center	$ 517,606	$ 152,320	$ 408,333	$ -	-	43,047
General revenues:						
Property taxes					5,990,569	-
Sales taxes					5,983,529	-
Other taxes					1,106,509	-
Other revenues					176,021	58,605
Tranfers					-	-
Total general revenues and transfers					13,256,628	58,605
Change in net position					2,213,442	101,652
Net position - beginning					22,433,514	737,202
Adjustment					267	-
Net position - ending					$ 24,647,223	$ 838,854

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Dodge County, Georgia
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

December 31, 2023

	General	American Rescue Plan Grant	2019 SPLOST	TIA SPLOST	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:						
Cash	$ 6,568,880	$ 1,179,583	$ 1,492,907	$ 2,412,594	$ 458,259	$ 12,112,223
Accounts receivable	15,932	-	-	-	-	15,932
Taxes receivable, net	1,753,215	-	256,939	-	-	2,010,154
Due from other governments	18,065	-	-	-	-	18,065
Loans receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inventory	17,802	-	-	-	-	17,802
Accrued Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	8,373,894	1,179,583	1,749,846	2,412,594	458,259	14,174,176
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	-	95,492	-	-	-	95,492
Accured liabilities	49,958	-	-	-	26,789	76,747
Unearned revenues	-	1,084,041	-	-	-	1,084,041
Total liabilities	49,958	1,179,533	-	-	26,789	1,256,280
Deferred inflows of resources:						
Unavailable revenue-taxes	923,323	-	-	-	-	923,323
Total deferred inflows of resources	923,323	-	-	-	-	923,323
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable						
Inventories	17,802	-	-	-	-	17,802
Restricted for						
Grant programs	-	50	-	-	-	50
Health & Wellness Program	798	-	-	-	-	798
Judiciary	-	-	-	-	28,313	28,313
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	403,107	403,107
Capital Projects	888,001	-	1,749,846	2,412,594	50	5,050,491
Unassigned	6,494,012	-	-	-	-	6,494,012
Total fund balances	7,400,613	50	1,749,846	2,412,594	431,470	11,994,573
Total liabilities, Deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 8,373,894	$ 1,179,583	$ 1,749,846	$ 2,412,594	$ 458,259	$ 14,174,176

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Dodge County, Georgia
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds
To the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023

Total fund equity per balance sheet of governmental funds	$ 11,994,573
Amounts reported for governmental activites in the statement of net position are different from amounts reported in the balance sheet of governmental funds due to the following:	
Net pension obligation - To recognize asset (liability) resulting from contributions in excess of (under) the annual required contribution.	(188,325)
Deferred outflows of resources - Collective deferred outflows of resources-pension liability.	240,426
Deferred inflows of resources - Collective deferred inflows of resources-pension liablity.	(164,801)
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. (capital assets amounted to $25,789,641 accumulated depreciation amounted to $12,388,370)	13,401,271
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	923,323
Long-term liabilities, including landfill estimated cost of closure and post closure care, note payable and capital leases payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. (Closure/post closure care amounted to $1,370,021; Note payable amounted to $149,987; Lease payable amounted to $39,236)	(1,559,244)
Net position of governmental activities	$ 24,647,223

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

Dodge County, Georgia
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	General	American Rescue Plan Grant	2019 SPLOST	TIA SPLOST	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Taxes	$ 8,257,617	$ -	$ 2,749,352	$ 1,790,349	$ -	$ 12,797,318
Licenses and permits	44,818	-	-	-	-	44,818
Intergovernmental	2,018,653	1,655,495	-	-	78,334	3,752,482
Charges for services	1,813,155	-	-	-	1,911,082	3,724,237
Judicial fees and charges	570,788	-	-	-	45,971	616,759
Interest	-	-	791	-	-	791
Other	122,217	-	-	-	103,804	226,021
Total revenues	12,827,248	1,655,495	2,750,143	1,790,349	2,139,191	21,162,426
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,567,826	-	-	-	-	1,567,826
Public safety	7,009,961	7,508	110,263	-	2,270,072	9,397,804
Public works	2,217,920	-	920,541	760,514	10,000	3,908,975
Judiciary	1,138,474	-	-	-	85,384	1,223,858
Health & welfare	121,390	-	-	-	-	121,390
Recreation & culture	237,579	-	27,577	-	-	265,156
Development & housing	50,485	-	-	-	-	50,485
Community service	487,307	1,000,000			-	1,487,307
Capital outlay:						
General government	-	-	17,700	-	-	17,700
Public safety	866,605	647,987	48,723	-	-	1,563,315
Public Works	-	-	896,684	-	334,589	1,231,273
Community service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:						
Pricipal retirement	70,439	-	-	-	-	70,439
Interest	9,368	-	-	-	-	9,368
Intergovernmental	-	-	1,150,629	-	-	1,150,629
Total expenditures	13,777,354	1,655,495	3,172,117	760,514	2,700,045	22,065,525
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(950,106)	-	(421,974)	1,029,835	(560,854)	(903,099)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Capital Contribution	866,605	-	-	-	-	866,605
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	207,794	207,794
Transfers out	(207,794)	-	-	-	-	(207,794)
Total other financing sources and (uses)	658,811	-	-	-	207,794	866,605
Net change in fund balance	(291,295)	-	(421,974)	1,029,835	(353,060)	(36,494)
Fund balances - beginning	7,691,908	50	2,171,820	1,382,759	784,530	12,031,067
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances - ending	7,400,613	$ 50	$ 1,749,846	$ 2,412,594	$ 431,470	$ 11,994,573

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

Dodge County, Georgia
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
To the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Net change in fund balances, total governmental funds	$	(36,494)
Amounts reported for governmental activites in the Statement of Activities differ from amounts reported in the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances due to the following:		
Net pension obligation - To recongnize change in asset (liability) resulting from contributions in excess of (under) the annual required contribution.		21,649
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		1,964,315
Because some revenues will not be collected for several months after the government's fiscal year end, they are not considered available revenues and are deferred in the governmental funds. Deferred revenues increased by this amount during the fiscal year.		
Property Taxes: Deferred @ 12/31/22		(640,035)
Property Taxes: Deferred @ 12/31/23		923,323
The issuance of long - term debt (e.g., bonds, leases, notes) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.		
Closure/post closure care		(89,628)
Principal Repayments		
Capital Leases		(127)
Notes Payable		70,439
Net position of governmental activities		2,213,442

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

Dodge County, Georgia
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 8,155,004	$8,155,004	$ 8,257,617	$ 102,613
Licenses and permits	34,000	34,000	44,818	10,818
Intergovernmental	1,409,734	1,409,734	2,018,653	608,919
Charges for services	1,736,352	1,736,352	1,813,155	76,803
Judicial fees and charges	525,000	525,000	570,788	45,788
Other	186,736	186,736	122,217	(64,519)
Total revenues	12,046,826	12,046,826	12,827,248	780,422
Current expenditures:				
General government:				
Office of Commissioner	757,192	757,192	808,642	(51,450)
Registrar and election	124,219	124,219	107,085	17,134
Office of Tax Commissioner	253,511	253,511	284,821	(31,310)
Tax Assessor and Appraiser	368,492	368,492	367,278	1,214
Tax Collector	-	-	-	-
Total general government	1,503,414	1,503,414	1,567,826	(64,412)
Public safety:				
Office of Sheriff	3,796,432	3,796,432	4,229,052	(432,620)
EMA	-	-	-	-
Coroner	62,496	62,496	65,231	(2,735)
EMS	1,784,324	1,784,324	1,985,636	(201,312)
Building Inspector	96,707	96,707	96,655	52
Oconee Drug Task Force	187,543	187,543	220,909	(33,366)
Miscellaneous	20,400	20,400	21,301	(901)
Fire Safety Coordinator	272,609	272,609	391,177	(118,568)
Total public safety	6,220,511	6,220,511	7,009,961	(789,450)
Public works:				
Landfill and sanitation	655,327	655,327	997,984	(342,657)
Roads	1,787,485	1,787,485	1,219,936	567,549
Total public works	2,442,812	2,442,812	2,217,920	224,892
Judiciary:				
Clerk of Superior Court	296,966	296,966	320,670	(23,704)
Superior Court	312,357	312,357	400,484	(88,127)
Probate Court	208,288	208,288	211,804	(3,516)
Magistrate Court	205,921	205,921	205,516	405
Total judiciary	1,023,532	1,023,532	1,138,474	(114,942)

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Dodge County, Georgia
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - CONTINUED

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Health & welfare:				
Eastman Dodge Nutrition Center	47,978	47,978	55,970	(7,992)
Public Health	58,400	58,400	60,337	(1,937)
Family and Children Services	6,255	6,255	5,083	1,172
Paupers and financial assistance	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Total health & welfare	114,133	114,133	121,390	(7,257)
Recreation & culture:				
Library	58,000	58,000	58,000	-
Historical Society	-	-	-	-
Recreation	180,000	180,000	179,579	421
Total recreation & culture	238,000	238,000	237,579	421
Development & housing:				
Development Authority	28,000	28,000	26,200	1,800
Firefighters Association	-	-	-	-
Forestry Department	24,288	24,288	24,285	3
NRCS Conservation	-	-	-	-
Total development & housing	52,288	52,288	50,485	1,803
Community service:				
Extension Service	77,488	77,488	77,926	(438)
Faithful Hearts Animal Shelter	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	69,841	65,841	127,686	(61,845)
Airport	12,921	12,921	12,919	2
Eastman-Dodge Council on Aging	-	4,000	2,224	1,776
Dodge County Agricultural Park	-	-	544	(544)
Regional Development Center	15,000	15,000	14,456	544
Transit	230,383	230,383	251,552	(21,169)
Total community service	405,633	405,633	487,307	(81,674)

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Dodge County, Georgia
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - CONTINUED

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Capital outlay:				
Public safety	-	-	866,605	(866,605)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	70,439	(70,439)
Interest	-	-	9,368	(9,368)
Total debt service	-	-	79,807	(79,807)
Total expenditures	12,000,323	12,000,323	13,777,354	(1,777,031)
Excess of revenues over expenditures	46,503	46,503	(950,106)	(996,609)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Capital contribution	-	-	866,605	866,605
Surplus equipment sale	3,000	3,000	-	(3,000)
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(49,503)	(49,503)	(207,794)	(158,291)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(46,503)	(46,503)	658,811	705,314
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(291,295)	(291,295)
Fund balnces - beginning	7,691,908	7,691,908	7,691,908	-
Adjustments	-	-	-	-
Fund balnces - ending	$ 7,691,908	$ 7,691,908	$ 7,400,613	$ (291,295)

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

Dodge County, Georgia
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	$ 1,655,495	$1,655,495	$ 1,655,495	$ -
Total revenues	1,655,495	1,655,495	1,655,495	-
Current expenditures:				
Public safety	7,508	7,508	7,508	-
Community service	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Capital outlay:				
Public safety	647,987	647,987	647,987	-
Total expenditures	1,655,495	1,655,495	1,655,495	-
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-	-	-
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balnces - beginning	50	50	50	-
Adjustments	-	-	-	-
Fund balnces - ending	$ 50	$ 50	$ 50	$ -

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

Dodge County, Georgia
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
December 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash	$ 3,936,707
Total assets	3,936,707
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	1,420,437
Due to other funds	1,309,858
Total liabilities	2,730,295
Net Position	
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments	1,206,412
Total net position	$ 1,206,412

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

Dodge County, Georgia
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds
Additions	
Taxes and fees	$ 16,437,007
Fines and fees	903,006
Investment earnings	9
Total additions	17,340,022
Deductions	
Taxes and fees paid to other governments	16,270,712
Other custodial disbursements	1,413,688
Total deductions	17,684,400
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	(344,378)
Net position - beginning	1,550,790
Net position - ending	$ 1,206,412

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

1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Dodge County, Georgia have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) as applied to governments. The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the County's accounting policies are described below.

A Reporting Entity

Dodge County, Georgia (the Government) was chartered under the laws of Georgia in 1870. The County operates under a five member Board of Commissioners form of government. Dodge County provides various services, levies taxes, and issues licenses as provided by the Charter. These services include public safety, highway and streets, health and social services, emergency medical services, cultural and recreational programs and administrative services.

The County's basic financial statements include the accounts of all County operations. The criteria for including organizations within the County's reporting entity, as set forth in GASB No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity", is financial accountability. Financial accountability is defined as appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board and either the ability to impose will by the primary government or the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government.

Discretely Presented Component Units – Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize they are legally separate from the Government.

Dodge County Public Health Center – The financial operations of the Dodge County Public Health Center are presented as a governmental fund type. The seven members of the Board of Health include the Chairmen of Dodge County, three County appointed members, the County School Superintendent, the City Administrator, and one City appointed member. The Board of Health has a June 30th year-end. The Board of Health is responsible for health programs designed for prevention, early detection, treatment and referral. The complete financial statements for Dodge County Public Health Center may be obtained at the following address: Dodge County, P.O. Box 818, Eastman, GA 31023.

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:

Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority
Dodge County Farmers Market Development Authority
Dodge County Board of Family and Children Services
Dodge County-Murrell Memorial Library
Dodge County Hospital Authority
Eastman Dodge County Recreation Department
Eastman Dodge County Council on Aging
Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority
Joint Development Authority of Bleckley County and Dodge County

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

B Basis of Presentation

The County's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements include a statement of net position and a statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the County as a whole. All funds other than fiduciary activities are included at the government-wide reporting level. These statements include separate columns for the governmental and business-type activities of the primary government, as well as its discretely presented component units. Individual funds are not displayed at this reporting level, but the statements distinguish governmental activities, generally supported by taxes and County general revenues, from business-type activities, generally financed in whole or in part with fees charged to external customers.

The statement of net position presents the financial position of the governmental and business-type activities of the County.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the County's governmental activities and for each identifiable activity of the business-type activities of the County. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a function and therefore clearly identifiable to that function. The County does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly related to the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services which report fees and other charges to users of the County's services; (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities including restricted investment income; and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assts. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. For identifying to which function program revenue pertains, the determining factor for *charges for services* is which function *generates* the revenue. For *grants and contributions,* the determining factor is to which function the revenues are *restricted.*

Taxes and other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues of the County. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function and each identifiable business activity is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

Fund Financial Statements – During the year, the County segregates transactions related to certain County functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the County at this more detailed level. Fund financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds.

Major individual governmental and enterprise funds are reported in separate columns with composite columns for non-major funds. The fiduciary funds are reported by type.

Fund Accounting - The County uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The County uses two categories of funds: governmental and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Fund liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be liquidated. The County reports the difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities as fund balance. The following are the County's major governmental funds:

> *General Fund* – The general fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The general fund's fund balance is available to the County for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Georgia.

American Rescue Plan Grant Fund – Established to account for grant funds awarded to the County as part of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan.

2019 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) – Established to separately account for Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax 2019, which was approved by the citizens of Dodge County on November 5, 2019. The proceeds of this levy are designated for various capital projects totaling $11 million which include economic development, EMS ambulance and equipment, roads; bridges, and transportation, sanitation, building and equipment, vehicles, recreation department projects for Dodge County; renovations, improvements, additions to water and sewer systems, storm drainage systems, road work, economic development, and capital improvements projects for the City of Eastman; Hospital Authority retire debt and capital improvement building and equipment; capital improvements and economic development projects for Eastman-Dodge County Development Authority; Rural Fire Department projects for Dodge County; road, bridges, transportation and capital improvement , water and sewer infrastructure projects for City of Rhine; road, bridges, transportation and capital improvement, water and sewer infrastructure projects for City of Milan; road, bridges, transportation and capital improvement, water and sewer infrastructure projects for City of Chauncey; road, bridges, transportation and capital improvement, water and sewer infrastructure projects for City of Chester. The proceeds of this levy began on November 30, 2020. Under Georgia law, this tax can remain in effect for six years.

TIA SPLOST Fund – Established to separately account for Transportation Investment Act Sales Tax , which was approved by a Transportation Referendum passed in the Heart of Georgia region. This region implemented a one percent regional sales tax to fund transportation improvements. Collection of these Transportation Investment Act funds began on January 1, 2013.

Fiduciary Fund – Custodial 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. Custodial Funds are custodial in mature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Fiduciary funds are accounted for on the accrual basis.

C Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the County are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities reports revenues and expenses, including depreciation.

Fund Financial Statements – All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus in these financial statements. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the governmental fund statements.

D Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. At the fund reporting level, governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting and fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues – Exchange Transactions – Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded when the exchange takes place and in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the County, the phrase "available for exchange transactions" means expected to be received within twelve months of year-end.

Revenues – Non-exchange Transactions – Non-exchange transactions in which the County receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include sales taxes, property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the period in which the taxable sale takes place and on the modified accrual basis, it is recognized in the year received (i.e. when considered available). Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the County must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the County on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions also must be available (i.e., collected within 60 days) before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be susceptible to accrual: property taxes, sales taxes, interest and federal and state grants.

Deferred Revenue – Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

On governmental fund financial statements (i.e., on the modified accrual basis), receivables that will not be collected within the available period have been reported as deferred revenue (i.e., they are measurable but not available) rather than as revenue.

Sales taxes collected by the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue, for the November and December sales are reported as deferred revenue at year-end. Property taxes receivable not collected within 60 days of year-end have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met (e.g., cash advances) also are recorded as deferred revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures – On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. On the modified accrual basis, expenditures generally are recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred and due, if measurable.

E 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.

F Advertising Costs

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

G Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure 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.

H Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquitted by the County.

Investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices.

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

- Obligations of the State of Georgia or of any other states
- 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
- 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.

I Receivables

Outstanding balances resulting in transactions between finds are reported as "due to/from other funds". Receivables are stated net of an allowance for uncollectibles, where applicable.

J 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.

K Prepaid Items

For prepaid expenditures in the government-wide and fund financial statements, the County reports the expenditures during the benefiting period.

L Restricted Assets

Certain assets have been restricted because their use is limited by bond covenants, grantors, laws or regulations. Restricted assets reported on the Statement of Net Position consist of proceeds from grants and fees collected that their use is limited by the funding source or applicable law or regulation.

M Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in governmental funds. The County reports these assets in the

governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but does not report these assets in the governmental fund financial statements.

Capital assets are defined by the Government as assets with an initial, individual cost of $5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. Improvements (i.e., betterments) to capital assets are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

Infrastructure assets reported in the Governmental Activities include assets acquired after the implementation date of GASB 34. The County's management has elected not to include infrastructure assets acquired prior to July 1, 2003.

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Primary Government:

Infrastructure	20-50 Years
Buildings	40 Years
Improvements	7-40 Years
Equipment	5 - 15 Years

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 $5,000 and computer and related equipment are depreciated over a five-year life.

N Compensated Absences

All unused vacation leave lapses at year-end, therefore no liability is recorded. In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 43. *Accounting for Compensated Absences,* no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits.

O Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental funds payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources and are reported as obligations of these funds. Debt service expenditures are recognized as a liability in the governmental fund financial statements when due.

P Deferred Outflows/ Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The County has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. They are the deferred outflows of resources relating to pension and the deferred outflows of resources relating to OPEB reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will 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 a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has two items that qualify for reporting in this category in the government-wide statement of net position and one item in the governmental funds balance sheet. The deferred inflows of resources relating to pension and the deferred inflows of resources relating to OPED are all reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The governmental funds report *unavailable revenue* from property taxes as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental fund balance sheet. This amount is deferred and recognized as inflows of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Q 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 Dodge 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 (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

R Fund Equity

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

Fund Balance

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The government itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment or an assignment. 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 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 by formal action of the Board of Commissioners through the adoption of a resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year. Once adopted, the limitation imposed remains in place until a similar action is taken to remove or revise the limitation. Only the Council 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 Commissioners can authorize the County's Manager to assign fund balances. The Board may also assign fund balances as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. An additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment.

Unassigned: Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. Positive unassigned fund balance may be reported only when in the General Fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all governmental funds.

Net Position

For government-wide reporting the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is called net position. Net position is comprised of three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, notes, and other debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are included in this component of net position.

Restricted net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Assets are reported as restricted when constraints are placed on asset use either by external parties or by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that does not meet the definition of the two preceding categories.

Flow Assumptions – Fund Balance

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the County's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Flow Assumptions – Net Position

Sometimes the County will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the County's policy to consider restricted-net position to have been depleted before unrestricted-net positions applied.

S Leases

Lessee: The County is a lessee for several noncancellable leases for a postage meter machine and several copiers. The County recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements.

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

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

- The County uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as discounted rate for leases.

- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

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

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

T Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the reported amount of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

U Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as Interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and the after non-operating revenues/expenses section in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements (i.e., they are netted).

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statement of activities are reported as general revenues. Transfers between funds reported in the governmental activities column are eliminated. Transfers between funds reported in the business type activities column are eliminated.

V 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 fill 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.

W Tax Abatement Agreements

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, Tax Abatement Disclosures. This statement requires the County to disclose information for any tax abatement agreements either entered into by the County, or agreements entered into by other governments that reduce the County's tax revenues. As of December 31, 2023, the County did not have any such agreements, either entered into by the County or other governments.

X Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and additions to/deductions from ERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by ERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Y Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State Employees' Assurance Department - Retired and Vested Inactive Members Trust Fund (SEAD-OPEB) plan (the Plan) and additions to/deductions from SEAD-OPEB's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by SEAD-OPEB. For this purpose, death benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

2) STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A Budgetary Information

The County's Board of Commissioners adopted, in a timely manner, an operating budget for the general fund and some of the special revenue funds, including proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the year ended December 31, 2023 as required by its charter, generally accepted accounting principals, and Georgia law O.C.G.A. 36-81-3, and various other agencies' requirements. The operating budget may not be revised or changed during the year without approval by a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners.

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Each budget is prepared on a detailed line item basis. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund, special revenue funds, and for project length capital project funds. All annual budget appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

The level of legal budgetary control (the level at which expenditures may not exceed appropriations) is the department level with the following provisions:

- The County Manager may authorize transfers of appropriations between line items within any departmental budget without Commission approval.
- The Board of Commissioners may amend the budget by motion during the fiscal year.

B Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following funds reported expenditures/expenses over appropriations:

Fund	Appropriation	Encumbrances/ Expenditures	Over-Appropriation
General Fund:			
Office of Commissioner	757,192	808,642	51,450
Tax Commissioner	253,511	284,821	31,310
Office of Sheriff	3,796,432	4,229,052	432,620
Coroner	62,496	65,231	2,735
EMS	1,784,324	1,985,636	201,312
Oconee Drug Task Force	187,543	220,909	33,366
Miscellaneous Public Safety	20,400	21,301	901
Fire Safety Coordinator	272,609	391,177	118,568
Landfill & Sanitation	655,327	997,984	342,657
Clerk of Superior Court	296,966	320,670	23,704
Superior Court	312,357	400,484	88,127
Probate Court	208,288	211,804	3,516
Health & Welfare	114,133	121,390	7,257
Community Service	405,633	487,307	81,674
Debt Service	-	79,807	79,807
Drug Education Fund	12,000	83,412	71,412
Jail Fund	16,000	50,000	34,000
Emergency Telephone Fund	612,879	703,718	90,839
Sheriff's Commissary Fund	89,000	1,444,640	1,355,640
Sheriff's Seizure Fund	-	8,877	8,877
Sheriff's Benevolent Fund	-	15,059	15,059

3) DEPOSITS

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. Dodge County's demand and interest-bearing deposits for all funds including the Custodial Funds are reflected in the accounts of the banks (without recognition of checks written but not yet cleared or deposits in transit) in the amount of $11,972,668 at year-end. The carrying amounts for these deposits are $16,048,930.

A summary of the deposits and their associated level of risk assumed by the County follows:

Category 1: Insured or collateralized with securities held by the County or its agent in the County's name.	$ 3,481,702

Category 2: Collateralized with securities held by the pledging

financial institution's trust department or agent in the County's name	5,586,168
Category 3: Uncollateralized, including any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the County's name	2,904,798
Total Deposits	$ 11,972,668

At December 31, 2023 the County had $2,904,798 in deposits that were uninsured and as a result there were bank balances exposed to custodial credit risk.

Component Unit

State statutes requires all deposits and investments (other than federal or state governmental instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities. At June 30, 2023, the carrying amount of the Center's bank deposits was $1,099,276 and the bank balance was $1,109,069. The Center also had an imprest petty cash fund of $300. As of June 30, 2023, the Center did not have any balances exposed to custodial credit risk as uninsured and uncollateralized by GASB pronouncements.

4) PROPERTY TAXES

The Dodge County Tax Commissioner Office bills and collects property taxes and also collects taxes for the State of Georgia and the Dodge County School District. A gross tax of 14.623 mills was levied in the year 2023 and a local option sales tax credit of 2.623 mills was applied against the gross levy causing a net tax assessment of 12 mills.

Property taxes were levied on September 11, 2023, based on assessed property values set by the county assessors as of January 1. Notices were mailed on September 25th, and are considered due upon receipt by the taxpayer; however, the legal due date is 60 days after receipt of bill or December 20th, whichever date occurs later. After the due date passes, the bill becomes delinquent and penalties and interest are assessed.

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.

5) RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2023, for the County's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, consist of the following:

	General	Capital Projects	Total
Taxes:			
Property Taxes, 2023 fiscal year	$1,545,827	$ -	$1,545,827
Property Taxes, 2022 and prior	288,822	-	288,822
Local Option Sales Tax	134,982	-	134,982
Special Purpose Local Option	-	256,939	256,939
Gross receivables	1,969,631	256,939	2,226,570
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	(216,416)	-	(216,416)
Taxes receivable	$ 1,753,215	$256,939	$2,010,154

	General
Accounts:	
Trash Pickup Fees	$11,601
Landfill Fees	4,331
Wilcox County	-
Gross receivables	15,932
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	-
Accounts receivable	$ 15,932

6) DUE FROM (DUE TO) OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Amounts due to the County at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

General Fund	
Georgia Department of Transportation	$ 18,065
Total	$ 18,065

Amounts due from the County to other governments at December 31, 2023 are $-0-.

7) CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance 12/31/2022	Increase	Decreases	Balance 12/31/2023
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 366,409	$ 10,000	$ -	$ 376,409
Construction in progress	22,500	-	-	22,500
Total capital assets not being depreciated	388,909	10,000	-	398,909
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	8,868,344	1,188,763	-	10,057,107
Improvements	2,317,462	17,700	-	2,335,162
Right-to-use leased equipment	70,107	-	-	70,107
Equipment	7,652,761	1,595,825	-	9,248,586
Infrastructure	3,679,764	-	-	3,679,764
Total capital assets being depreciated	22,588,438	2,802,288	-	25,390,726
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	3,226,863	161,096	-	3,387,959
Improvements	2,087,264	13,739	-	2,101,003
Right-to-use leased equipment	15,287	17,420	-	32,707
Equipment	5,090,844	599,542	-	5,690,386
Infrastructure	1,102,714	73,595	-	1,176,309
Total accumulated depreciation	11,522,972	865,392	-	12,388,364
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	11,065,466	1,936,896	-	13,002,362
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 11,454,375	$ 1,946,896	$ -	$ 13,401,271

Governmental activities depreciation expense:

General government	$ 29,340
Public safety	460,884
Public works	344,862
Health & Welfare	19,993
Judicial	7,662
Development & Housing	393
Community Service	2,258
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	$865,392

8) LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

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

	Beginning Balances	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balances	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Financed purchases	$ 220,426	$ -	$ (70,439)	$ 149,987	$ 73,433
Leases	56,529	-	(17,293)	39,236	14,167
	$ 276,955	$ -	$ (87,732)	$ 189,223	$ 87,600

Financed purchases

Lease payable at December 31, 2023 is comprised of a lease with Ford Motor Credit Company collateralized by ten 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles for $367,801 due in five annual installments of $79,807, including interest at 4.25%.

Total	$ 149,987
Less current portion	73,433
Total long-term portion	$ 76,554

The assets acquired under capital leases at December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Equipment	$ 367,801
Less: accumulated depreciation	214,550
Carrying value	$ 153,251

These assets under capital lease are depreciated under the County's capital asset depreciation policy and the resulting expense is reported as a component of depreciation expense.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under finance leases and the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2023:

Year ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 73,433	$ 6,374	$ 79,807
2025	76,554	4	76,558
	-	-	-
	$ 149,987	$ 6,378	$ 156,365

Leases

The County has entered into various lease agreements as lessee for the use of office equipment.

On September 8, 2021 the County entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a postage meter. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $4,387. At December 31, 2023, the value of the lease liability was $2,542. The County is required to make quarterly payments of $248. The lease has an interest rate of 4.75%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2023 was $2,413 with accumulated amortization of $1,974.

On June 26, 2019 the County entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a copier. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $6,398. At December 31, 2023, the value of the lease liability was $827. The County is required to make monthly payments of $120. The lease has an interest rate of 4.75%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2023 was $747 with accumulated amortization of $5,651.

On May 9, 2022 the County entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a copier. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $14,129. At December 31, 2023, the value of the lease liability was $10,012. The County is required to make monthly payments of $265. The lease has an interest rate of 4.75%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2023 was $9,655 with accumulated amortization of $4,474.

On December 6, 2018 the County entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a copier. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $8,797. At December 31, 2023, the value of the lease liability was $-0-. The County is required to make monthly payments of $165. The lease has an interest rate of 4.75%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2023 was $-0- with accumulated amortization of $8,797.

On February 2, 2022 the County entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a copier. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $14,129. At December 31, 2023, the value of the lease liability was $9,333. The County is required to make monthly payments of $265. The lease has an interest rate of 4.75%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2023 was $8,948 with accumulated amortization of $2,826.

On June 11, 2019 the County entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a copier. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $12,263. At December 31, 2023, the value of the lease liability was $1,362. The County is required to make monthly payments of $230. The lease has an interest rate of 4.75%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2023 was $1,226 with accumulated amortization of $11,037.

On November 2, 2020 the County entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a copier. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $9,597. At December 31, 2023, the value of the lease liability was $3,950. The County is required to make monthly payments of $180. The lease has an interest rate of 4.75%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2023 was $3,679 with accumulated amortization of $5,918.

On November 27, 2021 the County entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a copier. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $5,790. At December 31, 2023, the value of the lease liability was $3,543. The County is required to make monthly payments of $109. The lease has an interest rate of 4.75%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2023 was $3,378 with accumulated amortization of $2,412.

On May 16, 2022 the County entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a copier. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $5,819. At December 31, 2023, the value of the lease liability was $4,123. The County is required to make monthly payments of $109. The lease has an interest rate of 4.75%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2023 was $3,976 with accumulated amortization of $1,843.

On November 1, 2021 the County entered into a 60 month lease as lessee for the use of a copier. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $5,792. At December 31, 2023, the value of the lease liability was $3,544. The County is required to make monthly payments of $109. The lease has an interest rate of 4.75%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2023 was $3,379 with accumulated amortization of $2,413.

Year ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 14,167	$ 1,480	$ 15,647
2025	12,321	927	13,248
2026	10,427	375	10,802
2027	2,321	79	2,400
	-	-	-
	$ 39,236	$ 2,861	$ 42,097

9) LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE CARE COSTS

Dodge County owns and operates a landfill located within the county. The landfill site reached capacity in 1998 and was closed. The current site is being used as a transfer station for the county's garbage. All garbage received at the landfill is transferred to a landfill located in Houston County. State and federal laws and regulations will require the Government to monitor and maintain the site for thirty years. In 1994 the total estimated liability for landfill closure and post closure care costs were determined to be $1,443,227, which was based on 100% usage (filled) of the landfill. This amount is based on equipment, facilities, and services necessary to close, monitor, and maintain the landfill. However, the actual cost may vary due to changes in technology or changes in landfill laws and regulations. The County has been adjusting this liability over the years by an inflation factor that has been provided by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. As of December 31, 2023, the liability was $1,370,021.

Change in landfill closure/post closure liability

Liability at January 1, 2023	$1,280,394
Additions	89,627
Reductions	---
Liability at December 31, 2023	$1,370,021

10) INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund receivables, payables and transfers as of December 31, 2023, is as follows:

Transfers To/From:

Fund	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Net Transfers In (Out)
General Fund	$ -	$ 207,794	$ (207,794)
Nonmajor Governmental Funds:			
Emergency Telephone	207,794	-	207,794
Total	$ 207,794	$ 207,794	$ -

Transfers of $207,794 from the General Fund to the E-911 Fund were used to help offset expenditures incurred for public safety.

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; injuries to employees; and natural disasters; and losses resulting from providing accident and health benefits to employees, retirees, and their dependents. For these risks, settlements have not exceeded coverage for each of the past three fiscal years. The County had no significant reduction in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year.

During fiscal year 1992, the County entered into a self-funded group insurance plan with major medical coverage. The County currently utilizes Blue Cross Blue Shield as the Third Party Administrator. A stop loss carrier is in place to cover claims in excess of $10,000.

The County has joined together with other municipalities in the state as a member of the Group Self Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund (GSIWCF) for its workers' compensation risks and the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) for its liability, crime, motor vehicle, and property damage risks. GSIWCF and GIRMA exists by authority of the Official Code of Georgia (OCGA), and participates in risk sharing arrangements

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

Chapter 85 of Title 36 and Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated authorize Georgia counties to form interlocal risk management agencies. GSIWCF acts as a risk management agency to function as unincorporated nonprofit instrumentalities of its member counties. GSIWCF establishes and administers one or more group self insurance funds and a risk management service to prevent or lessen the incidence and severity of workers' compensation losses occurring in the operation of member governments. GIRMA is a municipal interlocal risk management agency to function 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 liability of the Fund to the employees of the County is specifically limited to such obligations as are imposed by applicable state laws against the employer for workers' compensation and/or employer's liability. GIRMA members shall be jointly and severally liable for all legal obligations of the pools. Based upon the financial performance of the risk pools, the County may be liable for additional premium assessments to meet any financial deficiencies or be entitled to receive a dividend. The County retains the first $5,000 of each risk of loss in the form of deductible. The County files all claims with GIRMA. GIRMA bills the County for any risk of loss up to the $5,000 deductible.

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 realm of the Workers' Compensation Law of Georgia, or on the basis of employer's liability, including suits or other proceedings alleging such injuries and demanding 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 judgement, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation, or defense.

12) CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Litigation

Dodge County is a defendant in several lawsuits which arose in the ordinary course of its activities. The Government follows the practice of recording liabilities resulting from claims and legal actions only when they become probable and measurable.

Possible Unasserted Claims

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.

Guaranteed Bond Issues

Dodge County Hospital Authority—In order for the Authority to accomplish two objectives: one being that it has been determined that it is necessary and desirable to refinance a prior bond issuance in order to achieve debt service savings; two being that it is necessary and desirable that the Dodge County Hospital be added to , extended, improved, and equipped, in accordance with a plan prepared by the Authority, the Authority has issued $10,000,000 in original aggregate principle amount of its Revenue Anticipation Certificates (Dodge County Hospital Project) Series 2005. Dodge County has deemed it advisable to levy an annual ad valorem tax each year, as necessary and as provided by the Hospital Authorities Law to the extent the Authority's revenues are not sufficient, and to pledge the revenues derived from such tax levy to the payment of the County's obligations hereunder in order to enable the Authority to pay the principle of and interest on the Series 2005 Certificates. The principle outstanding at December 31, 2023 was $905,000.

Intergovernmental Agreement

On March 1, 2016 an intergovernmental agreement was made by and between the Dodge County-Murell Memorial Public Library; the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority; the City of Eastman, Georgia; and the Dodge County. The Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority recognized the need to provide facilities to support existing and future educational services, facilities, and opportunities to the Dodge County/Eastman area and agreed to purchase the Library Annex property from the Dodge County-Murell Memorial Public Library for use by the Authority as a leasehold and will pay a purchase price of $240,000 over a 10 year period. The purchase will be secured by a promissory note and security deed. City of Eastman, Georgia and Dodge County have agreed to contribute $1,500 each monthly to the Authority to finance the purchase and upkeep on the property.

13) JOINT VENTURE

Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission - Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the 17 county central Georgia area, is a member of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission (RC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its year ended December 31, 2023, the County paid $14,456 in such dues. Membership in an RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from:

Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission
5405 Oak Street
Eastman, Georgia 31023

Ocmulgee Regional Development Authority – On August 3, 2004 the County authorized the creation and establishment of the Ocmulgee Regional Development Authority, a joint development authority which shall have as its members Dodge County, Wilcox County and Bleckley County. The purpose of the development authority shall be for each county to be eligible for an additional tax credit from the State of Georgia under the BEST Program, to receive extra points for grant applications and to have a mechanism in place in the event that a regional project could take place. As of December 31, 2023, there had been no activity.

14) PENSION PLAN

Primary Government

A. Plan Description

The County's defined benefit pension plan, Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Restated Pension Plan for Dodge County Employees (Plan), is administered through the Board of Trustees for the Association County Commissioner of Georgia Pension Plan and Trust. 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 ACCG Retirement Services. 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 County Commissioners retain this authority. The ACCG issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Plan. That report may be obtained at the County Commissioners' office in Eastman, Georgia or by writing to ACCG Retirement Services, 191 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

B. Benefits

The Plan provides benefits upon retirement, death, disablement, and termination of employment to Plan participants and beneficiaries, if certain eligibility requirements are met. Full time employees meeting the provisions as set out in the adoption agreement were eligible to participate on the January 1 coincident with or following the date the employee completes three years of service. Employees are vested 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 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.

C. Plan Membership

Participant counts as of January 1, 2023 (the most recent actuarial valuation date) and covered compensation (based on covered earnings for the preceding year) are shown below:

Retirees, beneficiaries and disables receiving benefits	14
Terminated plan participants entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	13
Active employees participating in the Plan	13
Total number of Plan Participants	40
Covered compensation for active participants	$ 599,608

D. 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. Certain administrative expenses are based on total covered compensation of plan participants and are added to the state-required annual funding requirement.

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

Employee contributions on compensation after May 31, 2021 are not permitted. The County contributes the remaining 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 2023 plan year were $18,250 and $58,124 respectively. This amount represents 9.7% of covered payroll.

E. 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 standards.

Actuarial assumptions – The County's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023. The total pension liability was used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial evaluation as of January 1, 2023 with update procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of December 31, 2023. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	0.00%
Salary increases	4.00% per year with an age based scale
Investment rate of return	7.00%, per year

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 GE (50%) & PS (50%) Amount Weighted with Scale AA to 2023 (Pre-Retirement: Employee, Post-Retirement: Retiree).

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period of February 2024.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined through a blend of using a building-blocks approach based on 20-year benchmarks (33.33%) and 30-year benchmarks (33.33%), as well as the forward-looking capital market assumptions for the moderate assets allocation (33.34%), as determined by UBS. Expected future rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Investment Return Assumptions:	
Estimated 50th percentile return based on UBS Capital Market Assumptions	6.71%
Fifteen year performance in excess of benchmarks	1.00%
Assumed annual investment return (limited to 7.00%)	7.00%

Discount rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. 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 to 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 County's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate 7.00%, 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 (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Net pension liability	$ 289,680	$ 188,325	$ 99,856

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.ACCGRetirement.org.

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

	Total Pension Liability (TPL)	Fiduciary Net Position (FNP)	Net Pension Liability (NPL)
Balance at December 31, 2022	$ 1,213,125	$ 952,257	$ 260,868
Changes for the year:			
Service Cost	14,335		14,335
Interest	80,890		80,890
Liability experience (gain) / loss	2,926		2,926
Assumption change	(2,131)		(2,131)
Plan Change	-		-
Employer contributions	-	58,124	(58,124)
Empoyee contributions	-	-	-
Net investment income	-	132,304	(132,304)
Benefit payments	(115,124)	(115,124)	-
Administrative expense		(17,836)	17,836
Other changes		(4,029)	4,029
Net changes	(19,104)	53,439	(72,543)
Balance at December 31, 2023	$ 1,194,021	$ 1,005,696	$ 188,325

Changes of assumptions –

The mortality improvements for the Pub-2010 GE (50%) & PS (50%) Amt-Weighted mortality table is projected to 2023 instead of 2022 with Scale AA.

Based on the February, 2024 experience study:

- The adjustment to the base salary increase rate was increased from 1.0% to 1.5% for participants under age 30.
- The turnover table was extended to age 60.

- The disability table was changed to reflect actual disabilities.
- The retirement rates were updated to reflect actual retirement rates over the past 5 years.

Pension expense –

Service cost	$ 14,335
Plan Change	-
Interest on TPL	80,890
Amotization of:	
Liability experience (gain) / loss	(10,319)
Change in assumption	713
Asset (gain) / loss	(15,372)
Employee contributions	-
Projected earnings on plan inestments	(62,005)
Administrative expense	17,836
Other change in FNP	-
Total pension expense	$ 26,078

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the County reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension plan from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Asset (Gain)/Loss	$ 150,267	$ (99,766)
Liability (Gain)/Loss	34,439	(63,665)
(Gain)/Loss due to Assumption Change	1,309	(1,370)
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	54,411	-
Total	$ 240,426	$ (164,801)

County contributions subsequent to the measurement date of $54,411 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2024. Amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as flows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Year ending December 31,		
2024	$ 84,931	$ (101,588)
2025	50,995	(36,705)
2026	50,089	(13,254)
2027	-	(13,254)
2028	-	-
	$ 186,015	$ (164,801)

Special Funding Situation-Pension Plans:

The following pension plans are all cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plans. The employer contributions are funded by the State of Georgia on behalf of the local county employer. Since the County does not

contribute directly to the plans, there is no net pension liability or deferred inflows or outflows to report in the financial statements of the County. GASB Statement No. 68 requires participating employers and non-employers contributing entities to recognize their proportionate share of collective net pension liability and pension expense. Each plan and fund, including benefit and contribution provisions, was established and can be amended by state law. The basic financial statements for all of the pension plans are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions from the employers, non-employers, and members are recognized when due, based on statutory requirements. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Management has determined the related impact on the County's financial statements to be immaterial.

A. Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERS) – The ERS was established and began administering retirement benefits for State of Georgia employees on January 1, 1950 as provided by laws enacted through the Georgia General Assembly. The County's Tax Commissioner is eligible to participate in the ERS. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Employees' Retirement System of Georgia financial report at www.ers.ga.gov.

B. Judge of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia (JPCRF) – The JPCRF was created in 1958 by an act of the General Assembly for the purpose of paying retirement benefits to Probate Judges of the State of Georgia. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Employees' Retirement System of Georgia financial report at www.pjrf.georgia.gov.

C. Magistrate Retirement Fund of Georgia (MRF) – The MRF was created by an act of the General Assembly on July 1, 2006 for the purpose of paying retirement benefits to the Chief Magistrates if the Magistrate Courts of the State of Georgia. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Employees' Retirement System of Georgia financial report at www.mrf.georgia.gov.

D. Superior Court Clerk's Retirement Fund of Georgia (SCCRF) – The SCCRF was created in 1952 by an act of the Georgia General Assembly for the purpose of providing retirement benefits to Clerks of the Superior Courts of Georgia. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Employees' Retirement System of Georgia financial report at www.sccrf.com.

E. Sheriff's Retirement Fund of Georgia (SRF) – The SRF was created by an act of the Georgia General Assembly in 1963 for the purpose of providing benefits to the elected officials serving in the capacity of Sheriff of the counties of Georgia. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia financial report that can be obtained at www.georgiasheriffs.org.

15) RETIREMENT BENEFITS

General Information about the Employees Retirement System

Plan description: 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 tis 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/financials.

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 the ERS plan.

Contributions: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-2-292(a) the Department of Revenue receives an annual appropriation from the Georgia General Assembly to be used to fund the employer contributions for local county tax commissioners and employees. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-2-290(a) the Council of State Courts (CSC) and the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council (PAC) receive annual appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly for the employer contributions of local employees in State Courts in Bibb, Chatham, and DeKalb counties.

Personal Liabilities and Pension Expense

At June 30, 2023, the Office did not have a liability for a proportionate share of the net pension liability because of the related State of Georgia support. The amount of the State's proportionate share of net pension liability associated with the Office is as follows:

State of Georgia's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the Office	$296,925

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Office recognized pension expense of $78,823 and revenue of $78,823 for support provided by the State of Georgia.

Actuarial assumptions: The total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all period included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases:	3.00 – 6.75%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00% net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates are as follows:

- The Pub-2010 General Employee Table, with no adjustments, projected generationally with the MP-2019 scale is used for both males and females while in active service.
- The Pub-2010 Family of Tables projected generationally with the MP-2019 Scale and with further adjustments are used for post-retirement mortality assumptions as follows:

Participant Type	Membership Table	Set Forward (+)/ Setback (-)	Adjustment To Rates
Service Retires	General Healthy Annuitant	Male: +1; Female: +1	Male: 105%; Female: 108%
Disability Retires	General Disabled	Male: -3; Female: 0	Male: 103%; Female: 106%
Beneficiaries	General Contingent Survivors	Male: +2; Female: +2	Male: 106%; Female: 105%

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019.

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 returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target asset allocation and 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%	0.20 %
Domestic large equities	46.30	9.40
Domestic small equities	1.20	13.40
International developed market equities	12.30	9.40
International emerging market equities	5.20	11.40
Alternatives	5.00	10.50
Total	100.00%	

* Rates shown are net of inflation

Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. 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 applies to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Component Unit

Dodge County Board of Health:

The Dodge County Board of Health participates in the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The amounts in the Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2023 related to to pensions are as follows: deferred outflows of resources of $206,664, net pension liability of $479,981, and deferred inflows of resources of $4,353. The detailed disclosures and required supplementary information related to

pensions available in the financial statements of the Dodge County Board of Health for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, which can be obtained from the Dodge County Board of Health, 1121 Plaza Ave., Eastman, Georgia.

16) OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN:

General Information about the SEAD-OPEB Plan

Plan description: SEAD-OPEB was created in 2007 by the Georgia General Assembly to amend Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement, so as to establish a fund for the provision of term life insurance to retired and vested inactive members of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERS), the Legislative Retirement System (LRS), and the Georgia Judicial Retirement System (GJRS). The plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit plan as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans other than OPEB Plans.* The SEAD-OPEB trust fund accumulates the premiums received from the aforementioned retirement plans, including interest earned on deposits and investments of such payments.

Benefits provided: The amount of insurance for a retiree with creditable service prior to April 1, 1964 is the full amount of insurance in effect on the date of retirement. The amount of insurance for a service retiree with no creditable service prior to April 1, 1964 is 70% of the amount of insurance in effect at age 60 or termination, if earlier. Life insurance proceeds are paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary upon death of the retiree.

Contributions: {For ERS Employers -} Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-2-292(a) the Department of Revenue received an annuals appropriation from the Georgia General Assembly to be used to fund the employer contributions for local county tax commissioners and employees. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-2-290(a) the Council of State Courts (CSC) and the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council (PAC) receive annual appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly for employer contributions of local employees in State Courts in Bubb, Chatham, and DeKalb counties. {For JRS Employer -} Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-23-81 the employer contributions for state court judges and solicitors are funded by the State of Georgia on behalf of the local county employers and pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-23-82 the employer contributions for juvenile court judges are funded by the State on behalf of local county employers.

OPEB Liabilities and OPEB Expense

At June 30, 2023, the Office/Board did not have a liability for a proportionate share of the net OPEB liability because of the related State of Georgia support. The amount of the State's proportionate share of net OPEB liability associated with the Office/Board is as follows:

State of Georgia's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability associated with the Office/Board	$(39,034)

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Office/Board recognized OPEB expense of $(9,663) and OPEB revenue of $(9,663) for support provided by the State of Georgia.

Actuarial assumptions: The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all period included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases:	
ERS	3.00 – 6.75%
GJRS	3.75%
LRS	N/A
Investment rate of return	7.00% net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Healthcare cost trend rate	N/A

Mortality rates are as follows:

- The Pub-2010 General Employee Table, with no adjustments, projected generationally with the MP-2019 scale is used for both males and females while in active service.
- The Pub-2010 Family of Tables projected generationally with the MP-2019 Scale and with further adjustments are used for post-retirement mortality assumptions as follows:

Participant Type	Membership Table	Set Forward (+)/ Setback (-)	Adjustment To Rates
Service Retirees	General Healthy Annuitant	Male: +1; Female: +1	Male: 105%; Female: 108%
Disability Retirees	General Disabled	Male: -3; Female: 0	Male: 103%; Female: 106%
Beneficiaries	General Contingent Survivors	Male: +2; Female: +2	Male: 106%; Female: 105%

The actual assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 – June 20, 2019.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB 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 plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target asset allocation and 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 %	0.20 %
Domestic large equities	46.30	9.40
Domestic small equities	1.20	13.40
International developed market equities	12.30	9.40
International emerging market equities	5.20	11.40
Alternatives	5.00	10.50
Total	100.00%	

* Rates shown are net of inflation

Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00%. 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 OPEB 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 OPEB plan investments was applies to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

Component Unit

Dodge County Board of Health:

The Dodge County Board of Health participates in the State OPEB Fund cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan and SEAD-OPEB Fund cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit plan. The amounts recorded in the Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2023 related to other postemployment benefits are as follows: State OPEB Fund deferred outflows of resources of $24,091, net OPEB liability of $25,827, and deferred inflows of resources of $45,405 and SEAD-OPEB Plan deferred outflows of resources of $5,205, net OPEB asset of $24,430, and deferred inflows of resources of $1,290. The detailed disclosures and required supplementary information related to OPEB are available in the financial statements of Dodge County Board of Health for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, which can be obtained from the Dodge County Board of Health, 1121 Plaza Ave., Eastman, Georgia.

17) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN

In conjunction with the defined benefit plan, the County offers a defined contribution plan administered by ACCG Retirement Services. The 401(a) pension plan is a defined contribution plan that covers substantially all full time County employees. Under the current provisions, the County will match employee to the deferred compensation plan on a 1-for-2 basis up to a maximum contribution by the County of 4%. Contributions are calculated and made on a biweekly payroll basis. During the fiscal year, employees contributed $209,959 to the defined contribution plan and the County contributed $144,670 in matching funds. The Board of Commissioners establishes matching percentages.

18) NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

The "net investment in capital assets" reported in the government-wide financial statement of net position as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	Governmental Activities
Cost of capital assets	$ 25,789,635
Less accumulated depreciation	(12,388,364)
Book value	13,401,271
Less: leases	(189,223)
Net investment in capital assets	$ 13,212,048

19) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, the County has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 31, 2024, the date of the financial statements were available to be issued. No events occurred during this period which would require disclosure in these financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Dodge County, Georgia
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN
December 31, 2023

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total pension liability									
Service cost	$ 14,335	$ 13,274	$ 15,406	$ 26,469	$ 20,020	$ 18,897	$ 13,749	$ 16,566	$ 16,610
Interest on total pension liability	80,890	94,300	100,178	95,716	87,661	86,419	95,200	98,224	95,426
Liability experience (gain)/loss	2,926	(179,421)	172,100	47,543	33,003	24,041	(145,391)	-	-
Changes in assumptions	(2,131)	2,143	2,897	2,660	64,908	20,443	3,020	29,134	48,362
Plan Change	-	-	(246,541)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments	(115,124)	(128,645)	(127,373)	(89,893)	(91,150)	(87,813)	(87,594)	(91,375)	(116,707)
Other changes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,297)	(6,387)
Net change in total pension liability	(19,104)	(198,349)	(83,333)	82,495	114,442	61,987	(121,016)	47,252	37,304
Total pension liability - beginning	1,213,125	1,411,474	1,494,807	1,412,312	1,297,870	1,235,883	1,356,899	1,309,647	1,272,343
Total pension liability - ending	$ 1,194,021	$ 1,213,125	$ 1,411,474	$ 1,494,807	$ 1,412,312	$ 1,297,870	$ 1,235,883	$ 1,356,899	$ 1,309,647
Plan fiduciary net position									
Contributions - employer	$ 58,124	$ 54,411	$ 64,808	$ 43,350	$ 46,798	$ 34,364	$ 34,632	$ 55,441	$ 51,134
Contributions - employee	-	-	14,274	43,456	26,542	20,761	17,235	20,692	22,797
Net investment income	132,304	(166,283)	164,803	135,860	176,649	(40,501)	134,141	58,931	7,985
Benefit payments	(115,124)	(128,645)	(127,373)	(89,893)	(91,150)	(87,813)	(87,594)	(88,072)	(89,891)
Employee contribution refunds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(22,598)
Administrative expenses	(17,836)	(20,919)	(19,679)	(18,357)	(16,723)	(5,276)	(3,160)	(7,196)	(4,100)
Other	(4,029)	(4,148)	(19,844)	(4,288)	(4,420)	(4,149)	(6,715)	(37,355)	(22,999)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	53,439	(265,584)	76,989	110,128	137,696	(82,614)	88,539	2,441	(57,672)
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	952,257	1,217,841	1,140,852	1,030,724	893,028	975,642	887,103	884,662	942,334
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	$ 1,005,696	$ 952,257	$ 1,217,841	$ 1,140,852	$ 1,030,724	$ 893,028	$ 975,642	$ 887,103	$ 884,662
Net pension liability - ending	$ 188,325	$ 260,868	$ 193,633	$ 353,955	$ 381,588	$ 404,842	$ 260,241	$ 469,796	$ 424,985
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	84.20%	78.50%	86.30%	76.30%	72.98%	68.81%	78.94%	65.38%	67.55%
Covered-employee payroll	$ 599,608	$ 549,791	$ 669,801	$ 501,821	$ 415,223	$ 344,693	$ 307,610	$ 369,049	$ 408,884
Net pension liablity as a percentage of covered employee payroll	31.41%	47.45%	28.91%	70.53%	91.90%	117.45%	84.60%	127.30%	103.94%

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.

Dodge County, Georgia
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN
December 31, 2023

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution	$ 58,124	$ 54,411	$ 64,808	$ 43,350	$ 40,307	$ 30,724	$ 34,632	$ 55,441	$ 51,134
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	58,124	54,411	64,808	43,350	46,798	34,364	34,632	55,441	51,134
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (6,491)	$ (3,640)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered employee payroll	$ 599,608	$ 549,791	$ 669,801	$ 501,821	$ 415,223	$ 344,693	$ 307,610	$ 369,049	$ 408,884
Contributions as a percentage of Covered-employee payroll	9.69%	9.90%	9.68%	8.64%	11.27%	9.97%	11.26%	15.02%	12.51%

SCHEDULE OF PENSION INVESTMENT RETURNS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expenses for the pension plan	16.89%	-13.93%	15.06%	14.02%	21.34%	-5.04%	16.67%	7.12%	0.83%

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.

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

Valuation Date: Actuarially determined contribution rate was determined as of January 1, 2023, 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, 2023.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Asset valuation method	market value as of measurement date.
Net investment rate of return	7.00% per year
Projected salary increases	4.00% per year with an age based scale
Cost of living adjustments	N/A
Retirement age	Age 65 with 5 years of vesting
Mortality	Pub-2010 GE (50%) & PS (50%) Amt-Weighted with Scale AA to 2023 (Pre-Retirement: Employee, Post-Retirement: Retiree)

See Note 14 for changes in assumptions and benefit changes

Dodge County Tax Office
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Employee's Retirement System
For the Year Ended June 30
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Tax office's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Tax Office's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Tax Office's covered payroll	$ 111,379	$ 109,177	$ 101,407	$ 100,767
Tax Office's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	67.44%	87.62%	76.21%	76.74%

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

Dodge County Tax Office
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Changes of assumptions: On December 17, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed from the RP-2000 Mortality Tables to the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 2 years for both males and females).

A new funding policy was initially adopted by the Board on March 15, 2018, and most recently amended on June 18, 2020. Because of this new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.40% for the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation and further reduced from 7.40% to 7.30% for the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation

On December 17, 2020, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System based on the experience study prepared for the five-year period ending June 30, 2019. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, withdrawal, and salary increases. This also included a change to the long-term assumed investment rate of return to 7.00%. These assumption changes are reflected in the calculation of the June 30, 2021 Total Pension Liability.

On April 21, 2022, the Board adopted a new funding policy which, in part, provides that the Actuarial Accrued Liability and Normal Cost of the System will include a prefunded variable Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for eligible retirees and beneficiaries of the System. Under the new policy, future COLAs are provided through a profit-sharing mechanism using the System's asset performance. After studying the parameters of this new policy, the assumption for future COLAs was set at 1.05%. Previously, no future COLAs were assumed. In addition, the funding policy set the assumed rate of return at 7.20% for the June 30, 2021 valuation and established a new Transitional Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as of June 30, 2021 which will be amortized over a closed 20-year period.

Dodge County, Georgia
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended December 31
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2023	2022	2021
Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	$ -	$ -	$ -
State of Georgia's preportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the Board	$ (39,034)	$ (58,984)	$ (24,190)
Total	$ (39,034)	$ (58,984)	$ (24,190)
Board's covered payroll	111,379	109,177	101,407
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability (asset)	138.03%	164.76%	129.20%

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

Dodge County, Georgia
Notes to Required Supplementary Information - OPEB
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Changes of assumptions: On December 17, 2015, the Board of Trustees adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the Plan. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed from RP-2000 Mortality Tables to the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 2 years for both males and females).

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On December 17, 2020, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System based on the experience study prepared for the five-year period ending June 30, 2019. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, withdrawal, and salary increases. This also included a change to the long-term assumed investment rate of return to 7.00%. These assumption changes were first reflected in the calculation of the June 30, 2021 Total OPEB Liability.

COMBINING FUND STATEMENTS

Dodge County, Georgia
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Assets:			
Cash	$ 458,209	$ 50	$ 458,259
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-
Loans receivable	-	-	-
Accrued Interest	-	-	-
Total assets	458,209	50	458,259
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	-	-	-
Resident Balances	26,789	-	26,789
Total liabilities	26,789	-	26,789
Fund balances:			
Restricted for			
Judiciary	28,313	-	28,313
Public Safety	403,107	-	403,107
Capital Projects	-	50	50
Unassigned	-	-	-
Total fund balances	431,420	50	431,470
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 458,209	$ 50	$ 458,259

Dodge County, Georgia
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Judical fees and charges	$ 45,971	$ -	$ 45,971
Charges for services	1,911,082	-	1,911,082
Grant	68,334	10,000	78,334
Taxes	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-
Other	103,804	-	103,804
Total revenues	2,129,191	10,000	2,139,191
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	-	-	-
Public safety	2,269,505	567	2,270,072
Public works	-	10,000	10,000
Judiciary	85,384	-	85,384
Development & Housing	-	-	-
Capital Outlay:			
Public Safety	-	-	-
Public Works	-	334,589	334,589
Total expenditures	2,354,889	345,156	2,700,045
Other financing sources (uses):			
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Transfers in	207,794	-	207,794
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources and (uses)	207,794	-	207,794
Net change in fund balances	(17,904)	(335,156)	(353,060)
Fund balances - beginning	449,324	335,206	784,530
Adjustments	-	-	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 431,420	$ 50	$ 431,470

Dodge County, Georgia
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Drug Education Fund	Jail Fund	Law Library Fund	Sheriff's Commissary Fund	Sheriff's Condemnatio & Supply Fund	Sheriff's Vending Machine Fund	Sheriff's Seizure Fund	Sheriff's Benevolent Fund	Emergency Telephone System Fund	Oconee Drug Task Force ERAD Group Fund	Federal Forfeiture Fund	Total Special Revenue Funds
Assets:												
Cash	$ 80,238	$ 51,113	$ 28,313	$ 217,911	$ 58,972	$ 1,809	$ 4,410	$ 6,275	$ 3,472	$ 114	$ 5,582	$ 458,209
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	80,238	51,113	28,313	217,911	58,972	1,809	4,410	6,275	3,472	114	5,582	$ 458,209
Liabilities:												
Unearned Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Resident Balances	-	-	-	26,789	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,789
Total liabilities	-	-	-	26,789	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,789
Fund balances:												
Restricted for												
Econnomic Develoment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judiciary	-	-	28,313	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,313
Public Safety	80,238	51,113	-	191,122	58,972	1,809	4,410	6,275	3,472	114	5,582	403,107
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	80,238	51,113	28,313	191,122	58,972	1,809	4,410	6,275	3,472	114	5,582	431,420
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 80,238	$ 51,113	$ 28,313	$ 217,911	$ 58,972	$ 1,809	$ 4,410	$ 6,275	$ 3,472	$ 114	$ 5,582	$ 458,209

Dodge County, Georgia
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Drug Education Fund	Jail Fund	Law Library Fund	Sheriff's Commissary Fund	Sheriff's Condemnation & Supply Fund	Sheriff's Vending Machine Fund	Sheriff's Seizure Fund	Sheriff's Benevolent Fund	Emergency Telephone System Fund	Oconee Drug Task Force ERAD Group Fund	Federal Forfeiture Fund	Total Special Revenue Fund
Revenues:												
Judicial fees and charges	$ 12,392	$ 24,154	$ 9,425	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 45,971
Grant	68,334	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,334
Charges for services	-	-	-	1,453,383	-	4,040	-	-	453,659	-	-	1,911,082
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	89,039	-	590	14,175	-	-	-	103,804
Total revenues	80,726	24,154	9,425	1,453,383	89,039	4,040	590	14,175	453,659	-	-	2,129,191
Expenditures:												
Current:												
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	50,000	-	1,444,640	43,391	3,820	8,877	15,059	703,718	-	-	2,269,505
Judiciary	83,412	-	1,972	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,384
Development & Housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay:												
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:												
Principle retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	83,412	50,000	1,972	1,444,640	43,391	3,820	8,877	15,059	703,718	-	-	2,354,889
Other financing sources (uses):												
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	207,794	-	-	207,794
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources and (uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	207,794	-	-	207,794
Net change in fund balances	(2,686)	(25,846)	7,453	8,743	45,648	220	(8,287)	(884)	(42,265)	-	-	(17,904)
Fund balances - beginning	82,924	76,959	20,860	182,379	13,324	1,589	12,697	7,159	45,737	114	5,582	449,324
Fund balances - ending	$ 80,238	$ 51,113	$ 28,313	$ 191,122	$ 58,972	$ 1,809	$ 4,410	$ 6,275	$ 3,472	$ 114	$ 5,582	$ 431,420

Dodge County, Georgia
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	2013 SPLOST	2022 CDBG	Total Capital Project Funds
Assets:			
Cash	$ -	$ 50	$ 50
Tax Receivable	-	-	-
Total assets	-	50	50
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-
Fund balances:			
Restricted for			
Capital Projects	-	50	50
Total fund balances	-	50	50
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ -	$ 50	$ 50

Dodge County, Georgia
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	2013 SPLOST	2022 CDBG	Total Capital Project Funds
Revenues:			
Grant	$ -	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Taxes	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	10,000	10,000
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	-	-	-
Public Safety	567	-	567
Public Works	-	10,000	10,000
Health Welfare	-	-	-
Recreation & culture			
Development & housing	-	-	-
Capital Outlay:			
Public Safety	-	-	-
Public Works	334,589	-	334,589
Total expenditures	335,156	10,000	345,156
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources and (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	(335,156)	-	(335,156)
Fund balances - beginning	335,156	50	335,206
Fund balances - ending	$ -	$ 50	$ 50

Dodge County, Georgia
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	Probate Court	Tax Commissioner	Sheriff	Clerk of Court	Magistrate Court	Totals
Assets						
Cash	$ 41,141	$ 3,631,171	$ 109,827	$ 134,599	$ 19,969	$3,936,707
Total assets	41,141	3,631,171	109,827	134,599	19,969	3,936,707
Liabilities						
Due to others	4,859	1,391,910	-	17,966	5,702	1,420,437
Due to other funds	13,229	1,271,152	-	22,560	2,917	1,309,858
Total liabilities	18,088	2,663,062	-	40,526	8,619	2,730,295
Net Position						
Restricted for Individuals, organizations and other governments	23,053	968,109	109,827	94,073	11,350	1,206,412
Total net position	$ 23,053	$ 968,109	$ 109,827	$ 94,073	$ 11,350	$1,206,412

Dodge County, Georgia
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	Probate Court	Tax Commissioner	Sheriff	Clerk of Court	Magistrate Court	Totals
Additions						
Taxes and fees	$ -	$ 16,437,007	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 16,437,007
Fines and fees	268,750	-	67,146	444,295	122,815	903,006
Investment earnings	-	-	-	9	-	9
Total additions	268,750	16,437,007	67,146	444,304	122,815	17,340,022
Deductions						
Taxes and fees paid to other governments	-	16,270,712	-	-	-	16,270,712
Other custodial disbursements	293,338	329,753	59,050	612,151	119,396	1,413,688
Total deductions	293,338	16,600,465	59,050	612,151	119,396	17,684,400
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	(24,588)	(163,458)	8,096	(167,847)	3,419	(344,378)
Net position - beginning	47,641	1,131,567	101,731	261,920	7,931	1,550,790
Net position - ending	$ 23,053	$ 968,109	$ 109,827	$ 94,073	$ 11,350	$ 1,206,412

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

Dodge County, Georgia
DRUG EDUCATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget-Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Judicial fees and charges	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	$ 12,392	$ 392
Grant revenue	-	-	68,334	68,334
Total revenues	12,000	12,000	80,726	68,726
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judiciary	12,000	12,000	83,412	(71,412)
Total expenditures	12,000	12,000	83,412	(71,412)
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(2,686)	(2,686)
Fund balances - beginning	82,924	82,924	82,924	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 82,924	$ 82,924	$ 80,238	$ (2,686)

Dodge County, Georgia
JAIL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Judicial fees and charges	$ 16,000	$ 16,000	$ 24,154	$ 8,154
Other	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	16,000	16,000	24,154	8,154
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	16,000	16,000	50,000	(34,000)
Total expenditures	16,000	16,000	50,000	(34,000)
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(25,846)	(25,846)
Fund balances - beginning	76,959	76,959	76,959	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 76,959	$ 76,959	$ 51,113	$ (25,846)

Dodge County, Georgia
LAW LIBRARY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Judicial fees and charges	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ 9,425	$ 1,425
Interest	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	8,000	8,000	9,425	1,425
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	8,000	8,000	1,972	6,028
Total expenditures	8,000	8,000	1,972	6,028
Net change in fund balances	-	-	7,453	7,453
Fund balances - beginning	20,860	20,860	20,860	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 20,860	$ 20,860	$ 28,313	$ 7,453

Dodge County, Georgia
SHERIFF'S CONDEMNATION AND SUPPLY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Other	$ 55,000	$ 55,000	$ 89,039	$ 34,039
Total revenues	55,000	55,000	89,039	34,039
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	55,000	55,000	43,391	11,609
Capital outlay:				
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	55,000	55,000	43,391	11,609
Other financing uses:				
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	6,300
Net change in fund balances	-	-	45,648	51,948
Fund balances - beginning	13,324	13,324	13,324	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 13,324	$ 13,324	$ 58,972	$ 51,948

Dodge County, Georgia
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget-Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 563,376	$ 563,376	$ 453,659	$ (109,717)
Total revenues	563,376	563,376	453,659	(109,717)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public Safety	612,879	612,879	703,718	(90,839)
Capital Outlay:				
Public Safety	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	612,879	612,879	703,718	(90,839)
Other financing uses:				
Transfers in (out)	49,503	49,503	207,794	158,291
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(42,265)	(42,265)
Fund balances - beginning	45,737	45,737	45,737	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 45,737	$ 45,737	$ 3,472	$ (42,265)

Dodge County, Georgia
SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY ACCOUNT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 89,000	$ 89,000	$ 1,453,383	$ 1,364,383
Total revenues	89,000	89,000	1,453,383	1,364,383
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	89,000	89,000	1,444,640	(1,355,640)
Capital outlay:				
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principle retirement	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	89,000	89,000	1,444,640	(1,355,640)
Other financing uses:				
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	8,743	8,743
Fund balances - beginning	182,379	182,379	182,379	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 182,379	$ 182,379	$ 191,122	$ 8,743

Dodge County, Georgia
SHERIFF'S VENDING MACHINES ACCOUNT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 4,200	$ 4,200	$ 4,040	$ (160)
Total revenues	4,200	4,200	4,040	(160)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	4,200	4,200	3,820	380
Total expenditures	4,200	4,200	3,820	380
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	220	220
Fund balances - beginning	1,589	1,589	1,589	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 1,589	$ 1,589	$ 1,809	$ 220

Dodge County, Georgia
SHERIFF'S SEIZURE ACCOUNT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Other	$ -	$ -	$ 590	$ 590
Total revenues	-	-	590	590
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	-	-	8,877	(8,877)
Total expenditures	-	-	8,877	(8,877)
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(8,287)	(8,287)
Fund balances - beginning	12,697	12,697	12,697	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 12,697	$ 12,697	$ 4,410	$ (8,287)

Dodge County, Georgia
SHERIFF BENEVOLENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other	-	-	14,175	14,175
Total revenues	-	-	14,175	14,175
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	-	-	15,059	15,059
Total expenditures	-	-	15,059	15,059
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(884)	(884)
Fund balances - beginning	7,159	7,159	7,159	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 7,159	$ 7,159	$ 6,275	$ (884)

Dodge County, Georgia
OCONEE DRUG TASK FORCE ERAD SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Grants	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-	-
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances - beginning	114	114	114	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 114	$ 114	$ 114	$ -

Dodge County, Georgia
FEDERAL FORFEITURE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Grants	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-	-
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances - beginning	5,582	5,582	5,582	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 5,582	$ 5,582	$ 5,582	$ -

Dodge County, Georgia
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Grants	$ 1,655,495	$ 1,655,495	$ 1,655,495	$ -
Other	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	1,655,495	1,655,495	1,655,495	-
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	7,508	7,508	7,508	-
Community service	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Capital Outlay:				
Public safety	647,987	647,987	647,987	-
Total expenditures	1,655,495	1,655,495	1,655,495	-
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances - beginning	50	50	50	-
Fund balances - ending	$ 50	$ 50	$ 50	$ -

STATE COMPLIANCE SECTION

Dodge County, Georgia
SPECIAL-PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX 2019
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
(Construction and Other Projects)
Year ended December 31, 2023

Project Decription	(Unaudited) Original Project Length Budget	(Unaudited) Revised Project Length Budget	Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures	Total Current Year Expenditure	Total Cumulative Expenditures	(Unaudited) Estimated Percentage of Completion
Economic Development, EMS Ambulance and Equipment, Roads, Bridges & Transportation, Sanitation, Building & Equipment, Vehicles for Dodge County	$ 5,489,000	$ 5,489,000	$ 1,228,188	$ 1,847,490	$ 3,075,678	56.03%
Recreation Department	121,000	121,000	7,954	27,577	35,531	29.36%
Renovations, Improvements, Additions to Water & Sewer Systems, Storm Drainage Systems, Road Work, Economic Development, & Capital Improvement for the City of Eastman	2,310,000	2,310,000	1,085,832	575,314	1,661,146	71.91%
Hospital Authority Retire Debt & Capital Improvement Building and Equipment	1,650,000	1,650,000	775,595	410,939	1,186,534	71.91%
Capital Improvements and Economic Development for the Eastman-Dodge County Development Authority	330,000	330,000	-	-	-	0.00%
Rural Fire Department	440,000	440,000	69,996	146,421	216,417	49.19%
Road, Bridges, Transportation & Capital Improvement, Water and Sewer Infrastructure for the City of Rhine	165,000	165,000	77,560	41,094	118,654	71.91%
Road, Bridges, Transportation & Capital Improvement, Water and Sewer Infrastructure for the City of Milan	165,000	165,000	77,560	41,094	118,654	71.91%
Road, Bridges, Transportation & Capital Improvement, Water and Sewer Infrastructure for the City of Chauncey	165,000	165,000	77,560	41,094	118,654	71.91%
Road, Bridges, Transportation & Capital Improvement, Water and Sewer Infrastructure for the City of Chester	165,000	165,000	77,560	41,094	118,654	71.91%
Total SPLOST 2019	$ 11,000,000	$11,000,000	3,477,805	3,172,117	$ 6,649,922	
Reconciliation to expenditures reported in financial statements:						
Interfund transfer out				-		
Total expenditures				$ 3,172,117		

Dodge County, Georgia
SPECIAL-PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX 2013
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
(Construction and Other Projects)
Year ended December 31, 2023

Project Decription	(Unaudited) Original Project Length Budget	(Unaudited) Revised Project Length Budget	Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures	Total Current Year Expenditure	Total Cumulative Expenditures	(Unaudited) Estimated Percentage of Completion
Jail Debt	$ 2,262,000	$ 2,262,000	$ 52,280	$ -	$ 52,280	2.31%
Roads, Bridges, & Transportation	2,928,900	2,928,900	2,095,177	334,589	2,429,766	82.96%
Renovations, Improvements, Additions to Water & Sewer Systems, Storm Drainage Systems, Economic Development, & Capital Improvement-City of Eastman	2,419,300	2,419,300	2,145,809	-	2,145,809	88.70%
Hosiptal Authority Retire Debt & Capital Improvement	1,950,000	1,950,000	1,729,560	-	1,729,560	88.70%
Economic Development	780,000	780,000	682,764	-	682,764	87.53%
Sanitation	351,000	351,000	333,915	-	333,915	95.13%
Recreation Department	143,000	143,000	125,174	-	125,174	87.53%
Building & Equipment	891,800	891,800	1,240,215	567	1,240,782	139.13%
Vehicles	429,000	429,000	384,619	-	384,619	89.65%
EMS Ambulances & Equipment	299,000	299,000	497,828	-	497,828	166.50%
Rural Fire Department	390,000	390,000	341,029	-	341,029	87.44%
Road, Bridges, Transportation, & Capital Improvement for the City of Rhine	39,000	39,000	34,553	-	34,553	88.60%
Road, Bridges, Transportation, & Capital Improvement for the City of Milan	39,000	39,000	34,553	-	34,553	88.60%
Road, Bridges, Transportation, & Capital Improvement for the City of Chauncey	39,000	39,000	34,589	-	34,589	88.69%
Road, Bridges, Transportation, & Capital Improvement for the City of Chester	39,000	39,000	34,553	-	34,553	88.60%
Total SPLOST 2013	$13,000,000	$13,000,000	9,766,618	335,156	$10,101,774	
Reconciliation to expenditures reported in financial statements:						
Interfund transfer out				-		
Total expenditures				$ 335,156		

Dodge County, Georgia
TIA SPECIAL-PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
(Construction and Other Projects)
Year ended December 31, 2023

Project Decription	(Unaudited) Original Project Length Budget	(Unaudited) Revised Project Length Budget	Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures	Total Current Year Expenditure	Total Cumulative Expenditures	(Unaudited) Estimated Percentage of Completion
Roads	$ 6,935,023	$ 6,935,023	$ 3,797,679	$ 760,514	$ 4,558,193	65.73%
Total	$ 6,935,023	$ 6,935,023	3,797,679	760,514	$ 4,558,193	

Dodge County, Georgia

Certification of 9-1-1 Expenditures

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Line No.		O.C.G.A. Reference	
1	Indicate UCOA Fund Type Used to Account for 9-1-1 Activity (choose one):		
	__X__ Special Revenue Fund ____ Enterprise Fund		
	Expenditures (UCOA Activity 3800)		
2	Wireless service supplier cost recovery charges (identify each supplier individually on lines below - attach list, if necessary)	46-5-134(e)	
	_____		$ _____
	_____		$ _____
	_____		$ _____
3	Emergency telephone equipment, including necessary computer hardware, software, and data base provisioning, addressing, and nonrecurring costs of establishing a 9-1-1 system:		
3a	Lease costs	46-5-134(f)(1)(A)	$ _____
3b	Purchase costs	46-5-134(f)(1)(A)	$ _____
3c	Maintenance costs	46-5-134(f)(1)(A)	$ 3,006.10
4	Rates associated with the service suppliers 9-1-1 service and other service suppliers recurring charges	46-5-134(f)(1)(B)	$ _____
5	Employees hired by the local government solely for the operation and maintenance of the emergency 9-1-1 system and employees who work as directors as defined in O.C.G.A. §46-5-138.2		
5a	Salaries and wages	46-5-134(f)(1)(C)	$ 458,925.54
5b	Employee benefits	46-5-134(f)(1)(C)	$ 145,678.71
6	Cost of training of employees who work as dispatchers or directors	46-5-134(f)(1)(D)	$ _____
7	Office supplies of the public safety answering points used directly in providing emergency 9-1-1 system services	46-5-134(f)(1)(E)	$ 8,643.34
8	Building used as a public safety answering point:		
8a	Lease costs	46-5-134(f)(1)(F)	$ _____
8b	Purchase costs	46-5-134(f)(1)(F)	$ _____
9	Computer hardware and software used at a public safety answering point, including computer assisted dispatch systems and automatic vehicle location systems:		
9a	Lease costs	46-5-134(f)(1)(G)	$ _____
9b	Purchase costs	46-5-134(f)(1)(G)	$ _____
9c	Maintenance costs	46-5-134(f)(1)(G)	$ 10,611.09

Dodge County, Georgia

Certification of 9-1-1 Expenditures

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Line No.		O.C.G.A. Reference	
10	Supplies directly related to providing emergency 9-1-1 system services, including the cost of printing emergency 9-1-1 public education materials	46-5-134(b)(1)(G)	$
11	Logging recorders used at a public safety answering point to record telephone and radio traffic:		
11a	Lease costs	46-5-134(b)(1)(I)	$
11b	Purchase costs	46-5-134(b)(1)(I)	$
11c	Maintenance costs	46-5-134(b)(1)(I)	$
12	Insurance purchased to insure against risks and liability in the operation and maintenance of the 9-1-1 system on behalf of the local government or on behalf of employees hired by the local government solely for the operation and maintenance of the 9-1-1 system and employees who work as directors	46-5-134(b)(2)(F)(i)	$
13	Mobile communications vehicle and equipment, if the primary purpose and designation of such vehicle is to function as a backup 9-1-1 system center		
13a	Lease costs	46-5-134(b)(2)(B)(iii)	$
13b	Purchase costs	46-5-134(b)(2)(B)(iii)	$
13c	Maintenance costs	46-5-134(b)(2)(B)(iii)	$
14	Allocation of indirect costs associated with supporting the 9-1-1 system center and operations as identified and outlined in an indirect cost allocation plan approved by the local governing authority that is consistent with the costs allocated within the local government to both governmental and business-type activities	46-5-134(b)(2)(B)(iii)	$
15	Mobile public safety voice and data equipment, geo-targeted text messaging alert systems, or towers necessary to carry out the function of 9-1-1 system operations		
15a	Lease costs	46-5-134(b)(2)(B)(iv)	$
15b	Purchase costs	46-5-134(b)(2)(B)(iv)	$
15c	Maintenance costs	46-5-134(b)(2)(B)(iv)	$
16	Public safety voice and data communications systems located in the 9-1-1 system facility that further the legislative intent of providing the highest level of emergency response service on a local, regional, and state-wide basis, including equipment and associated hardware and software that supports the use of public safety wireless voice and data communication systems		
16a	Lease costs	46-5-134(b)(2)(B)(v)	$
16b	Purchase costs	46-5-134(b)(2)(B)(v)	$
16c	Maintenance costs	46-5-134(b)(2)(B)(v)	$

Dodge County, Georgia

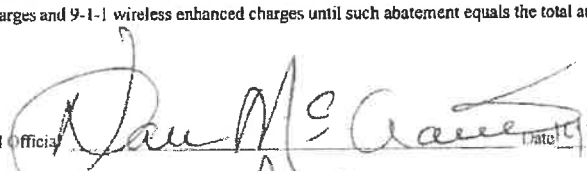
Certification of 9-1-1 Expenditures

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Line No.		OCGA Reference	
17	Other expenditures not included in Lines 2 through 16 above. Identify by object and purpose.		
	Utilities		$ 71,625.05
	Property Insurance		$ 700.00
	Vehicle Repairs & Insurance		$ 3,763.12
	Travel		$ 94.00
	Uniforms		$ 671.00
	Drug & Alcohol Testing		$
			$
			$
18	Total Expenditures (total of all amounts reported on Lines 2 through 17 above)		$ 703,717.95

Certification of Local Government Officials

I have reviewed the information presented in this report and certify that it is accurate and correct. I further certify that the 9-1-1 funds were expended in compliance with the expenditure requirements specified in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA), Section 46-5-134. I understand that, in accordance with OCGA Section 46-5-134(m)(2), any local government which makes expenditures not in compliance with this Code section may be held liable for pro rata reimbursement to telephone and wireless telecommunications subscribers of amounts improperly expended. Further, the noncompliant local government shall be solely financially responsible for the reimbursement and for any costs associated with the reimbursement. Such reimbursement shall be accomplished by the service providers abating the imposition of the 9-1-1 charges and 9-1-1 wireless enhanced charges until such abatement equals the total amount of the rebate.

Signature of Chief Elected Official  Date 10/29/24

Print Name of Chief Elected Official Dan McGarvie

Title of Chief Elected Official Chairman

Signature of Chief Financial Officer  Date 10/29/24

Print Name of Chief Financial Officer Conner Bearden

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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*

To the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues
Dodge County, Georgia

I 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 aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Dodge County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Dodge County, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated October 31, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Dodge 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 my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Dodge County, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Dodge 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.

My 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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. I identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-1 that I consider to be significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Dodge County, Georgia's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations,

contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-2 through 202-4.

Dodge County, Georgia's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Dodge County, Georgia's response to the findings identified in my audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Dodge County, Georgia's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my 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. Jerry Gowen Jr. P.C.

Eastman, Georgia
October 31, 2024

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE SECTION

Dodge County, Georgia
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-Through Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Homeland Security:			
Pass-Through from Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency:			
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	OEM22-047	$ 7,647
U.S Department of Health and Human Services:			
Pass-Through from The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget:			
COVID-19 - Provider Relief Fund and American Rescue Plan Rural Distribution	93.498	ARPA	$ 1,655,495
U.S. Department of Justice:			
Pass-Through from Criminal Justice Coordinating Council:			
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	B21-8-011	$ 151,896
COVID 19 - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program	16.034	B50-8-128	10,513
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	C22-8-076	65,368
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	C23-8-101	16,800
Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program	16.585	J24-8-019	37,948
Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program	16.585	J23-8-019	68,334
Total - U.S. Department of Justice			$ 350,859
U.S. Department of Transportation:			
Pass-Through from Georgia Department of Transportation:			
Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program	20.509	T007307	$ 58,347
Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program	20.509	T007224	60,291
Total - U.S. Department of Transportation			$ 118,638
Federal Emergency Management Agency:			
Pass-Through from Georgia Forestry Commission:			
Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant	10.664	N/A	$ 5,000
U.S Depertment of Housing and Urban Development:			
Pass-Through from Georgia Department of Community Affairs:			
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	22P-Y-045-6278	$ 10,000
Total expenditures of federal awards			$ 2,147,639

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards

Dodge County, Georgia
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of Dodge County, Georgia under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Dodge County, Georgia, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position and changes in net position of Dodge County, Georgia.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(1) Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

(2) Pass-through entity numbers are presented where available.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

The County has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance or any other indirect cost rate.

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

To the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues
Dodge County, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

I have audited Dodge County, Georgia's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Dodge County, Georgia's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Dodge County, Georgia's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In my opinion, Dodge County, Georgia compiled, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

I am required to be independent of Dodge County, Georgia and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion on compliance for each major federal program. My audit does not provide a legal determination of Dodge County, Georgia's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Other Matters

The results of my auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-5. My opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Dodge County, Georgia's response to the noncompliance finding identified in my compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Dodge County, Georgis's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, I express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

H. Franklin Lewis Jr. P.C.

Eastman, Georgia
October 31, 2024

Dodge County, Georgia
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Summary of Auditor's Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of Dodge County, Georgia were prepared in accordance with GAAP.

2. One significant deficiency disclosed during the audit of the financial statements are reported. No material weaknesses are reported.

3. Four instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Dodge County, Georgia were disclosed during the audit.

4. One significant deficiency in internal control over major federal award programs disclosed during the audit are reported. No material weaknesses are reported.

5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Dodge County, Georgia expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.

6. Audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a) are reported in this Schedule.

7. The program tested as major program was: COVID-19 – Provider Relief Fund and American Rescue Plan Rural Distribution CFDA # 93.498.

8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was $750,000.

9. Dodge County, Georgia was determined not to be a low-risk auditee.

Findings-Financial Statement Audit

Significant Deficiencies

2023-1 Segregation of Duties

Condition: There is not appropriate segregation of duties between initiation, authorization, recording, processing, and reconciliation of cash accounts and other operational functions in the various funds and agencies possessed by the County.

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

Cause: Due to the limited number of personnel in each of the County's offices.

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

Recommendation: The duties of recording, distribution, and reconciliation should be segregated between employees.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: The Commissioners concur with the recommendation. Due to the size, of the County's staff, this condition cannot be totally addressed;

however, this condition is minimized due to the Commissioners' involvement and the involvement of the elected officials of the agency fund offices.

Noncompliance

2023-2 Unsecured Cash Balances

Condition: At December 31, 2023 the County had deposits that were uninsured and as a result there were bank balances exposed to custodial credit risk.

Criteria: 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.

Cause: Some of the depository financial institutions that the County has deposits in failed to comply with state statutes which exposed the County to custodial credit risk.

Effect: County deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk.

Recommendation: Management needs to ensure that the depository financial institutions will comply with state statutes.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: The Commissioners concur with the recommendation. We will implement steps to ensure the deposits of the County are properly collateralized by the financial institutions.

2023-3 Financial Assurance Requirements for Solid Waste Handling and Processing Facilities

Condition: The County is not in compliance with the financial assurance provisions of the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Criteria under Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation Recovery Act.

Criteria: The Environmental Protection Agency regulations allow compliance with landfill financial assurance requirements by the County meeting a financial test or by alternate methods. The financial assurance reporting deadline is 180 days after the close of the County's fiscal year.

Cause: The County did not meet the financial assurance reporting deadline.

Effect: The County is not in compliance with the Resource Conservation Recovery Act requirements.

Recommendation: Management needs to ensure that the reporting requirement is submitted on a timely basis.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: The Commissioners concur with the recommendation. We will implement steps to ensure the reporting requirements are meet.

2023-4 Emergency Telephone System Fund

Condition: The County is not in compliance with the statutory requirements for 911 fee collection. The charges remitted from the Georgia Department of Revenue are deposited in the general operating bank account.

Criteria: The Georgia Department of Revenue regulations require that the County deposit the 911 charges in a separate bank account and not commingled with other government funds.

Cause: The County commingled restricted funds with other funds.

Effect: The County is not in compliance with the Georgia Department of Revenue regulation.

Recommendation: Management needs to ensure that the charges remitted by the State are deposited in a separate bank account for the Emergency Telephone System Fund.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: The Commissioners concur with the recommendation. We will establish a new bank account for the Emergency Telephone System Fund.

Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Programs Audit

2023-5

Assistance Listing Number:	**93.498**
Program Title:	**COVID-19 – Provider Relief Fund and American Rescue Plan Rural Distribution**
Federal Grantor:	**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**
Pass-Through Agency:	**The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget**
Award Number:	**ARPA**

Condition: Nonfederal entities must have and use documented procurement procedures, consistent with State, local, and tribal laws and regulations and the standards, for the acquisition of property or services required under a federal award or subaward. The County does not have written procurement policies and procedures for federal awards and subawards.

Criteria: The Uniform Guidance and Single Audit Standards require that local entities receiving federal and state awards establish and maintain internal control designed to reasonably ensure compliance with laws, regulations, and program compliance requirements. The Uniform Guidance and Single Audit Standards further require auditors to obtain an understanding of the local entity's internal control over federal and state programs. To minimize the risk of errors, internal controls should be in place for all program compliance requirements, including the procurement procedures.

Cause: The County does not have written procurement policies and procedures for federal awards and subawards.

Effect: The County is not in compliance with the Uniform Guidance and Single Audit Standards.

Questioned Costs: None noted.

Recommendation: Management needs to develop and document procurement procedures, consistent with Uniform Guidance and Single Audit Standards for federal awards and subawards.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: The Commissioners concur with the recommendation. We will document the procurement procedures for federal awards and subawards.

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FINDING 2022-1 Segregation of Duties

Condition: This finding was a significant deficiency stating that there is not appropriate segregation of duties concerning operational functions in the various funds and departments.

Recommendation: The auditor recommended that the duties recording, distribution, and reconciliation should be segregated between employees.

Current Status: Unresolved, see current year finding 2023-1.

FINDING 2022-2 Budgets

Condition: This finding was an instance of noncompliance stating that the County failed to adopt a timely manner the required balanced budgets by ordinance or resolution for the Special Revenue Funds except for the American Rescue Plan Grant Fund and E-911 Fund.

Recommendation: The County should implement policies and procedures to ensure that the required balanced budgets are adopted by ordinance or resolution in a timely manner. Monthly financial statements should be compared to these budgets to ensure the County is operating within the budgets.

Current Status: The budgets were adopted in a timely manner.

FINDING 2022-3 Unsecured Cash Balances

Condition: This finding was an instance of noncompliance stating that at December 31, 2021 the County had deposits that were uninsured and as a result there were bank balances exposed to custodial credit risk.

Recommendation: Management needs to ensure that the depository financial institutions will comply with state statutes.

Current Status: Unresolved, see current year finding 2023-2.

FINDING 2022-4 Financial Assurance Requirements for Solid Waste Handing and Processing Facilities

Condition: This finding was an instance of noncompliance stating that the County is not in compliance with the financial assurance provisions of the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Criteria under Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation Recovery Act.

Recommendation: Management needs to ensure that the reporting requirements is submitted on a timely basis.

Current Status: Unresolved, see current year finding 2023-3.

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

FINDING 2022-5 Emergency Telephone System Fund

Condition: This finding was an instance of noncompliance stating that the County is not in compliance with the statutory requirements for 911 fee collection. The charges remitted from the Georgia Department of Revenue are deposited in the general operating bank account.

Recommendation: Management needs to ensure that the charges remitted by the State are deposited in a separate bank account for the Emergency Telephone System Fund.

Current Status: Unresolved, see current year finding 2023-4.