EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Effingham County, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Effingham County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Effingham County, Georgia's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Effingham County, Georgia, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, Special Tax District Fund, American Rescue Plan Act Fund, and Hospital Indigent Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Effingham County Board of Health, a component unit, which represents 0.9%, 1.1%, and 1.0%, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of Effingham County, Georgia as of June 30, 2025. We did not audit the financial statements of the Effingham County Hospital Authority, a component unit, which represents 13.7%, 1.9%, and 54.5%, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of Effingham County, Georgia as of June 30, 2025. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Effingham County Board of Health and Effingham County Hospital Authority, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Effingham 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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 judgment 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*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Effingham 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 our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Effingham County, Georgia's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 6 through 13 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We and other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Effingham County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule of projects paid with special sales tax proceeds, and schedule of projects paid with transportation special sales tax proceeds are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule of projects paid with special sales tax proceeds, schedule of projects paid with transportation special sales tax proceeds, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 2, 2026 on our consideration of the Effingham County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Effingham 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 Effingham County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Lanier, Deal & Deal

Statesboro, GA
February 2, 2026

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Within this section of the Effingham County, Georgia (the County) annual financial report, the County's management is pleased to provide this narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The County's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Financial Highlights

- The County's assets exceeded its liabilities by $308,665,521 (net position) for the fiscal year reported.

- Total net position comprises the following:

  (1) Capital assets, net of related debt, of $179,462,958 include property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced for outstanding debt related to the purchase or construction of capital assets.
  (2) Net position of $80,041,090 is restricted by constraints imposed from outside the County such as debt covenants, grantors, laws, or regulations.
  (3) Unrestricted net position of $49,161,473 represents the portion available to maintain the County's continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.

- The County's governmental funds reported total ending fund balance of $164,966,225 this year. This compares to the prior year ending fund balance of $168,217,013 showing a decrease of $3,250,788 during the current year. This was expected this year, as the County spent down some bond funds related to capital projects. The ending fund balance resources have been classified and reflect the use or intended use of the resources.

  (1) At the end of the current fiscal year, restricted fund balance for the General Fund was $1,939,774. These funds are restricted for landfill post-closure care costs, related to the landfill that was closed many years ago.

  (2) At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was $35,779,126 or 67.3% of total General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

The above financial highlights are explained in more detail in the "financial analysis" section of this document.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This Management Discussion and Analysis document introduces the County's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements. The County also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The County's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the County's overall financial status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of activities between funds.

The first of these government-wide statements is the *Statement of Net Position.* This is the government-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the County's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as *Net Position.* Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the County would extend to other non-financial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base or the condition of County infrastructure, in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the *Statement of Activities,* which reports how the County's net position changed during the current fiscal year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid.

An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the County's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the County's taxpayers.

Both government-wide financial statements distinguish governmental activities of the County that are principally supported by sales and property taxes and business-type activities that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. Governmental activities include general government, public safety, and roads. Business-type activities include water and sewer systems and sanitation.

The government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 14 & 15 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the County's most significant funds rather than the County as a whole. Major funds are separately reported while all others are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for non-major funds is provided in the form of combining statements in a later section of this report.

The County has two kinds of funds:

Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different, with fund statements providing a distinctive view of the County's governmental funds. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund operating statement provide a reconciliation to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

The basic governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 16 through 24 of this report.

Individual fund information for non-major governmental funds is found in combining statements in a later section of this report.

Proprietary funds are reported in the fund financial statements and generally report services for which the County charges customers a fee. The County's proprietary funds are classified as enterprise funds. The enterprise funds essentially encompass the same functions reported as business-type activities in the government-wide statements. Currently the County provides sanitation services to customers in the unincorporated areas of the County and services for water and sewer utilities in certain areas of the southern part of the unincorporated County.

The basic enterprise fund financial statements are presented on pages 25 through 27 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 30 of this report.

Other Supplementary Information

As discussed, the County reports major funds in the basic financial statements. Combining and individual statements and schedules for non-major funds are presented in a subsequent section of this report beginning on page 52.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Analysis of the County as a Whole

The County implemented the new financial reporting model used in this report beginning with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. Over time, as year-to-year financial information is accumulated on a consistent basis, changes in net position may be observed and used to discuss the changing financial position of the County as a whole.

The County's net position at fiscal year-end is $308,665,521. The following table provides a summary of the County's net position:

Summary of Net Position (in millions)

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Assets:						
Current Assets	192.7	188.8	11.4	9.7	204.1	198.5
Capital Assets	188.3	155.0	55.7	43.6	244.0	198.6
Total Assets	381.0	343.8	67.1	53.3	448.1	397.1
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities	49.8	31.3	4.8	4.8	54.6	36.1
Long- Term Liabilities	67.7	89.6	16.7	18.2	84.4	107.8
Total Liabilities	117.5	120.9	21.5	23.0	139.0	143.9
Deferred Inflows of Resources	0.4	0.5	-	-	0.4	0.5
Net Position						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	141.9	105.2	37.5	24.1	179.4	129.3
Restricted	80.0	86.9	-	-	80.0	86.9
Unrestricted	41.0	30.2	8.1	6.3	49.1	36.5
Total Net Position	262.9	222.3	45.6	30.4	308.5	252.7

The County continues to maintain a high current ratio. The current ratio compares current assets to current liabilities and is an indication of the ability to pay current obligations. The current ratio for governmental activities is 3.9 to 1.

The County reported positive balances in net position for both governmental and business-type activities. Net position increased by $40,609,223 for governmental activities and increased by $15,316,994 for business-type activities. Note that approximately 54% of the Governmental Activities' net position is invested in capital. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens. However, with business type activities, water, sewer, and sanitation, the County has $8,146,941 of unrestricted, undesignated net position and $37,529,333 invested in capital assets with total net position of $45,676,274. Capital assets in the business-type activities will be providing utility services, but they also generate revenues for this fund.

The following table provides a comparative summary of the County's changes in net position:

Summary of Changes in Net Position

	2025				2024			
	Governmental Activities	Business Activities	Total	% of Total	Governmental Activities	Business Activities	Total	% of Total
Revenues:								
Program:								
Charges for services	$ 21,373,958	$ 11,280,465	$ 32,654,423	20%	$ 18,208,056	$ 13,080,230	$ 31,288,286	23%
Operating grants	2,184,278	2,075,146	4,259,424	3%	4,224,433	3,348,672	7,573,105	6%
Capital grants	24,628,392	4,003,651	28,632,043	18%	9,724,556	1,579,758	11,304,314	8%
General:								
Taxes	93,277,561		93,277,561	58%	83,177,860		83,177,860	61%
Other	3,112,646	234,538	3,347,184	2%	3,089,740	114,105	3,203,845	2%
Total revenues	144,576,835	17,593,800	162,170,635	100%	118,424,645	18,122,765	136,547,410	100%
Program Expenses:								
General government	12,777,548		12,777,548	12%	10,492,043		10,492,043	10%
Judicial	4,955,703		4,955,703	5%	4,559,872		4,559,872	4%
Public safety	43,856,814		43,856,814	41%	40,143,581		40,143,581	37%
Public works	14,202,676		14,202,676	13%	26,961,039		26,961,039	25%
Health and welfare	4,706,621		4,706,621	4%	4,685,917		4,685,917	4%
Culture and recreation	4,868,288		4,868,288	5%	4,212,623		4,212,623	4%
Housing and development	2,402,487		2,402,487	2%	2,581,954		2,581,954	2%
Interest	3,094,053		3,094,053	3%	1,807,883		1,807,883	2%
Water & Sewer		7,714,284	7,714,284	8%		6,537,064	6,537,064	6%
Wastewater Treatment Plant		-	-	0%		-	-	0%
Sanitation		7,394,497	7,394,497	7%		5,044,274	5,044,274	5%
Other		271,447	271,447	0%		153,705	153,705	0%
Total expenses	90,864,190	15,380,228	106,244,418	100%	95,444,912	11,735,043	107,179,955	100%
Excess	53,712,645	2,213,572	55,926,217		22,979,733	6,387,722	29,367,455	
Transfers	(13,103,422)	13,103,422	-		(2,563,588)	2,563,588	-	
Special Items	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Change in net position	40,609,223	15,316,994	55,926,217		20,416,145	8,951,310	29,367,455	
Beginning net position	222,380,024	30,359,280	252,739,304		201,963,879	21,407,970	223,371,849	
Prior period adjustment	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Ending net position	$ 262,989,247	$ 45,676,274	$ 308,665,521		$ 222,380,024	$ 30,359,280	$ 252,739,304	

Governmental Revenues

The County is heavily reliant on property and sales taxes to support governmental operations. In 2025, excluding property taxes for medical indigent care, property taxes provided 24.5% of the County's governmental revenues. Inclusive of medical indigent care property taxes, total property taxes provided 28.4% of governmental revenues and sales taxes provided 32.1% of the County's governmental revenues. This year, taxes are a relatively lower portion of revenues because of significant grant revenues. Charges for services and other program revenues cover 70.6% of governmental operating expenses. This means that the government's taxpayers and the County's other general revenues fund 29.4% of the governmental activities. As a result, the general economy and the local businesses have a major impact on the County's revenue streams.

Governmental Functional Expenses

The public safety function comprises 48.3% (42.1% in 2024) of the County's total governmental expenses. The public works function makes up 15.6% (28.2% in 2024) of the total governmental expenses. A large part of this shift is a result of TSPLOST road projects timing.

This table presents the cost of each of the County's programs, including the net costs (i.e., total cost less revenues generated by the activities). The net costs illustrate the financial burden that was placed on the County's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
General government	$ 12,777,548	$ 10,290,095
Judicial	4,955,703	4,581,257
Public safety	43,856,814	26,130,977
Public works	14,202,676	(10,284,967)
Health and welfare	4,706,621	4,233,061
Culture and recreation	4,868,288	4,242,290
Housing and development	2,402,487	390,796
Interest on long-term debt	3,094,053	3,094,053
Total	$ 90,864,190	$ 42,677,562

Business-Type Activities

The County is in its twenty-second year of the development of its water and sewer operations. The operating revenues for water, sewer, and wastewater in 2025 were $5,904,837 and $4,719,432 for 2024. Note that as of 2019 cost recovery fees are no longer classified as operating revenues. Operating expenses for 2025 were $7,165,646 and $5,947,769 for 2024. An operating loss of $1,260,809 was earned for 2025 and for 2024 the operating loss was $1,228,337.

The operating revenues for the sanitation fund were $5,374,887 for 2025 and $4,948,969 for 2024. This activity resulted in a gain of $64,989, doing a bit better than breaking even.

FUND LEVEL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

Governmental Funds

As discussed, governmental funds are reported in the fund statements with a short-term focus on the inflow and outflow of spendable resources. This information is useful in assessing resources available at the end of the year in comparison with upcoming financing requirements. Governmental funds reported ending fund balances of $164,966,225. Of this year-end total, $35,775,557 is unassigned indicating availability for continuing County service requirements. Legally restricted fund balances (i.e., the restricted fund balances) include but are not limited to: $28,626,886 committed to approved SPLOST projects from sales tax, and $9,351,255 restricted to public safety purposes including the Emergency 911 program and Fire Services. In addition, there is $63,895,363 restricted for TSPLOST projects.

The total ending fund balances of governmental funds show a decrease of $3,250,788 or 1.9% of the prior year's total fund balance. This decrease is primarily the result of spending TSPLOST and SPLOST bond funds and events and programs described within the analysis of the County's governmental activities presented in the next section.

Major Governmental Funds

The General Fund is the County's primary operating fund and the largest source of day-to-day service delivery. The General Fund's fund balance increased by $11,361,631 from the prior year. This was due to revenues exceeding expectations while expenses were more in line with expectations for 2025.

Property tax revenues have increased from the prior year collections. Note that with the creation of the roads and recreation millage rates, those taxes are recorded in the Special Tax District fund. The digest increased from $3,244,858,963 for tax year 2023 to $3,701,463,858 for tax year 2024. In tax year 2024 (which funds fiscal year 2025) the millage rate was 5.596 mils county-wide for maintenance and operations. The general fund's ending unassigned fund balance is considered to be in a sound position, representing the equivalent of 67.3% of actual annual expenditures.

The total general fund expenditures were approximately $53.2 million, an increase from the prior year. Major groupings of expenditures showed:

General fund general government costs increased from $9,957,756 in 2024 to $12,767,533 in 2025.

General fund public safety costs increased from $30,159,276 in 2024 to $31,093,371 in 2025.

Special Tax District fund Public Works costs increased from $2,776,903 in 2024 to $2,987,111 in 2025.

Special Tax District fund Recreation costs increased from $2,618,775 in 2024 to $3,134,432 in 2025.

Proprietary Funds

The proprietary fund statements share the same focus as the government-wide statements, reporting both short-term and long-term information about financial status as referenced above.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Revenues - The overall revenue budget was amended upward by $169,107 primarily related to sales tax and grants received during the year. The actual revenue from charges for services was $1,096,007 above the final budget. Property taxes were $1,653,347 above the final budgeted revenue, because of the timing of the budget adoption and digest finalization. Sales tax revenue performed higher than original projections, with actuals being $666,618 above final budget. For investment earnings, the revenue was above budget by $660,912, an exceptional number driven by increased interest rates and conservative budgeting.

Expenditures - The expenditure side of the original budget for the general fund was revised upward for various items with GASB 87 non-cash expenses for leased vehicles being the largest category. These are offset by non-cash revenues.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The County's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2025, was $188,309,208 and $55,747,335 respectively. The total net increase in this net investment was $33,307,176 for governmental activities, and a $12,141,857 increase for business-type activities. The major changes in these amounts relate to additions in governmental activities assets of $33,522,158 and deductions of $214,982. Depreciation for governmental activities was $10,900,181. Business-type assets depreciation was $1,289,978.

See Note 7 for additional information about changes in capital assets during the fiscal year and outstanding at the end of the year. The following table provides a summary of capital asset activity.

Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Non-depreciable assets:						
Land	$ 8,477,437	$ 8,477,437	$ 1,643,620	$ 1,643,620	$ 10,121,057	$ 10,121,057
Easements	964,330	964,330	152,358	152,358	1,116,688	1,116,688
Construction in progress	78,505,105	46,245,304	23,521,407	10,250,005	102,026,512	56,495,309
Total non-depreciable assets	87,946,872	55,687,071	25,317,385	12,045,983	113,264,257	67,733,054
Depreciable assets:						
Buildings	79,520,985	75,944,634	16,850,412	16,850,412	96,371,397	92,795,046
Other equipment	47,643,986	44,173,086	3,720,507	3,573,324	51,364,493	47,746,410
Right-to-use lease equipment	10,247,181	8,534,661	71,791	71,791	10,318,972	8,606,452
Subscription-based IT arrangements	211,423	211,423	-	-	211,423	211,423
Infrastructure	155,930,837	153,305,623	30,969,653	30,956,403	186,900,490	184,262,026
Total depreciable assets	293,554,412	282,169,427	51,612,363	51,451,930	345,166,775	333,621,357
Less accumulated depreciation	193,192,076	182,854,466	21,182,413	19,892,435	214,374,489	202,746,901
Book value - depreciable assets	100,362,336	99,314,961	30,429,950	31,559,495	130,792,286	130,874,456
Remaining to depreciate	34%	35%	59%	61%	38%	39%
Book value - all assets	$ 188,309,208	$ 155,002,032	$ 55,747,335	$ 43,605,478	$ 244,056,543	$ 198,607,510

At June 30, 2025, the depreciable capital assets for governmental activities had 34% remaining to depreciate.

Long-term Debt

At the end of the fiscal year, the County had total capital leases outstanding of $6,570,135, bonds payable within the government-type activities of $77,943,000 and bonds payable within the business-type activities of $18,190,000.

During the year, the County retired $351,963 of notes payable, $10,787,433 of bonds payable, and $1,960,520 of leases payable within the governmental activities.

During fiscal year 2018, the County refinanced all existing GEFA debt that was carried in the Water & Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plant enterprise funds by issuing a revenue bond. An additional $8,000,000 was also issued with this revenue bond, bringing the total bond issuance to $28,935,000. Of this new bond, $1,465,000 was retired in fiscal year 2025. The related GEFA debt was fully retired previously, in fiscal year 2018.

	Governmental Activities		Percentage
	2025	2024	Change
Notes Payable	$ -	$ 351,963	-100%
Bond payable	77,943,000	87,768,000	-11%
Unamortized Bond Premium	3,197,360	4,159,793	-23%
Leases payable	6,529,603	6,618,869	-1%
Subscriptions payable	65,548	133,550	-51%
Landfill post-closure care	1,939,774	1,894,311	2%
Compensated absences	1,872,240	1,589,994	18%
Total	$ 91,547,525	$ 102,516,480	-11%

For fiscal year 2022 and future years, the new accounting standard GASB 87 changed the way leases are accounted for and presented in the financial statements. In the fiscal year 2021 financial statements, note 8 listed capital lease balances. Those balances are now classified as leases payable and appear in note 10 on the fiscal year 2022 financial statements.

Note 8 of the current financial statements lists leases payable under the new GASB 87 standard, and these leases are all copier machines and vehicles leased through Enterprise Fleet Management.

See notes 8, 9, 10, and 11 for additional information about the County's long-term debt.

Economic Conditions Affecting the County

The County is physically located in the southeastern portion of the State of Georgia, in the greater Savannah, Georgia area. This area of southeast Georgia has experienced moderate economic growth.

The County is growing with a population increase of 73% from 2000 to 2020, using the most recent official census figures from 2020.

Since the County relies primarily on property and sales taxes, changes in the economy can quickly affect revenue streams. Since sales taxes are an "elastic revenue stream," in a sluggish economy, sales tax revenues can be reduced immediately. Property taxes are considered "inelastic" in the short-term; this revenue stream is more stable. Fortunately, for the County, because of its revenue stream makeup, it is able to survive financially in a slow economy. The tax digest has begun to diversify in recent years, to include more industrial properties. This has made the County even more financially resilient.

Contacting the County's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the County's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations, and demonstrate the County's commitment to public accountability. If you have questions about this report or would like to request additional information, contact the County's Manager or Finance Director at 601 North Laurel Street, Springfield, Georgia 31329 or telephone 912-754-2111 or 912-754-8011.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

	Primary Government			Component Unit	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Effingham County Hospital Authority	Effingham County Board of Health
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 66,961,961	$ 3,082,567	$ 70,044,528	$ 9,814,167	$ 3,907,695
Restricted cash	238,029	-	238,029	-	-
Investments	105,225,210	5,392,951	110,618,161	-	-
Receivables:					
Accounts	1,281,714	2,776,568	4,058,282	6,981,428	-
Taxes	881,687	-	881,687	-	-
Intergovernmental	15,781,533	-	15,781,533	-	48,423
Leases	484,684	-	484,684		
Other	-	-	-	776,718	-
Internal balances	(55,052)	55,052	-	-	-
Inventories	102,048	120,250	222,298	1,813,917	-
Prepaid items	1,763,566	1,280	1,764,846	-	-
Other current assets	-	-	-	395,736	-
Nondepreciable capital assets	87,946,872	25,317,385	113,264,257	4,681,306	-
Depreciable capital assets, net	100,362,336	30,429,950	130,792,286	33,695,217	30,998
Noncurrent cash and investments:					
Internally designated for retirement plan	-	-	-	558,055	-
Internally designated for capital improvements	-	-	-	2,170,918	-
Notes receivable	-	-	-	15,000	-
Net OPEB benefit	-	-	-	-	114,731
Other assets	-	-	-	684,405	-
Total Assets	380,974,588	67,176,003	448,150,591	61,586,867	4,101,847
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Resources related to pensions and OPEB	-	-	-	-	280,801
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	23,059,092	1,420,339	24,479,431	7,451,028	24,273
Accrued interest payable	901,579	40,212	941,791	-	-
Other accrued liabilities	1,117,647	-	1,117,647	5,995,299	-
Performance bonds	870,360	-	870,360	-	-
Customer deposits	-	423,470	423,470	-	-
Unearned revenue	48,914	1,383,021	1,431,935	-	-
Line of credit	-	-	-	2,350,000	-
Compensated absences payable	1,123,344	1,293	1,124,637	-	10,648
Leases payable	2,079,148	14,569	2,093,717	827,451	-
Subscriptions payable	65,548	-	65,548	1,002,552	-
Notes payable	-	-	-	437,647	-
Bonds payable	20,433,000	1,505,000	21,938,000	1,748,000	-
Landfill post-closure care costs	110,000	-	110,000	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	49,808,632	4,787,904	54,596,536	19,811,977	34,921
Long-Term Liabilities:					
Notes payable (net of current portion)	-	-	-	860,853	-
Bonds payable (net of current portion)	60,707,360	16,685,000	77,392,360	23,682,000	-
Compensated absences payable (net of current portion)	748,896	862	749,758	-	42,591
Leases payable (net of current portion)	4,450,455	25,963	4,476,418	2,781,659	-
Subscriptions payable (net of current portion)	-	-	-	8,522,900	-
Landfill post-closure care costs (net of current portion)	1,829,774	-	1,829,774	-	-
Net pension liability	-	-	-	-	731,507
Total Long-Term Liabilities	67,736,485	16,711,825	84,448,310	35,847,412	774,098
Total Liabilities	117,545,117	21,499,729	139,044,846	55,659,389	809,019
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Resources related to pensions and OPEB	-	-	-	-	186,818
Lease related	440,224	-	440,224	-	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	440,224	-	440,224	-	186,818
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	141,933,625	37,529,333	179,462,958	(3,836,539)	30,998
Restricted for:					
Capital projects	51,199,978	-	51,199,978	-	-
Service delivery to unincorporated areas	9,715,476	-	9,715,476	-	-
Debt service	15,357	-	15,357	-	-
Other purposes	19,110,279	-	19,110,279	-	496,734
Unrestricted	41,014,532	8,146,941	49,161,473	9,764,017	2,859,079
Total Net Position	$ 262,989,247	$ 45,676,274	$ 308,665,521	$ 5,927,478	$ 3,386,811

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Program/Function	Expenses	Program Revenues: Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Primary Government: Business-type Activities	Primary Government: Total	Component Unit: Effingham County Hospital Authority	Component Unit: Effingham County Board of Health
Primary Government									
Governmental Activities									
General government	$ 12,777,548	$ 2,408,850	$ 70,831	$ 7,772	$ (10,290,095)	-	$ (10,290,095)	-	-
Judicial	4,955,703	-	374,446	-	(4,581,257)	-	(4,581,257)	-	-
Public safety	43,856,814	16,261,077	1,364,191	100,569	(26,130,977)	-	(26,130,977)	-	-
Public works	14,202,676	-	-	24,487,643	10,284,967	-	10,284,967	-	-
Health and welfare	4,706,621	108,750	364,810	-	(4,233,061)	-	(4,233,061)	-	-
Culture and recreation	4,868,288	583,590	10,000	32,408	(4,242,290)	-	(4,242,290)	-	-
Housing and development	2,402,487	2,011,691	-	-	(390,796)	-	(390,796)	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	3,094,053	-	-	-	(3,094,053)	-	(3,094,053)	-	-
Total governmental activities	90,864,190	21,373,958	2,184,278	24,628,392	(42,677,562)	-	(42,677,562)	-	-
Business-type Activities									
Water and Sewer	7,714,284	5,904,837	-	4,003,651	-	$ 2,194,204	2,194,204	-	-
Sanitation	7,394,497	5,374,887	2,075,146	-	-	55,536	55,536	-	-
Other	271,447	741	-	-	-	(270,706)	(270,706)	-	-
Total business-type activities	15,380,228	11,280,465	2,075,146	4,003,651	-	1,979,034	1,979,034		
Total - Primary Government	$ 106,244,418	$ 32,654,423	$ 4,259,424	$ 28,632,043	(42,677,562)	1,979,034	(40,698,528)	-	-
Component Units:									
Effingham County Hospital Authority	$ 84,682,658	$ 79,685,018	$ 6,817,658	$ -				$ 1,820,018	-
Effingham County Board of Health	1,218,732	526,447	846,073	-				-	$ 153,788
Total Component Units	$ 85,901,390	$ 80,211,465	$ 7,663,731	$ -				1,820,018	153,788
		General Revenues							
		Property taxes levied for general government purposes			35,437,747	-	35,437,747	-	-
		Property taxes levied for hospital			5,582,792	-	5,582,792	-	-
		Sales taxes			46,470,761	-	46,470,761	-	-
		Insurance premium tax			4,266,251	-	4,266,251	-	-
		Other taxes			1,520,010	-	1,520,010	-	-
		Insurance recoveries			214,276	-	214,276	-	-
		Investment earnings			2,588,995	234,538	2,823,533	68,255	-
		Other			309,375	-	309,375	1,745,872	303,499
		Total General Revenues			96,390,207	234,538	96,624,745	1,814,127	303,499
		Transfers			(13,103,422)	13,103,422	-	-	-
		Total General Revenues and Transfers			83,286,785	13,337,960	96,624,745	1,814,127	303,499
		Change in Net Position			40,609,223	15,316,994	55,926,217	3,634,145	457,287
		Net Position Beginning of Year			222,380,024	30,359,280	252,739,304	2,293,333	2,929,524
		Net Position End of Year			$ 262,989,247	$ 45,676,274	$ 308,665,521	$ 5,927,478	$ 3,386,811

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EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	General	Special Tax District	American Rescue Plan Act	Hospital Indigent	2017 SPLOST	2021 TSPLOST	2023 TSPLOST	2021 SPLOST	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 13,435,874	$ 2,171,545	$ -	$ 536,597	$ 15,065	$ 45,129	$ 40,617,294	$ 2,969,263	$ 5,510,891	$ 65,301,658
Restricted cash	238,029	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	238,029
Investments	31,928,921	7,602,069	26,781	4,981,787	4,175,106	23,903,708	8,471,839	14,733,107	9,401,892	105,225,210
Receivables:										
Accounts	1,201,134	57,946	26	-	-	-	-	-	22,555	1,281,661
Taxes	701,497	180,190	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	881,687
Leases	484,684	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	484,684
Intergovernmental	2,089,840	-	-	-	497,424	1,993	1,330,810	11,712,127	149,339	15,781,533
Interfund	164,248	37,025	-	-	362	-	-	1,559,930	54,373	1,815,938
Inventories	17,510	73,688	-	-	-	-	-	10,850	-	102,048
Prepaid items	1,644,044	14,688	-	2,177	-	-	-	-	102,657	1,763,566
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 51,905,781	$ 10,137,151	$ 26,807	$ 5,520,561	$ 4,687,957	$ 23,950,830	$ 50,419,943	$ 30,985,277	$ 15,241,707	$ 192,876,014
LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable	$ 1,580,530	$ 383,612	$ -	-	$ 184,914	$ 1,972,182	$ 8,320,639	$ 6,850,584	$ 3,317,938	$ 22,610,399
Accrued liabilities	846,908	38,063	-	-	-	-	-	-	232,676	1,117,647
Performance bonds	858,975	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,385	870,360
Interfund payable	2,006,700	-	-	-	-	-	147,089	-	17,976	2,171,765
Unearned revenue	13,414	-	-	-	-	35,500	-	-	-	48,914
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,306,527	421,675	-	-	184,914	2,007,682	8,467,728	6,850,584	3,579,975	26,819,085
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES										
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	515,399	135,081	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	650,480
Lease related	440,224	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	440,224
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	955,623	135,081	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,090,704
FUND BALANCES										
Nonspendable										
Inventories	17,510	73,688	-	-	-	-	-	10,850	-	102,048
Prepaid items	1,644,044	14,688	-	$ 2,177	-	-	-	-	102,657	1,763,566
Restricted										
Landfill post-closure costs	1,939,774	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,939,774
Special service district - unincorporated area	-	9,492,019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,492,019
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,351,255	9,351,255
Public works, public safety, and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,145	22,145
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,108,970	2,108,970
Health and welfare	-	-	-	5,518,384	-	-	-	-	-	5,518,384
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,917	64,917
Capital projects - SPLOST	-	-	-	-	4,503,043	-	-	24,123,843	-	28,626,886
Capital projects - ARPA	-	-	26,807	-	-	-	-	-		26,807
Capital projects - TSPLOST	-	-	-	-	-	21,943,148	41,952,215	-	-	63,895,363
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,357	15,357
Assigned										
Subsequent year expenditures	6,263,177	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,263,177
Unassigned	35,779,126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,569)	35,775,557
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	45,643,631	9,580,395	26,807	5,520,561	4,503,043	21,943,148	41,952,215	24,134,693	11,661,732	164,966,225
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	$ 51,905,781	$ 10,137,151	$ 26,807	$ 5,520,561	$ 4,687,957	$ 23,950,830	$ 50,419,943	$ 30,985,277	$ 15,241,707	$ 192,876,014

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Total Governmental Fund Balances		$ 164,966,225
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Cost	$ 381,501,284	
Less accumulated depreciation	(193,192,076)	188,309,208
The internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of the health insurance to individual funds. Certain assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities columns on the statement of net position.		1,512,438
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds:		
Property taxes		650,480
Long-term liabilities, including leases, bonds payable, compensated absences, and landfill postclosure care costs are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds but are reported on the statement of net position:		
Accrued interest payable	$ (901,579)	
Leases payable	(6,529,603)	
Subscriptions payable	(65,548)	
Bonds payable	(81,140,360)	
Landfill post-closure care costs	(1,939,774)	
Compensated absences payable	(1,872,240)	(92,449,104)
Net Position Of Governmental Activities		$ 262,989,247

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	General	Special Tax District	American Rescue Plan Act	Hospital Indigent	2017 SPLOST	2021 TSPLOST	2023 TSPLOST	2021 SPLOST	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES										
Taxes	$ 42,285,941	$ 8,106,832	-	$ 5,764,386	$ 1,353	$ 3,555,349	$ 12,159,639	$ 17,904,551	$ 4,326,410	$ 94,104,461
Licenses and permits	53,245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,011,843	2,065,088
Intergovernmental	1,916,540	-	$ 7,412,515	-	-	-	-	12,366,670	-	21,695,725
Charges for services	7,104,749	580,896	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,340,750	17,026,395
Fines and forfeitures	1,821,345	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	460,930	2,282,275
Contributions and donations	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,379	21,379
Investment earnings	1,460,912	296,251	353,120	157,815	249,999	1,383,454	1,810,147	1,264,856	320,899	7,297,453
Other	247,325	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,973	309,372
Total revenues	54,900,057	8,984,053	7,765,635	5,922,201	251,352	4,938,803	13,969,786	31,536,077	16,534,184	144,802,148
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
General government	12,767,533	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,767,533
Judicial	4,847,240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,847,240
Public safety	31,093,371	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,588,564	41,681,935
Public works	197,475	2,987,111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,184,586
Health and welfare	952,384	-	-	3,568,838	-	-	-	-	187,553	4,708,775
Culture and recreation	899,930	3,134,432	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,034,362
Housing and development	609,814	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,653,319	2,263,133
Capital outlay:										
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,917,251	-	2,917,251
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,250	-	21,250
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,098,788	2,052,689	5,151,477
Public works	-	858,426	1,797	-	241,572	5,044,528	15,142,394	7,258,475	-	28,547,192
Culture and recreation	-	228,232	-	-	63,646	-	-	4,368,503	-	4,660,381
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	177,460	177,460
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	329,680	2,377,250	3,672,331	-	6,379,261
Debt service:										
Principal	1,442,080	149,985	-	-	666,786	-	-	-	10,909,067	13,167,918
Interest and fiscal charges	346,712	41,141	-	-	76,400	411,435	133,678	-	1,729,763	2,739,129
Total expenditures	53,156,539	7,399,327	1,797	3,568,838	1,048,404	5,785,643	17,653,322	21,336,598	27,298,415	137,248,883
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,743,518	1,584,726	7,763,838	2,353,363	(797,052)	(846,840)	(3,683,536)	10,199,479	(10,764,231)	7,553,265
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Sale of capital assets	145,099	27,660	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,080	213,839
Lease financing	1,614,096	54,962	-	-	-	-	-	-	202,196	1,871,254
Insurance recoveries	179,671	20,005	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,600	214,276
Transfers in	7,818,237	-	-	-	-	-	-	352,329	12,571,948	20,742,514
Transfers out	(139,000)	(207,000)	(7,818,237)	-	(901,384)	(7,213,320)	(2,491,667)	(15,044,852)	(30,476)	(33,845,936)
Total other financing sources (uses)	9,618,103	(104,373)	(7,818,237)	-	(901,384)	(7,213,320)	(2,491,667)	(14,692,523)	12,799,348	(10,804,053)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	11,361,621	1,480,353	(54,399)	2,353,363	(1,698,436)	(8,060,160)	(6,175,203)	(4,493,044)	2,035,117	(3,250,788)
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2024	34,282,010	8,100,042	81,206	3,167,198	6,201,479	30,003,308	48,127,418	28,627,737	9,626,615	168,217,013
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2025	$ 45,643,631	$ 9,580,395	$ 26,807	$ 5,520,561	$ 4,503,043	$ 21,943,148	$ 41,952,215	$ 24,134,693	$ 11,661,732	$ 164,966,225

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Net Change In Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		$ (3,250,788)
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 as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capitalized capital outlays exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.		
Depreciation expense	$ (10,900,181)	
Capital outlay	44,422,339	33,522,158
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.		
Property taxes:		
Unavailable @ 6/30/25	650,480	
Unavailable @ 6/30/24	(1,477,381)	(826,901)
Governmental funds do not report the cost of disposed capital assets but the cost is reported on the statement of activities.		(214,982)
The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of health insurance to individual funds are not reported in the government-wide statement of actitivities. Governmental fund expenditures and related internal service fund revenues are eliminated.		765,501
Other financing sources from lease financing are reported on the fund level operating statement but are reported as a liability on the government-wide financial statements.		(1,871,254)
Repayment of notes, bonds, subscriptions, and leases principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		13,167,918
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as landfill closure and post-closure care costs, accrued interest payable, and compensated absences do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Change in accrued interest payable	(354,720)	
Change in compensated absences payable	(282,246)	
Change in landfill closure and postclosure care costs	(45,463)	(682,429)
Change In Net Position of Governmental Activities		$ 40,609,223

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EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Property	$ 26,629,061	$ 26,629,061	$ 28,282,408	$ 1,653,347
Sales	12,061,322	12,183,254	12,849,872	666,618
Other	1,138,550	1,138,550	1,153,661	15,111
Licenses and permits	40,000	40,000	53,245	13,245
Intergovernmental	1,389,050	1,410,725	1,916,540	505,815
Charges for services	6,008,742	6,008,742	7,104,749	1,096,007
Fines and forfeitures	1,285,271	1,289,271	1,821,345	532,074
Contributions and donations	1,000	22,500	10,000	(12,500)
Investment earnings	800,000	800,000	1,460,912	660,912
Other	223,400	223,400	247,325	23,925
Total revenues	49,576,396	49,745,503	54,900,057	5,154,554
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government:				
Commissioners' office	680,878	725,878	725,465	413
Elections	698,595	698,595	629,954	68,641
Vehicle maintenance	420,200	505,200	503,536	1,664
Financial administration	904,147	981,647	978,678	2,969
Information technology	2,086,810	1,996,810	1,999,635	(2,825)
Tax commissioner	1,007,335	1,007,335	886,566	120,769
Tax assessor	1,305,131	1,317,641	1,306,824	10,817
Facilities maintenance	2,121,412	2,255,412	2,251,686	3,726
Human resources	624,778	805,778	805,048	730
County manager	1,103,285	2,679,285	2,680,141	(856)
Total general government	10,952,571	12,973,581	12,767,533	206,048
Judicial:				
Superior court clerk's office	977,239	977,239	932,932	44,307
Superior court	782,306	885,913	882,838	3,075
District attorney's office	637,510	638,010	637,860	150
State Court	368,256	368,256	310,740	57,516
Solicitor	465,107	465,107	433,354	31,753
Magistrate Court	702,948	702,948	647,889	55,059
Probate Court	599,601	599,601	530,534	69,067
Juvenile Court	410,751	461,951	461,879	72
Board of equalization	17,741	17,741	9,214	8,527
Total judicial	4,961,459	5,116,766	4,847,240	269,526
Public safety:				
Emergency management	467,512	501,512	491,393	10,119
Sheriff	11,169,659	13,634,784	13,742,502	(107,718)
School resource officers	1,256,914	1,374,914	1,380,491	(5,577)
Jail	5,020,109	4,595,109	4,594,557	552
Correctional institute	3,815,117	3,897,132	3,873,634	23,498
Inmate medical	775,792	1,078,792	1,078,572	220
Emergency medical services	5,721,690	5,621,690	5,586,313	35,377
Coroner	96,479	96,479	55,616	40,863
Animal control	314,379	314,379	290,293	24,086
Total public safety	28,637,651	31,114,791	31,093,371	21,420

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EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
EXPENDITURES (Continued)				
Public works:				
Roads - Cities	$ 213,000	$ 213,000	$ 197,475	$ 15,525
Health and welfare:				
Health Department	265,000	265,000	265,000	-
Department of Family and Children Services	75,200	75,600	75,517	83
Family connections	52,500	56,250	56,250	-
Senior citizens	469,747	527,247	476,518	50,729
Other community services	95,000	95,000	79,099	15,901
Total health and welfare	957,447	1,019,097	952,384	66,713
Culture and recreation:				
Library	848,878	899,930	899,930	-
Total culture and recreation	848,878	899,930	899,930	-
Housing and development:				
Extension service	350,521	270,521	277,600	(7,079)
Geographic information systems	388,816	388,816	300,914	87,902
Economic development	5,000	5,000	20,500	(15,500)
Forestry	14,400	14,400	10,800	3,600
Total housing and development	758,737	678,737	609,814	68,923
Debt service:				
Principal	1,691,709	1,691,709	1,442,080	249,629
Interest	-	-	346,712	(346,712)
Total debt service	1,691,709	1,691,709	1,788,792	(97,083)
Total expenditures	49,021,452	53,707,611	53,156,539	551,072
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	554,944	(3,962,108)	1,743,518	5,705,626
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Sale of capital assets	-	-	145,099	145,099
Lease financing	40,000	1,651,000	1,614,096	(36,904)
Subscription financing	-	-	-	-
Insurance recoveries	60,000	60,000	179,671	119,671
Transfers in	-	-	7,818,237	7,818,237
Transfers out	(2,705,657)	(125,657)	(139,000)	(13,343)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,605,657)	1,585,343	9,618,103	8,032,760
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ (2,050,713)	$ (2,376,765)	11,361,621	$ 13,738,386
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			34,282,010	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			$ 45,643,631	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 7,780,789	$ 8,277,789	$ 8,106,832	$ (170,957)
Charges for services	480,400	480,400	580,896	100,496
Investment earnings	100,000	232,000	296,251	64,251
Other	-	-	74	74
Total revenues	8,361,189	8,990,189	8,984,053	(6,136)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Roads	2,584,210	2,956,210	2,987,111	(30,901)
Culture and recreation	2,946,521	3,267,321	3,134,432	132,889
Capital outlay:				
Roads	803,000	803,000	858,426	(55,426)
Culture and recreation	87,760	177,760	228,232	(50,472)
Debt service:				
Principal	223,772	223,772	149,985	73,787
Interest	-	-	41,141	(41,141)
Total expenditures	6,645,263	7,428,063	7,399,327	28,736
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,715,926	1,562,126	1,584,726	22,600
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Sale of capital assets	-	-	27,660	27,660
Lease financing	220,000	310,000	54,962	(255,038)
Insurance recoveries	-	-	20,005	20,005
Transfers in	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	(1,000,000)
Transfers out	(493,628)	(493,628)	(207,000)	286,628
Total other financing sources (uses)	726,372	816,372	(104,373)	(920,745)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ 2,442,298	$ 2,378,498	1,480,353	$ (898,145)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			8,100,042	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			$ 9,580,395	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	$ 6,800,000	$ 7,900,000	$ 7,412,515	$ (487,485)
Investment earnings	-	-	353,120	353,120
Total revenues	6,800,000	7,900,000	7,765,635	(134,365)
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay:				
Public works	6,800,000	6,800,000	1,797	6,798,203
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	1,100,000	7,763,838	6,663,838
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers out	-	(1,100,000)	(7,818,237)	(6,718,237)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ -	$ -	(54,399)	$ (54,399)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			81,206	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			$ 26,807	

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EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
HOSPITAL INDIGENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Taxes	$ 5,661,729	$ 5,764,386	$ 102,657
Interest	20,000	157,815	137,815
Total revenues	5,681,729	5,922,201	240,472
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Health and welfare	3,600,000	3,568,838	31,162
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ 2,081,729	2,353,363	$ 271,634
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		3,167,198	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR		$ 5,520,561	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Water & Sewer Operating	Sanitation	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities Internal Service Self-Insurance
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,835,880	$ 241,112	$ 5,575	$ 3,082,567	$ 1,660,303
Investments	5,382,044	10,907	-	5,392,951	-
Receivables:					
Accounts	871,028	1,905,540	-	2,776,568	53
Interfund	-	55,052	-	55,052	300,775
Inventory	120,250	-	-	120,250	-
Prepaid items	1,280	-	-	1,280	-
Total Current Assets	9,210,482	2,212,611	5,575	11,428,668	1,961,131
Capital Assets					
Land	1,643,620	-	-	1,643,620	-
Easements	152,358	-	-	152,358	-
Construction in progress	23,078,876	53,798	388,733	23,521,407	-
Leased assets	71,791	-	-	71,791	-
Systems and equipment	51,075,884	312,563	152,125	51,540,572	-
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(20,953,448)	(141,165)	(87,800)	(21,182,413)	-
Total Capital Assets	55,069,081	225,196	453,058	55,747,335	-
Total Assets	64,279,563	2,437,807	458,633	67,176,003	1,961,131
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable	896,579	504,808	18,952	1,420,339	448,693
Compensated absences payable	-	1,293	-	1,293	-
Accrued interest payable	40,212	-	-	40,212	-
Customer deposits	423,470	-	-	423,470	-
Unearned revenue	1,383,021	-	-	1,383,021	-
Leases payable	14,569	-	-	14,569	-
Bonds payable	1,505,000	-	-	1,505,000	-
Total Current Liabilities	4,262,851	506,101	18,952	4,787,904	448,693
Long-Term Liabilities					
Compensated absences payable (net of current portion)	-	862	-	862	-
Leases payable (net of current portion)	25,963	-	-	25,963	-
Bonds payable (net of current portion)	16,685,000	-	-	16,685,000	-
Total Long-Term Liabilities	16,710,963	862	-	16,711,825	-
Total Liabilities	20,973,814	506,963	18,952	21,499,729	448,693
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	36,851,079	225,196	453,058	37,529,333	-
Unrestricted	6,454,670	1,705,648	(13,377)	8,146,941	1,512,438
Total Net Position	$ 43,305,749	$ 1,930,844	$ 439,681	$ 45,676,274	$ 1,512,438

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EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Water & Sewer Operating	Sanitation	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities Internal Service Self-Insurance
OPERATING REVENUES					
Charges for services	$ 5,904,837	$ 5,374,887	$ 741	$ 11,280,465	$ 9,812,153
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries and employee benefits	-	112,572	-	112,572	-
Purchased services	4,891,684	7,274,409	245,224	12,411,317	7,973,377
Materials and supplies	1,000,302	1,340	16,081	1,017,723	-
Depreciation	1,273,660	6,176	10,142	1,289,978	-
Claims	-	-	-	-	1,073,275
Total operating expenses	7,165,646	7,394,497	271,447	14,831,590	9,046,652
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(1,260,809)	(2,019,610)	(270,706)	(3,551,125)	765,501
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Intergovernmental revenue	-	2,075,146	-	2,075,146	-
Investment earnings	225,082	9,453	3	234,538	-
Interest expense	(548,638)	-	-	(548,638)	-
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	(323,556)	2,084,599	3	1,761,046	-
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	(1,584,365)	64,989	(270,703)	(1,790,079)	765,501
Capital contributions, capital grants, and cost recovery fees	4,003,651	-	-	4,003,651	-
Transfers in	12,927,422	-	176,000	13,103,422	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	15,346,708	64,989	(94,703)	15,316,994	765,501
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	27,959,041	1,865,855	534,384	30,359,280	746,937
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	$ 43,305,749	$ 1,930,844	$ 439,681	$ 45,676,274	$ 1,512,438

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Water & Sewer Operating	Sanitation	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities Internal Service Self-Insurance
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received from customers	$ 5,552,567	$ 3,469,372	$ 741	$ 9,022,680	-
Cash received from internal charges	-	-	-	-	$ 10,360,553
Cash payments to employees for services	-	(111,870)	-	(111,870)	-
Cash payments for goods and services	(6,094,486)	(7,196,678)	(265,051)	(13,556,215)	(9,353,297)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(541,919)	(3,839,176)	(264,310)	(4,645,405)	1,007,256
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Advances from (to) other funds	(102)	19,865	-	19,763	(300,870)
Interfund transfers	-	-	176,000	176,000	-
Operating grants received	-	2,075,146	-	2,075,146	-
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	(102)	2,095,011	176,000	2,270,909	(300,870)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Capital grants received	1,166,020	-	-	1,166,020	-
Principal paid on bonds payable	(1,465,000)	-	-	(1,465,000)	-
Interest paid on bonds payable	(548,483)	-	-	(548,483)	-
Principal paid on leases payable	(13,582)	-	-	(13,582)	-
Interest paid on leases payable	(3,393)	-	-	(3,393)	-
Capital contributions/Cost recovery fees	3,862,183	-	-	3,862,183	-
Purchase of capital assets	(13,431,835)	2	-	(13,431,833)	-
Transfers for capital projects	12,927,422	-	-	12,927,422	-
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	2,493,332	2	-	2,493,334	-
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	620,547	-	620,547	-
Purchase of investments	(4,370,263)	-	-	(4,370,263)	-
Investment earnings	225,082	9,453	3	234,538	-
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(4,145,181)	630,000	3	(3,515,178)	-
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,193,870)	(1,114,163)	(88,307)	(3,396,340)	706,386
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JULY 1, 2024	5,029,750	1,355,277	93,882	6,478,909	953,917
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JUNE 30, 2025	$ 2,835,880	$ 241,114	$ 5,575	$ 3,082,569	$ 1,660,303
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Operating income (loss)	$ (1,260,809)	$ (2,019,610)	$ (270,706)	$ (3,551,125)	$ 765,501
Adjustments:					
Depreciation	1,273,660	6,176	10,142	1,289,978	-
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:					
Accounts receivable	(372,790)	(1,905,515)	-	(2,278,305)	548,400
Inventory	(104,187)	-	-	(104,187)	-
Prepaid items	(85)	-	-	(85)	105,733
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:					
Accounts payable	(98,228)	79,071	(3,746)	(22,903)	(412,378)
Customer deposits	20,520	-	-	20,520	-
Compensated absences payable	-	702	-	702	-
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	$ (541,919)	$ (3,839,176)	$ (264,310)	$ (4,645,405)	$ 1,007,256

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

ASSETS		
Cash	$	3,374,595
TOTAL ASSETS	$	3,374,595
LIABILITIES		
Due to other governments	$	1,678,231
Due to other entities and individuals		9,575
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,687,806
NET POSITION		
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments		1,686,789
TOTAL NET POSITION	$	1,686,789

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

ADDITIONS		
Tax collections for other governments	$	98,149,072
Fees, fines, and forfeitures		1,681,031
Court judgements/assessments		279,281
Deposits from inmates		284,266
Tax sale proceeds		2,132,189
Interest		7,632
Total additions		102,533,471
DEDUCTIONS		
Payments to other governments		98,425,373
Payments to other entities and individuals		4,527,698
Total deductions		102,953,071
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position		(419,600)
NET POSITION - JULY 1, 2024		2,106,389
NET POSITION - JUNE 30, 2025	$	1,686,789

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Effingham County, Georgia (the "County") operates under a five-member board of commissioners and a chairman-at-large form of government.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the County have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) as applied to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The County also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental and business-type activities at the government-wide financial reporting level and to its enterprise funds at the fund reporting level, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

The most significant of the County's accounting policies are described below.

1-A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the County consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the County.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the County is financially accountable. The County is financially accountable for an organization if the County appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the County is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organizations; or (2) the County is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the County is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the County is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units also may include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the County in that the County approves the budget, levies their taxes or issues their debt.

The component unit columns included on the government-wide financial statements identify the financial data of the County's discretely presented component units. They are reported separately to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County.

A brief description of the County's discretely presented component units follows:

Effingham County Board of Health – The Effingham County Board of Health is included as a discretely presented component unit. Copies of the discretely presented component unit's separate financial statements may be obtained directly from their administrative office at:

Effingham County Board of Health
P.O. Box 350
Springfield, Georgia 31329

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Effingham County Hospital Authority –Financial information for this component unit was unavailable and therefore is not in the government-wide financial statements.

The Effingham County Board of Education, Department of Family and Children Services, and Effingham County Industrial Development Authority have all been evaluated as potential component units and none meet the component unit criteria.

1-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 the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the County as a whole. The primary government and the component units are presented separately within these financial statements with the focus on the primary government. Fiduciary activities are not included at the government-wide reporting level. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities, generally supported by taxes, grants and the County's general revenues, from business-type activities, generally financed in whole or part with service charges to external customers.

The statement of net position presents the financial position of the governmental and business-type activities of the County and its discretely presented component unit.

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 particular 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 connected with 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 assets. 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*.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 funds are reported in separate columns with composite columns for non-major funds. 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 three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds – Government 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 purposes 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:

The General Fund – The general fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. 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 the State of Georgia.

The Special Tax District Fund – This fund accounts for financial resources to be used for a special service tax district which is composed of the unincorporated areas of the County as agreed to in an intergovernmental agreement with the municipalities of the County.

American Rescue Plan Act Fund – This fund is used to account for all Local Fiscal Recovery funds received by the County through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Hospital Indigent Fund – This fund accounts for financial resources to be used for the provision of medical or other care and hospitalization of the indigent sick and poor within the County, in accordance with an intergovernmental agreement between the County and the Effingham County Hospital Authority.

2017 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund – This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major governmental capital projects.

2021 TSPLOST Capital Projects Fund – This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of capital projects for transportation purposes.

2023 TSPLOST Capital Projects Fund – This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of capital projects for transportation purposes.

2021 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund – This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major governmental capital projects.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Proprietary Funds - Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. The proprietary funds are classified as enterprise funds. The following are the County's major enterprise funds:

Water and Sewer Fund – This fund is used to account for the construction of facilities and operation of activities involved in providing water and sewer services to County residents.

Sanitation Fund – This fund is used to account for the construction of facilities and operation of activities involved in providing sanitation services to County residents.

Fiduciary Funds – The Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the County in a trustee capacity or as an agent for others. The agency funds report the collections and disbursements of the various constitutional officers.

1-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.

Fund Financial Statements – All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. 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 a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the governmental fund statements.

The proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statements of net position. The statements of changes in net position present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the County finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

1-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, the governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting and fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary funds use the accrual basis of accounting at both reporting

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

levels. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflows/outflows, 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 60 days of year-end.

Revenue – 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. 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.

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

On both the governmental fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements, revenues are reported as unearned for grants and entitlements received before eligibility requirements are met (e.g., cash advances).

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.

1-E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

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 acquired by the County.

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

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

- Obligations of the State of Georgia or of any other states
- Obligations of the United States Government
- Obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States Government or United States Government agency
- Obligations of any corporation of the United States Government
- Prime bankers' acceptances
- The State of Georgia local government investment pool (i.e., Georgia Fund I)
- Repurchase agreements
- Obligations of the other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia

Receivables

All trade and property tax receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectibles, where applicable. Unbilled water and sewer charges are accrued as receivables and revenue at June 30, 2025.

Interfund Balances

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/interfund payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns on the statement of net position, except for any net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are reclassified and presented as internal balances on this statement. These amounts are ultimately eliminated from the total column on the statement of net position.

Consumable Inventories

Inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used (i.e., the consumption method).

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2025, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording an asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which services are consumed. At the fund reporting level, an equal amount of fund balance is reported as nonspendable as this amount is not available for general appropriation.

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 County fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by proprietary funds are reported both in

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in proprietary funds' statement of net position.

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. The County maintains a capitalization threshold of ten thousand dollars. The County's infrastructure consists of roads, bridges, water lines, and sewer lines. Improvements 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 an asset's life are expensed.

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land, right-of-ways and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the County's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Buildings and improvements	7-40 years
Machinery and equipment	5-10 years
Infrastructure	10-50 years
Intangible right-to-use leased assets	3-15 years

Compensated Absences

Vacation and leave benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means.

The total compensated absences liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. Proprietary funds report the total compensated absences liability in each individual fund at the fund reporting level. Governmental funds report the compensated absences liability at the fund reporting level only "*when due."*

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 fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of these funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are "due for payment" during the current year. Notes and leases payable are recognized as a liability in the governmental fund financial statements when due.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Debt Premiums, Discounts, and Issuance Costs

On the government-wide statement of net position and the proprietary fund type statements of net position, debt premiums and discounts are netted against the debt payable. On the government-wide and proprietary fund type statement of activities, debt premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the debt using the effective interest method and debt issuance costs are expensed in the current period.

At the governmental fund reporting level, debt premiums and discounts are reported as other financing sources and uses, separately from the face amount of the debt issued. Debt issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial 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 does not have any deferred outflows of resources at June 30, 2025. It does have a component unit that has deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and other post-employment benefits on the statement of net position.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has an item which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable revenue*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available. The County reports deferred amounts related to leases in the governmental funds balance sheet and the statement of net position. The County has a component unit that has deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and other post-employment benefits on the statement of net position.

Fund Equity

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

Fund Balance – Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

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

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Restricted – Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed – Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Commissioners through the adoption of a resolution. Only the Board of Commissioners also may modify or rescind the commitment.

Assigned – Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the Board of Commissioners' intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Through resolution, the Board of Commissioners can delegate authority to assign fund balances.

Unassigned – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The County reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

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

- Committed
- Assigned
- Unassigned

Net Position – Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

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

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the County, these revenues are charges for services for the water, sewer, and sanitation programs. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or service that are the primary activity of each fund and include administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital in enterprise fund financial statements arise from outside contributions of capital assets, tap in fees to the extent they exceed the cost of the connection to the system, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction.

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 after the nonoperating revenues/expenses section in proprietary funds. Repayment 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. Transfers between governmental and business-type activities are eliminated from the total column.

Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

The County adopts an annual operating budget for the general fund, each special revenue fund and capital projects fund. The budget resolution reflects the total of each department's appropriation in each fund.

All budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP.

The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) for each adopted annual operating budget generally is the category within each department of each individual fund. The County Administrator may approve budget transfers within department categories. Any change in total to a fund or department category appropriation within a fund requires approval of the Board of Commissioners.

During the year, the Board of Commissioners approved budget revisions.

All unexpended annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

Expenditures exceeded appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2025 in the following department for the general fund:

	General Fund
Information technology	$ 2,825
Human resources	1,222
County manager	856
Sheriff	107,718
School resource officers	5,577
Extension service	7,079
Economic development	15,500
Debt service - interest	346,712

The overexpenditure in these areas were funded by underexpenditures in other areas.

Expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following special revenue funds and these overexpenditures were funded by additional revenues over amounts budgeted.

	Overexpenditure
Sheriff	$ 406,774
Fire	288,073

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2025, the County has the following investments:

Investments	Maturities	Fair Value	Credit Rating
Primary Government:			
Georgia Fund 1	Average of 51 days WAM	$ 110,618,161	AAAf/S1

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

Credit Risk – State statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the State of Georgia or other states; obligations issued by the U.S. government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. government; prime banker's acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits – Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the County 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. State statutes require all deposits (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities.

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments – Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the County will not be able to recover the value of the investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statues require all investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities.

At June 30, 2025, the carrying amount of the County's deposits was $73,657,152 and the bank balance was $77,795,161. The entire bank balance was insured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the County's name.

Discretely Presented Component Units

The carrying amount of deposits for the Effingham County Board of Health was $3,907,445 and the bank balance was $3,907,854. As of June 30, 2025, the Board of Health did not have any balances exposed to custodial credit risk.

As of June 30, 2025, the bank deposits in the name of the Hospital Authority are entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's designated trustee in the Authority's name There are deposits in the name of Effingham Hospital, Inc. that exceed the $250,000 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limit. These deposits are at major financial institutions and management believes the custodial credit risks related to these deposits is minimal.

NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2025, consisted of taxes, interest, accounts (billings for user charges, including unbilled utility receivables), and intergovernmental receivables arising from grants.

Receivables are recorded on the County's financial statements to the extent that the amounts are determined to be material and substantiated not only by supporting documentation, but also by a reasonable, systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation, and collectibility.

NOTE 5 – PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Property taxes are billed on or about September 15th of each year and are payable within sixty days. The County bills and collects its own property taxes and also collects taxes for the Effingham County Board of Education, the Effingham County Hospital Authority, the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority, the State of Georgia and cities within the County. Collection of the County's taxes and for the other government agencies is the responsibility of the Tax Commissioner's Office, which is accounted for in an Agency Fund. County property tax revenues at the fund reporting level are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables (i.e., collectible in 60 days). For the year ended June 30, 2025, property taxes were levied on August 20, 2024, and were due November 20, 2024.

NOTE 6 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2025 is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Sheriff	$ 2,591
	Fire Taxing District	6,422
	2023 TSPLOST	147,089
	Inspections & Zoning	300
	Prison Commissary	7,846
2017 SPLOST	General Fund	362
2021 SPLOST	General Fund	1,559,930
Special Tax District	General Fund	37,025
Fire Taxing District	Inspections & Zoning	817
	General Fund	53,556
Self-Insurance	General Fund	300,775
Sanitation	General Fund	55,052
Total		$ 2,171,765

Interfund balances at June 30, 2025 represent reimbursable expenses and temporary loans. The County expects to repay all interfund balances within one year.

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2025, consisted of the following:

	Transfers From:								
Transfers To:	General Fund	2017 SPLOST	2021 SPLOST	Special Tax District	State Condemnation	2021 TSPLOST	2023 TSPLOST	American Rescue Plan Act	Total
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$ 7,818,237	$ 7,818,237
Senior Citizens Activity	-	-	-	$ 170,000	-	-	-	-	170,000
Sheriff Special Funds	-	-	-	-	$ 30,476	-	-	-	30,476
2021 SPLOST	-	$ 352,329	-	-	-	-	-	-	352,329
Debt Service	-	-	$ 2,666,485	-	-	$ 7,213,320	$ 2,491,667	-	12,371,472
Water and Sewer Operating	-	549,055	12,378,367	-	-	-	-	-	12,927,422
Landfill	$ 139,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	139,000
Stormwater	-	-	-	37,000	-	-	-	-	37,000
Total	$ 139,000	$ 901,384	$ 15,044,852	$ 207,000	$ 30,476	$ 7,213,320	$ 2,491,667	$ 7,818,237	$ 33,845,936

Transfers to various funds from the Special Tax District Fund were to fund operations. Transfers from the American Rescue Plan Act to the General Fund were to cover lost revenues due to the COVID pandemic. Transfers from the SPLOST funds to the Water and Sewer Operating enterprise funds were for constructions costs. Transfers from the State Condemnation to the Sheriff Special Funds were to fund various items needed by the Sheriff's department. Transfers from the 2021 TSPLOST fund, 2023 TSPLOST fund, and 2021 SPLOST fund to the SPLOST Debt Service fund were to fund debt service payments.

NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/2024	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/2025
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 8,477,437	-	-	$ 8,477,437
Easements	964,330	-	-	964,330
Construction in progress	46,245,304	$ 32,259,801	-	78,505,105
Total capital assets not being depreciated	55,687,071	32,259,801	-	87,946,872
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	75,944,634	3,576,351	-	79,520,985
Machinery and equipment	44,173,086	4,089,719	$ 618,819	47,643,986
Right-to-use leased equipment	8,534,661	1,871,254	158,734	10,247,181
Subscription-based IT arrangements	211,423	-	-	211,423
Infrastructure	153,305,623	2,625,214	-	155,930,837
Total capital assets being depreciated	282,169,427	12,162,538	777,553	293,554,412
Total capital assets	337,856,498	44,422,339	777,553	381,501,284
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	38,999,182	2,589,905	-	41,589,087
Machinery and equipment	31,776,036	2,739,799	547,119	33,968,716
Right-to-use leased equipment	2,234,757	1,783,150	15,452	4,002,455
Subscription-based IT arrangements	70,574	68,512	-	139,086
Infrastructure	109,773,917	3,718,815	-	113,492,732
Total accumulated depreciation	182,854,466	10,900,181	562,571	193,192,076
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 155,002,032	$ 33,522,158	$ 214,982	$ 188,309,208

Governmental activities depreciation expense:

General government	$ 1,087,017
Judicial	130,224
Public safety	4,503,787
Public works	4,156,518
Health and welfare	7,259
Culture and Recreation	815,154
Housing and development	200,222
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	$ 10,900,181

NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 for the County's enterprise funds was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/2024	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/2025
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 1,643,620	-	$ -	$ 1,643,620
Easements	152,358	-	-	152,358
Construction in progress	10,250,005	$ 13,271,402	-	23,521,407
Total capital assets not being depreciated	12,045,983	13,271,402	-	25,317,385
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	16,850,412	-	-	16,850,412
Machinery and equipment	3,573,324	147,183	-	3,720,507
Right-to-use leased equipment	71,791	-	-	71,791
Infrastructure	30,956,403	13,250	-	30,969,653
Total capital assets being depreciated	51,451,930	160,433	-	51,612,363
Total capital assets	63,497,913	13,431,835	-	76,929,748
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	7,559,704	419,994	-	7,979,698
Equipment	2,597,692	110,609	-	2,708,301
Right-to-use leased equipment	19,728	14,358	-	34,086
Infrastructure	9,715,311	745,017	-	10,460,328
Total accumulated depreciation	19,892,435	1,289,978	-	21,182,413
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 43,605,478	$ 12,141,857	$ -	$ 55,747,335

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 for the Effingham County Board of Health was as follows:

	Balance 7/1/2024	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/2025
Component Unit:				
Machinery and equipment	$ 131,210	$ 26,481	-	$ 157,691
Less accumulated depreciation	(119,131)	-	$ (7,562)	(126,693)
Component unit capital assets, net	$ 12,079	$ 26,481	$ (7,562)	$ 30,998

NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

	Balance 7/1/2024	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/2025
Component Unit:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 3,260,719	-	-	$ 3,260,719
Construction in progress	784,695	$ 635,892	-	1,420,587
Total capital assets not being depreciated	4,045,414	635,892	-	4,681,306
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	33,408,977	-	-	33,408,977
Machinery and equipment	34,368,204	447,383	-	34,815,587
Subscription IT assets	13,307,641	51,098	-	13,358,739
Leased equipment	6,227,682	866,583	#########	5,738,939
Total capital assets being depreciated	87,312,504	1,365,064	1,355,326	87,322,242
Total capital assets	91,357,918	2,000,956	1,355,326	92,003,548
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	19,086,812	1,187,476	-	20,274,288
Machinery and equipment	26,351,934	1,642,293	-	27,994,227
Subscription IT assets	2,000,241	1,050,595	47,069	3,003,767
Leased equipment	3,291,537	896,528	1,833,322	2,354,743
Total accumulated depreciation	50,730,524	4,776,892	1,880,391	53,627,025
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 40,627,394	$(2,775,936)	$ (525,065)	$ 38,376,523

NOTE 8 – LEASES

County as Lessee

The County, as a lessee, has entered into lease agreements for financing vehicles and copiers. The total of the County's leased assets is recorded at $10,318,972, less accumulated amortization of $4,036,541.

The future lease payments under lease agreements are as follows:

	Leases - Governmental Activities			Leases - Business-type Activities		
Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 2,079,148	$ 411,144	$ 2,490,292	$ 14,569	$ 2,407	$ 16,976
2027	1,989,860	268,118	2,257,978	15,628	1,348	16,976
2028	1,448,040	143,545	1,591,585	10,335	336	10,671
2029	918,745	46,467	965,212	-	-	-
2030	279,950	7,070	287,020	-	-	-
Total	$ 6,715,743	$ 876,344	$ 7,592,087	$ 40,532	$ 4,091	$ 44,623

County as Lessor

The County, as a lessor, has entered into lease agreements involving land and building space. The total amount of inflows of resources, including lease revenue, interest revenue, and other lease-related inflows, recognized during the fiscal year was $141,285.

The future principal and interest payments expected to maturity are as follows:

	Governmental Activities		
Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 81,396	$ 15,012	$ 96,408
2027	28,993	13,511	42,504
2028	30,670	12,681	43,351
2029	10,871	12,051	22,922
2030	12,169	11,669	23,838
2031-2035	83,354	50,926	134,280
2036-2040	130,163	33,208	163,371
2041-4044	106,866	7,689	114,555
Total	$ 484,482	$ 156,747	$ 641,229

NOTE 9 – BONDS PAYABLE

In July, 2017, the County issued Effingham County Industrial Development Authority Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bond Series 2017 in the amount of $28,935,000 to provide funds to refinance all outstanding long term debt related to the County's water and sewer system and to fund additional water and sewer construction projects deemed necessary by the County. The Bond will mature on June 1, 2036, and will be payable in annual principal amounts ranging from $1,095,000 to $1,930,000. Interest will be paid semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year and will accrue at 2.79% for the first 15 years the bond is outstanding and at a variable rate equal to 70% of the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate, but not to exceed 12% per year after June 1, 2033.

In January, 2020, the County issued Effingham County Industrial Development Authority Revenue Bond Series 2020 in the amount of $5,000,000 to provide funds to construct a new 27,000 square foot gymnasium building and associated site work. The Bond will mature on June 1, 2034, and will be payable in annual principal amounts ranging from $288,000 to $380,000. Interest will be paid semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year and will accrue at 2.16%.

In April, 2021, the County issued General Obligation Transportation Sales Tax Bond Series 2021 in the amount of $35,000,000 to provide funds for certain transportation projects. The bond will mature on June 1, 2026, and will be payable in annual principal amounts ranging from $6,770,000 to $7,190,000. Interest will be paid semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year and will accrue at .793%.

In June, 2022, the County issued General Obligation Sales Tax Bond Series 2022 in the amount of $14,679,000 to provide funds for certain county-wide capital outlay projects. The bond will mature on June 1, 2028, and will be payable in annual principal amounts ranging from $2,308,000 to $2,600,000. Interest will be paid semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year and will accrue at 2.55%.

In April, 2024, the County issued General Obligation Transportation Sales Tax Bonds Series 2024 in the amount of $60,000,000 to provide funds for certain transportation projects. The bond will mature on August 15, 2029, and will be payable in annual principal amounts ranging from $10,450,000 to $13,320,000. Interest will be paid semi-annually on February 15 and August 15 of each year and will accrue at a range of 2.70% to 3.33%.

As of June 30, 2025, annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year ending	Governmental Activities			Business-type Activities		
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 20,433,000	$ 3,057,703	$ 23,490,703	$ 1,505,000	$ 507,501	$ 2,012,501
2027	14,347,000	2,382,338	16,729,338	1,550,000	465,512	2,015,512
2028	15,004,000	1,721,757	16,725,757	1,590,000	422,267	2,012,267
2029	13,017,000	1,029,617	14,046,617	1,635,000	377,906	2,012,906
2030	13,669,000	72,355	13,741,355	1,680,000	332,289	2,012,289
2031-2035	1,473,000	80,374	1,553,374	9,135,000	931,302	10,066,302
2036	-	-	-	1,095,000	30,551	1,125,551
	$ 77,943,000	$ 8,344,144	$ 86,287,144	$ 18,190,000	$ 3,067,328	$ 21,257,328

NOTE 10 – SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS

The County has entered into subscription arrangements for the use of various software programs that are needed in operations. For each arrangement, an initial liability was recorded, and the County is required to make fixed monthly payments toward that liability throughout the term of the agreement. The value of subscription-based information technology arrangement assets are also recorded on the books and amortized over the term of the agreement.

The future payments under subscription-based information technology arrangements are as follows:

	Governmental Activities		
Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 65,548	$ 2,052	$ 67,600

NOTE 11 – CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

Governmental Activities	Balance June 30, 2024	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2025	Amounts Due In One Year
Bonds payable	$ 87,768,000	$ -	$ 9,825,000	$ 77,943,000	$ 20,433,000
Unamortized premium	4,159,793	-	962,433	3,197,360	-
Total bonds payable	91,927,793	-	10,787,433	81,140,360	20,433,000
Notes payable	351,963	-	351,963	-	-
Leases payable	6,618,869	1,871,254	1,960,520	6,529,603	2,079,148
Subscriptions payable	133,550	-	68,002	65,548	65,548
Compensated absences payable	1,589,994	282,246	-	1,872,240	1,123,344
Landfill post-closure care costs	1,894,311	45,463	-	1,939,774	110,000
Total Governmental Activities	$ 102,516,480	$ 2,198,963	$ 13,167,918	$ 91,547,525	$ 23,811,040
Business-Type Activities					
Compensated absences payable	$ 1,453	$ 702	-	$ 2,155	$ 1,293
Leases payable	54,114	-	$ 13,582	40,532	14,569
Bonds payable	19,655,000	-	1,465,000	18,190,000	1,505,000
Total Business-Type Activities	$ 19,710,567	$ 702	$ 1,478,582	$ 18,232,687	$ 1,520,862
Board of Health					
Compensated absences payable	$ 63,195	$ -	$ 10,956	$ 52,239	$ 10,648
Hospital Authority					
Bond payable	$ 27,121,000	-	$ 1,691,000	$ 25,430,000	$ 1,748,000
Subscriptions payable	10,429,146	$ 94,294	997,988	9,525,452	1,002,552
Leases payable	3,081,084	1,348,452	820,426	3,609,110	827,451
Notes payable	1,250,023	-	218,483	1,031,540	218,480
Financed equipment	589,778	-	322,818	266,960	219,167
Total Hospital Authority	$ 42,471,031	$ 1,442,746	$ 4,050,715	$ 39,863,062	$ 4,015,650

The compensated absences liability will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid which is primarily the General Fund for governmental activities and the Sanitation Fund for the business-type activities. Bonds payable will be paid from the Water and Sewer Fund for the business-type activities and from the 2021 SPLOST fund, TSPLOST fund, and 2023 TSPLOST fund for the governmental activities. Leases payable will be paid from the General Fund, E-911 fund, Special Tax District fund, Fire fund, and Inspections and Zoning fund for the governmental activities and from the Water and Sewer fund for the business-type activities.

NOTE 12 – LANDFILL POST-CLOSURE CARE COSTS

The landfill has been closed for several years and received a closure certificate dated October 11, 2017 from the Environmental Protection Division. A liability is being recognized based on the estimated future post-closure care costs that are expected to be incurred for thirty years after closure. The estimated total current cost of the landfill post-closure of $1,939,774 is based on the present value of the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services necessary to maintain and monitor the closed landfill were acquired as of June 30, 2025. However, the actual cost may be higher due to inflation, unexpected mitigation requirements, changes in technology, or changes in laws and regulations.

Under the agreement with federal and state authorities, the County, in order to assure that adequate resources are available to finance the landfill post-closure costs, designates a portion of fund balance annually in an amount equal to the provision for the landfill post-closure care costs. However, unanticipated future inflation costs and additional costs that might arise from changes in the post-closure requirements due to changes in technology and regulatory standards may have to be covered by increased landfill user fees, additional taxes, or both.

NOTE 13 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

Defined Contribution Plan

The County has adopted a prototype 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Employees of Effingham County (the 401(a) Plan) and a prototype 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for Effingham County (the 457 Plan) administered by the Board of Commissioners through GEBCORP. The County has the authority to establish the Plans or amend the adoption agreement which defines the specific provisions of the plan as provided in the prototype document. The Plan covers substantially all employees who meet the minimum years of service requirement. The County contributes 3% of employee's compensation and additionally matches up to 3% of employee's contributions. The total cost for the 401(a) Plan and the 457 Plan for the year ended June 30, 2025 was $2,150,653. Total employee contributions to the plans for the year ended June 30, 2025 was $1,803,626.

Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia

The Probate Judge is covered under a pension plan which requires that certain sums from marriage licenses be remitted to the state sponsored pension plan.

Clerk of Superior Court Retirement Fund

The Clerk of Superior Court is covered under a pension plan which requires that certain sums from fees and fines or bond forfeitures be remitted to the state sponsored pension plan.

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

The Sheriff and sheriff deputies are covered under separate pension plans which require that certain sums from fines or bond forfeitures be remitted by the Magistrate Court and Clerk of Superior Court to the state sponsored pension plans.

NOTE 13 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia

The Magistrate Judge is covered under a pension plan which requires that certain sums from fees and fines or bond forfeitures be remitted to the state sponsored pension plan.

Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund

Full-time fire department employees who are certified or are candidates for certification by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council are eligible to be covered by this pension plan, which is funded primarily by a one percent tax on premiums for fire insurance and monthly dues collected from active members.

Georgia Judicial Retirement System

This system provides retirement benefits for Superior Court Judges, District Attorneys, State Court Judges, Solicitors-General of the State Courts, and Juvenile Court Judges.

Employee's Retirement System of Georgia

Effingham County tax officials are covered under this retirement plan.

In the government-wide statement of activities, the County recognized $387,108 in revenue as support provided by nonemployer contributing entities. The amount was also recognized as expense in the appropriate functional expense category.

Effingham County Board of Health

The employees of the Effingham County Board of Health participate in the Georgia State Employees Retirement System (ERS). The plan is administered by the State of Georgia. ERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ers.ga.gov.

The retirement contributions for the year ended June 30, 2025 were $172,604. Contributions are fully vested to employees after 10 years of continuous service.

At June 30, 2025, the Board of Health reported $731,507 as a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Board of Health recognized pension benefit of $15,335.

NOTE 14 – 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. The County has joined together with other counties in the state as part of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Interlocal Risk Management Agency Property and Liability Insurance Fund and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Group Self-Insurance Workers Compensation Fund, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management insurance program for member local governments.

NOTE 14 – RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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

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

Settled claims in the past three years have not exceeded the coverages.

NOTE 15 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the County attorney, the resolution of these matters probably will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

Hospital Authority – The County entered into a contract with the Effingham County Hospital Authority dated October 19, 2010 whereby the Hospital Authority will provide indigent care to Effingham County citizens. In return, the County will provide the Hospital Authority $3,600,000 per year or approximately $300,000 per month. This payment will be financed by the County by a levy of annual tax on all taxable property located within the boundaries of the County at such rates to provide the funding, not to exceed two mills (but not less than the millage necessary, up to the applicable maximum mil limit prescribed by the Georgia Hospital Authorities law). In the event this rate does not generate adequate funding, the County must fund the deficit from other sources. The agreement prescribes the Hospital to have a first priority lien on any and all revenues realized by the County under and pursuant to the annual tax levied.

NOTE 16 – JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the coastal Georgia area, is a member of the Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia (RC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its year ended June 30, 2025, the County paid $63,496 in such dues. Membership in an RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-33 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 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from:

Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia
118 Coastal Drive SW
Darien, Georgia 31305

NOTE 17 – HOTEL/MOTEL LODGING TAX

The county has levied a five percent lodging tax. A summary of the transactions for the year ended June 30, 2025 follows:

		Percentage of tax receipts
Lodging tax receipts	$ 60,160	
Disbursements to the:		
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce	(48,127)	80%
County for future projects	(12,033)	20%
Total	$ -	

All expenditures were for promotion of tourism as required by O.C.G.A. 48-13-41.

NOTE 18 – TAX ABATEMENTS

The Effingham County Industrial Development Authority (the "Authority") can enter into agreements for industrial projects to encourage the creation of jobs and new capital investment through an "Investment Assistance Program." Georgia case law and statutory provisions, including the Development Authorities Law (Title 36 Chapter 62 of the Georgia Code Annotated), provide the Authority with the power to enter into such agreements with companies.

The Authority may accept title to real property (land and building) and personal property (machinery and equipment) assets from a company in return for job creation and/or capital investment and provide a tax benefit to the company through a lease agreement with the Authority. Agreements with respect to taxation of such assets under the lease provide the terms and conditions of any tax abatement. In general, failure to create jobs and/or investments as set forth in the agreements would result in a reduction (or claw back) of any tax abatements.

The Authority monitors compliance with performance and accountability agreements to ensure the companies meet their commitments.

For Effingham County's fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the cumulative property tax not collected by Effingham County due to incentive agreements was $2,438,204. Payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of $1,132,817 were received in the Special Tax District Fund related to these agreements.

NOTE 19 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 2, 2026, the date that the financial statements were available to issue.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,554,099	$ 2,956,792	$ 5,510,891
Investments	-	9,401,892	9,401,892
Receivables:			
Accounts	-	22,555	22,555
Intergovernmental	-	149,339	149,339
Interfund	-	54,373	54,373
Prepaid items	-	102,657	102,657
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,554,099	$ 12,687,608	$ 15,241,707
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	$ 2,538,742	$ 779,196	$ 3,317,938
Accrued liabilities	-	232,676	232,676
Interfund payable	-	17,976	17,976
Performance bonds	-	11,385	11,385
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,538,742	1,041,233	3,579,975
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable			
Prepaid items	-	102,657	102,657
Restricted			
Public safety	-	9,351,255	9,351,255
Public works, public safety, and recreation	-	22,145	22,145
Housing and development	-	2,108,970	2,108,970
Judicial	-	64,917	64,917
Debt service	15,357	-	15,357
Unassigned	-	(3,569)	(3,569)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	15,357	11,646,375	11,661,732
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 2,554,099	$ 12,687,608	$ 15,241,707

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes	-	$ 4,326,410	$ 4,326,410
Licenses and permits	-	2,011,843	2,011,843
Charges for services	-	9,340,750	9,340,750
Fines and forfeitures	-	460,930	460,930
Investment earnings	$ 8,003	312,896	320,899
Contributions	-	11,379	11,379
Other	-	61,973	61,973
Total revenues	8,003	16,526,181	16,534,184
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Public safety	-	10,588,564	10,588,564
Health and welfare	-	187,553	187,553
Housing and development	-	1,653,319	1,653,319
Capital outlay:			
Public safety	-	2,052,689	2,052,689
Housing and development	-	177,460	177,460
Debt service:			
Principal	10,702,113	206,954	10,909,067
Interest	1,669,358	60,405	1,729,763
Total expenditures	12,371,471	14,926,944	27,298,415
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(12,363,468)	1,599,237	(10,764,231)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Sale of capital assets	-	41,080	41,080
Lease financing	-	202,196	202,196
Insurance recoveries	-	14,600	14,600
Transfers in	12,371,472	200,476	12,571,948
Transfers out	-	(30,476)	(30,476)
Total other financing sources (uses)	12,371,472	427,876	12,799,348
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	8,004	2,027,113	2,035,117
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2024	7,353	9,619,262	9,626,615
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2025	$ 15,357	$ 11,646,375	$ 11,661,732

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Drug Abuse & Treatment Education	Sheriff	Prison Commissary	Impact Fees	Drug Seizure	State Condemnation	E-911 Fund
ASSETS							
Cash	$ 258,515	$ 930,460	$ 41,305	$ -	$ 117,615	$ 10,423	$ 162,100
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,060,931
Receivables:							
Accounts	-	16,706	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	1,523	-	-	22,145	-	-	121,858
Interfund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid items	-	2,056	-	-	-	-	27,988
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 260,038	$ 949,222	$ 41,305	$ 22,145	$ 117,615	$ 10,423	$ 1,372,877
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	-	$ 83,064	$ 33,459	-	54,370	9,859	$ 21,257
Accrued payroll	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,323
Interfund payable	-	2,591	7,846	-	-	-	-
Performance bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	85,655	41,305	-	54,370	9,859	62,580
Fund balances:							
Nonspendable:							
Prepaid items	-	2,056	-	-	-	-	27,988
Restricted:							
Public safety	$ 260,038	861,511	-	-	$ 63,245	$ 564	1,282,309
Public works, public safety, and recreation	-	-	-	$ 22,145	-	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	260,038	863,567	-	22,145	63,245	564	1,310,297
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 260,038	$ 949,222	$ 41,305	$ 22,145	$ 117,615	$ 10,423	$ 1,372,877

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Juvenile Services	County Jail	Fire Taxing District	Inspections & Zoning	Senior Citizens Activity	Hotel Motel Tax	Total
ASSETS							
Cash	$ 64,917	$ 652,504	$ 102,289	$ 550,809	$ 710	$ 65,145	$ 2,956,792
Investments	-	-	6,804,252	1,536,709	-	-	9,401,892
Receivables:							
Accounts	-	-	108	-	-	5,741	22,555
Intergovernmental	-	3,563	250	-	-	-	149,339
Interfund	-	-	54,373	-	-	-	54,373
Prepaid items	-	-	7,275	65,338	-	-	102,657
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 64,917	$ 656,067	$ 6,968,547	$ 2,152,856	$ 710	$ 70,886	$ 12,687,608
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	-	-	$ 558,905	$ 8,643	$ 218	$ 9,421	$ 779,196
Accrued payroll	-	-	168,424	18,868	4,061	-	232,676
Interfund payable	-	-	6,422	1,117	-	-	17,976
Performance bonds	-	-	-	11,385	-	-	11,385
Total liabilities	-	-	733,751	40,013	4,279	9,421	1,041,233
Fund balances:							
Nonspendable:							
Prepaid items	-	-	7,275	65,338	-	-	102,657
Restricted:							
Public safety	-	$ 656,067	6,227,521	-	-	-	9,351,255
Public works, public safety, and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,145
Housing and development	-	-	-	2,047,505	-	61,465	2,108,970
Judicial	$ 64,917	-	-	-	-	-	64,917
Unassigned	-	-	-		(3,569)	-	(3,569)
Total fund balances	64,917	656,067	6,234,796	2,112,843	(3,569)	61,465	11,646,375
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 64,917	$ 656,067	$ 6,968,547	$ 2,152,856	$ 710	$ 70,886	$ 12,687,608

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Drug Abuse & Treatment Education	Sheriff	Prison Commissary	Impact Fees	Drug Seizure	State Condemnation	E-911 Fund
REVENUES							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses and permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	$ 708,807	$ 341,991	-	-	-	$ 1,346,726
Fine and forfeitures	$ 69,106	250,723	-	-	$ 3,663	$ 21,677	-
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment earnings	21	-	-	$ -	3,004	158	48,635
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	69,127	959,530	341,991	-	6,667	21,835	1,395,361
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
Public safety	-	492,560	341,991	-	61,517	-	1,878,760
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay:							
Public safety	-	424,214	-	-	-	-	24,224
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:							
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,851
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Total expenditures	-	916,774	341,991	-	61,517	-	1,905,861
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	69,127	42,756	-	-	(54,850)	21,835	(510,500)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,603
Lease financing	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,818
Transfers in	-	30,476	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	(30,476)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	30,476	-	-	-	(30,476)	14,421
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	69,127	73,232	-	-	(54,850)	(8,641)	(496,079)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	190,911	790,335	-	22,145	118,095	9,205	1,806,376
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 260,038	$ 863,567	$ -	$ 22,145	$ 63,245	$ 564	$ 1,310,297

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Juvenile Services	County Jail	Fire Taxing District	Inspections & Zoning	Senior Citizens Activity	Hotel Motel Tax	Total
REVENUES							
Taxes	-	-	$ 4,266,251	-	-	$ 60,159	$ 4,326,410
Licenses and permits	-	-	-	$ 2,011,843	-	-	2,011,843
Charges for services	-	-	6,940,531	-	$ 2,695	-	9,340,750
Fine and forfeitures	$ 3,399	$ 112,362	-	-	-	-	460,930
Contributions	-	-	7,000	-	4,379	-	11,379
Investment earnings	1,582	58	222,147	36,996	295	-	312,896
Other	-	-	61,973	-	-	-	61,973
Total revenues	4,981	112,420	11,497,902	2,048,839	7,369	60,159	16,526,181
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
Public safety	-	-	7,813,736	-	-	-	10,588,564
Housing and development	-	-	-	1,605,192	-	48,127	1,653,319
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	187,553	-	187,553
Capital outlay:							
Public safety	-	-	1,604,251	-	-	-	2,052,689
Housing and development	-	-	-	177,460	-	-	177,460
Debt service:							
Principal	-	-	123,715	80,388	-	-	206,954
Interest	-	-	34,516	25,863	-	-	60,405
Total expenditures	-	-	9,576,218	1,888,903	187,553	48,127	14,926,944
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,981	112,420	1,921,684	159,936	(180,184)	12,032	1,599,237
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Sale of capital assets	-	-	-	41,080	-	-	41,080
Insurance recoveries	-	-	12,997	-	-	-	14,600
Lease financing	-	-	12,311	177,067	-	-	202,196
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	170,000	-	200,476
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	(30,476)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	25,308	218,147	170,000	-	427,876
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	4,981	112,420	1,946,992	378,083	(10,184)	12,032	2,027,113
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	59,936	543,647	4,287,804	1,734,760	6,615	49,433	9,619,262
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 64,917	$ 656,067	$ 6,234,796	$ 2,112,843	$ (3,569)	$ 61,465	$ 11,646,375

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
DRUG ABUSE & TREATMENT EDUCATION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Fines and forfeitures	$ 35,000	$ 69,106	$ 34,106
Investment earnings	-	21	21
Total revenues	35,000	69,127	34,127
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Public safety	17,900	-	17,900
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	$ 17,100	69,127	$ 52,027
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		190,911	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR		$ 260,038	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
SHERIFF FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Charges for services	$ 700,000	$ 708,807	$ 8,807
Fines and forfeitures	400,000	250,723	(149,277)
Total revenues	1,100,000	959,530	(140,470)
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Public safety	510,000	492,560	17,440
Capital outlay:			
Public safety	-	424,214	(424,214)
Total expenditures	510,000	916,774	(406,774)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	590,000	42,756	(547,244)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	30,476	30,476
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ 590,000	73,232	$ (516,768)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		790,335	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR		$ 863,567	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
PRISON COMMISSARY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Charges for services	$ 240,000	$ 345,000	$ 341,991	$ (3,009)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety	240,000	345,000	341,991	3,009
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ -	$ -	-	$ -
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR			-	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR			$ -	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
IMPACT FEES FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Investment earnings	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	$ (1,000)
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay:				
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	-	$ (1,000)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR			22,145	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR			$ 22,145	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
DRUG SEIZURE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 3,663	$ (46,337)
Investment earnings	-	-	3,004	3,004
Total revenues	50,000	50,000	6,667	(43,333)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety	50,000	62,000	61,517	483
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	$ -	$ (12,000)	(54,850)	$ (42,850)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR			118,095	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR			$ 63,245	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATE CONDEMNATION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Fines and forfeitures	$ 50,000	$ 21,677	$ (28,323)
Investment earnings	-	158	158
Total revenues	50,000	21,835	(28,165)
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Public safety	50,000	-	50,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	21,835	21,835
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	-	(30,476)	(30,476)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	$ -	(8,641)	$ (8,641)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		9,205	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR		$ 564	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
E-911 FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Charges for services	$ 1,428,000	$ 1,346,726	$ (81,274)
Investment earnings	-	48,635	48,635
Total revenues	1,428,000	1,395,361	(32,639)
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Public safety	2,058,532	1,878,760	179,772
Capital outlay:			
Public safety	15,000	24,224	(9,224)
Debt service			
Principal	2,806	2,851	(45)
Interest	-	26	(26)
Total expenditures	2,076,338	1,905,861	170,477
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(648,338)	(510,500)	137,838
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Lease financing	-	12,818	12,818
Insurance recoveries	-	1,603	1,603
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	14,421	14,421
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ (648,338)	(496,079)	$ 152,259
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,806,376	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR		$ 1,310,297	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
JUVENILE SERVICES FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Fines and forfeitures	$ 2,500	$ 3,399	$ 899
Investment earnings	-	1,582	1,582
Total revenues	2,500	4,981	2,481
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Health and welfare	2,500	-	2,500
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ -	4,981	$ 4,981
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		59,936	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR		$ 64,917	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COUNTY JAIL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Fines and forfeitures	$ 70,000	$ 112,362	$ 42,362
Investment earnings	-	58	58
Total revenues	70,000	112,420	42,420
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Public safety	70,000	-	70,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ -	112,420	$ 112,420
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		543,647	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR		$ 656,067	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
FIRE TAXING DISTRICT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 4,010,000	$ 4,010,000	$ 4,266,251	$ 256,251
Charges for services	3,735,000	3,768,000	6,940,531	3,172,531
Investment earnings	80,000	80,000	222,147	142,147
Contributions	-	1,600	7,000	5,400
Other	-	7,020	61,973	54,953
Total revenues	7,825,000	7,866,620	11,497,902	3,631,282
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety	7,601,128	7,642,748	7,813,736	(170,988)
Capital outlay:				
Public safety	858,500	1,493,500	1,604,251	(110,751)
Debt service:				
Principal	151,897	151,897	123,715	28,182
Interest	-	-	34,516	(34,516)
Total expenditures	8,611,525	9,288,145	9,576,218	(288,073)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(786,525)	(1,421,525)	1,921,684	3,343,209
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Insurance recoveries	-	-	12,997	12,997
Lease financing	-	-	12,311	12,311
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	25,308	25,308
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ (786,525)	$ (1,421,525)	1,946,992	$ 3,368,517
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR			4,287,804	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR			$ 6,234,796	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
INSPECTIONS & ZONING FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Licenses and permits	$ 879,200	$ 928,200	$ 2,011,843	$ 1,083,643
Charges for services	10,000	10,000	-	(10,000)
Investment earnings	-	-	36,996	36,996
Total revenues	889,200	938,200	2,048,839	1,110,639
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Housing and development	1,734,104	1,734,104	1,605,192	128,912
Capital outlay:				
Housing and development	-	49,000	177,460	(128,460)
Debt service:				
Principal	107,337	107,337	80,388	26,949
Interest	-	-	25,863	(25,863)
Total expenditures	1,841,441	1,890,441	1,888,903	1,538
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(952,241)	(952,241)	159,936	1,112,177
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Lease financing	-	-	177,067	177,067
Sale of capital assets	-	-	41,080	41,080
Total other financing sources	-	-	218,147	218,147
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ (952,241)	$ (952,241)	378,083	$ 1,330,324
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR			1,734,760	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR			$ 2,112,843	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Charges for services	$ 6,000	$ 2,695	$ (3,305)
Investment earnings	-	295	295
Contributions	-	4,379	4,379
Total revenues	6,000	7,369	1,369
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Health and welfare	205,832	187,553	18,279
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES UNDER EXPENDITURES	(199,832)	(180,184)	19,648
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	100,000	170,000	70,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ (99,832)	(10,184)	$ 89,648
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		6,615	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR		$ (3,569)	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
HOTEL MOTEL TAX FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Taxes	$ 49,000	$ 60,159	$ 11,159
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Housing and development	49,000	48,127	873
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ -	12,032	$ 12,032
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR		49,433	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR		$ 61,465	

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
NONMAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Landfill	Stormwater	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 4,688	$ 887	$ 5,575
Capital Assets			
Construction in progress	-	388,733	388,733
Systems and equipment	152,125	-	152,125
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(87,800)	-	(87,800)
Total Capital Assets	64,325	388,733	453,058
Total Assets	69,013	389,620	458,633
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	7,509	11,443	18,952
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	64,325	388,733	453,058
Unrestricted	(2,821)	(10,556)	(13,377)
Total Net Position	$ 61,504	$ 378,177	$ 439,681

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
NONMAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Landfill	Stormwater	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for services	$ 741	-	$ 741
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Purchased services	103,816	$ 141,408	245,224
Materials and supplies	16,081	-	16,081
Depreciation	10,142	-	10,142
Total operating expenses	130,039	141,408	271,447
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(129,298)	(141,408)	(270,706)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Investment earnings	3	-	3
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	(129,295)	(141,408)	(270,703)
Transfers in	139,000	37,000	176,000
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	9,705	(104,408)	(94,703)
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	51,799	482,585	534,384
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	$ 61,504	$ 378,177	$ 439,681

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
NONMAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Landfill	Stormwater	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash received from customers	$ 741	$ -	$ 741
Cash payments for goods and services	(135,086)	(129,965)	(265,051)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(134,345)	(129,965)	(264,310)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Interfund transfers	139,000	37,000	176,000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investment earnings	3	-	3
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,658	(92,965)	(88,307)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JULY 1, 2024	30	93,852	93,882
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JUNE 30, 2025	$ 4,688	$ 887	$ 5,575
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating income (loss)	$ (129,298)	$ (141,408)	$ (270,706)
Adjustments:			
Depreciation	10,142	-	10,142
(Increase) decrease in operating assets			
Accounts receivable	-	-	-
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities			
Accounts payable	(15,189)	11,443	(3,746)
Net cash used by operating activities	$ (134,345)	$ (129,965)	$ (264,310)

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Tax Commissioner	Probate Court	Clerk of Courts	Magistrate Court	Sheriff	Probation	Total
ASSETS							
Cash	$ 1,341,911	$ 75,760	$ 1,429,522	$ 10,270	$ 517,032	$ 100	$ 3,374,595
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 1,341,911	$ 75,760	$ 1,429,522	$ 10,270	$ 517,032	$ 100	$ 3,374,595
LIABILITIES							
Due to other governments	$ 1,341,911	$ 12,742	$ 322,783	$ 695	-	$ 100	$ 1,678,231
Due to other entities and individuals	-	-	-	9,575	-	-	9,575
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,341,911	12,742	322,783	10,270	-	100	1,687,806
NET POSITION							
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	-	63,018	1,106,739	-	$ 517,032	-	1,686,789
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ -	$ 63,018	$ 1,106,739	$ -	$ 517,032	$ -	$ 1,686,789

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Tax Commissioner	Probate Court	Clerk of Courts	Magistrate Court	Sheriff	Probation	Total
ADDITIONS							
Tax collections for other governments	$ 96,873,134	-	$ 1,275,938	-	-	-	$ 98,149,072
Fees, fines, and forfeitures	-	$ 172,331	1,239,235	$ 198,817	$ 53,751	$ 16,897	1,681,031
Court judgements/assessments	-	-	279,281	-	-	-	279,281
Deposits for cash bonds	-	-	-	-	284,266	-	284,266
Tax sale proceeds	2,132,189	-	-	-	-	-	2,132,189
Interest	5,460	56	1,690	-	424	2	7,632
Total additions	99,010,783	172,387	2,796,144	198,817	338,441	16,899	102,533,471
DEDUCTIONS							
Payments to other governments	96,881,718	194,751	1,317,724	14,646	-	16,534	98,425,373
Payments to other entities and individuals	2,671,295	-	1,519,046	184,171	152,821	365	4,527,698
Total deductions	99,553,013	194,751	2,836,770	198,817	152,821	16,899	102,953,071
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	(542,230)	(22,364)	(40,626)	-	185,620	-	(419,600)
NET POSITION - JULY 1, 2024	542,230	85,382	1,147,365	-	331,412	-	2,106,389
NET POSITION - JUNE 30, 2025	$ -	$ 63,018	$ 1,106,739	$ -	$ 517,032	$ -	$ 1,686,789

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS PAID WITH SPECIAL
PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	Estimated Percentage of Completion
2017 SPLOST						
Public buildings	$ 3,385,525	$ 3,385,525	$ 2,203,243	-	$ 2,203,243	65%
Roads, streets and bridges	31,251,000	31,251,000	16,563,777	$ 237,488	16,801,265	54%
Drainage projects	911,488	911,488	290,838	33,000	323,838	36%
Recreation projects	4,948,075	5,296,258	4,682,347	613,911	5,296,258	100%
Vehicles and equipment	6,771,050	11,580,122	11,225,649	354,473	11,580,122	100%
Technology projects	520,850	520,850	39,714	-	39,714	8%
Water and sewer	4,297,012	4,297,012	1,659,051	354,505	2,013,556	47%
Intergovernmental:						
City of Rincon	11,838,000	9,080,100	9,080,100	-	9,080,100	100%
City of Springfield	3,821,000	2,931,843	2,931,843	-	2,931,843	100%
City of Guyton	2,256,000	1,729,040	1,729,040	-	1,729,040	100%
	$ 70,000,000	$ 70,983,238	$ 50,405,602	$ 1,593,377	$ 51,998,979	73.3%

SPLOST capital projects fund total expenditures	$ 1,048,404
SPLOST capital projects fund transfer out to Water & Sewer	549,055
SPLOST capital projects fund transfer out to SPLOST 2021	352,329
	1,949,788
Less:	
Property tax millage - Roads, streets, and bridges	(4,083)
Use of bond proceeds - Recreation	(352,328)
	$ 1,593,377

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS PAID WITH SPECIAL
PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	Estimated Percentage of Completion
2021 SPLOST						
County Project - Tier 1 Projects						
Expand and renovate animal shelter	$ 1,500,000	$ 1,500,000	$ 500,079	$ 249,983	$ 750,062	50%
Renovate space for UGA extension and 4H	1,500,000	1,500,000	500,079	249,983	750,062	50%
Renovate space for social services	1,500,000	1,500,000	500,079	249,983	750,062	50%
Renovate space for elections & registration office and storage	1,500,000	1,500,000	500,079	249,983	750,062	50%
Emergency operations center and emergency management offices	1,300,000	1,300,000	433,402	216,652	650,054	50%
Replace ambulance units	900,000	900,000	300,048	149,990	450,038	50%
EMS station Rincon area	600,000	600,000	200,032	99,993	300,025	50%
Expand EMS headquarters facility	900,000	900,000	300,048	149,990	450,038	50%
Renovate space for juvenile court and victim & witness services	1,300,000	1,300,000	433,402	216,652	650,054	50%
Administrative Complex expansion	2,000,000	2,000,000	666,773	333,311	1,000,084	50%
E911 technology and infrastructure upgrades	200,000	200,000	66,677	33,331	100,008	50%
Upgrade jail camera system	200,000	200,000	66,677	33,331	100,008	50%
Sheriff department storage building	100,000	100,000	33,339	16,666	50,005	50%
Coroner morgue equipment	100,000	100,000	33,339	16,666	50,005	50%
Expand judicial center parking	600,000	600,000	200,032	99,993	300,025	50%
Renovate space for juvenile justice services	200,000	200,000	66,677	33,331	100,008	50%
Historic courthouse audio and video upgrades	200,000	200,000	66,677	33,331	100,008	50%
Renovate space for probation services	200,000	200,000	66,677	33,331	100,008	50%
Prison maintenance building	200,000	200,000	66,677	33,331	100,008	50%
Safety, security, and technology upgrades countywide services	1,000,000	1,000,000	333,386	166,655	500,041	50%
County Project - Other						
Parks and recreation capital projects	24,800,000	24,800,000	787,549	4,016,174	4,803,723	19%
Roads and bridges capital projects	6,000,000	6,000,000	2,338,769	4,512,149	6,850,918	114%
Fire department capital projects	3,700,000	3,700,000	4,500	-	4,500	0%
Drainage capital projects	2,500,000	2,500,000	-	-	-	0%
Public buildings capital projects	3,300,000	3,300,000	273,097	229,019	502,116	15%
Water and sewer capital projects	3,200,000	3,200,000	841,411	2,794,867	3,636,278	114%
Equipment capital outlay	3,000,000	3,000,000	337,940	215,200	553,140	18%
Safety, security, and technology capital projects	1,122,400	1,122,400	214,416	-	214,416	19%
Intergovernmental						
City of Rincon	10,822,400	10,822,400	4,819,973	2,521,302	7,341,275	68%
City of Springfield	3,494,400	3,494,400	1,191,431	623,231	1,814,662	52%
City of Guyton	2,060,800	2,060,800	1,008,991	527,798	1,536,789	75%
	$80,000,000	$80,000,000	$17,152,256	$ 18,106,226	$35,258,482	44.1%

SPLOST capital projects fund total expenditures	$ 21,336,598
SPLOST capital projects fund transfer out to Water & Sewer	12,378,367
SPLOST capital projects fund transfer out to Debt Service Fund	2,666,485
	36,381,450
Less:	
Use of bonds proceeds - Tier 1 Projects	(5,593,071)
Use of bonds proceeds - Gym construction	(352,329)
Intergovernmental revenue	(12,329,824)
	$ 18,106,226

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS PAID WITH TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL
PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

2021 TSPLOST

	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years, As Restated	Current Year	Total	Estimated Percentage of Completion
District 1 Road Projects	$ 2,542,110	$ 2,542,110	$ 1,014,770	$ 385,538	$ 1,400,308	55%
District 2 Road Projects	18,206,374	18,206,374	9,618,125	3,487,833	13,105,958	72%
District 3 Road Projects	7,544,974	7,849,502	4,818,241	1,699,200	6,517,441	83%
District 4 Road Projects	2,899,150	2,899,150	529,396	333,165	862,561	30%
District 5 Road Projects	1,683,100	1,896,169	1,526,909	369,260	1,896,169	100%
Multi-district	500,000	500,000	125,110	41,421	166,531	33%
Intergovernmental:						
City of Rincon	-	-	-	-	-	0%
City of Springfield	2,475,000	3,350,333	2,703,253	647,080	3,350,333	100%
City of Guyton	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,090,817	249,824	1,340,641	99%
	$ 37,200,708	$ 38,593,638	$ 21,426,621	$ 7,213,321	$ 28,639,942	74.2%

TSPLOST capital projects fund total expenditures	$ 5,785,643
TSPLOST capital projects fund transfer out to Debt Service Fund	7,213,320
	12,998,963
Less:	
Use of bond proceeds - Roads, streets, and bridges	(5,044,527)
Use of bond proceeds - Intergovernmental payments	(329,680)
Arbitrage rebate - bond compliance	(411,435)
	$ 7,213,321

2023 TSPLOST

	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	Estimated Percentage of Completion
District 1 Road Projects	$ 19,375,000	$ 19,375,000	$ -	$ 976,968	$ 976,968	5%
District 2 Road Projects	17,904,000	17,904,000	-	838,785	838,785	5%
District 3 Road Projects	17,730,000	17,730,000	-	19,125	19,125	0%
District 4 Road Projects	18,229,000	18,229,000	-	369,816	369,816	2%
District 5 Road Projects	17,254,000	17,254,000	-	286,973	286,973	2%
	$ 90,492,000	$ 90,492,000	$ -	$ 2,491,667	$ 2,491,667	3%

TSPLOST capital projects fund total expenditures	$ 17,653,322
TSPLOST capital projects fund transfer out to Debt Service Fund	2,491,667
	20,144,989
Less:	
Use of bond proceeds - Roads, streets, and bridges	(15,142,394)
Use of bond proceeds - Intergovernmental payments	(2,377,250)
Arbitrage rebate - bond compliance	(133,678)
	$ 2,491,667

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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
Effingham County, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Effingham County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Effingham County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2026. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Effingham County Board of Health, a discretely presented component unit, as described in our report on Effingham County, Georgia's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not

identified. We did identify a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2025-1 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Effingham County, Georgia's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Lanier, Deal & Deal

Statesboro, Georgia
February 2, 2026

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:			
Aging Cluster:			
Pass-through programs from CSRA Regional Commission:			
Special Programs for the Aging - Nutrition Services	93.045	CRC-Effingham-HDM	135,812
Total Aging Cluster			135,812
Pass-through programs from Georgia Department of Community Health:			
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	000187404A	19,943
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			155,755
U.S. Department of the Interior:			
Direct Programs:			
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	15.659		32,408
U.S. Department of Justice:			
Direct Programs:			
Other Federal Assistance	16.999		11,824
U.S. Department of Homeland Security:			
Pass through program from Georgia Emergency Management Agency:			
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	OEM 22-053	15,675
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	PA ID#103-99103-00	1,430,103
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			1,445,778
U.S. Department of the Treasury:			
Direct Programs:			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027		7,412,515
Pass through program from Georgia Governor's Office:			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	GA-0013636	141,468
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	GA-0013693	9,656,540
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			17,210,523
U.S. Department of Transportation:			
Direct Programs:			
Safe Streets and Roads for All	20.939		148,828
Highway Safety Cluster			
Pass-through programs from Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety:			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	TEN-2024-402-PT-004	7,493
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	TEN-2025-EffinghaSO-010	18,687
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	GA-2025-EffinghaSO-076	59,586
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	GA-2024-402-PT-018	14,804
Total Highway Safety Cluster			100,570
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			249,398
Total expenditures of federal awards			$ 19,105,686

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Effingham County, Georgia under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2025. 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 Effingham County, Georgia, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Effingham 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. Effingham County, Georgia has not elected to use the ten percent *de minimis* indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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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
Effingham County, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Effingham 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 Effingham County, Georgia's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. Effingham 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 our opinion, Effingham County, Georgia complied, 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 June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Effingham County, Georgia's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Effingham 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 Effingham County, Georgia's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that

is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our 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 our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we 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.

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

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

Lanier, Deal & Deal

Statesboro, Georgia
February 2, 2026

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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

2. One material weakness was disclosed during the audit of the financial statements in the 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*.

3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Effingham County, Georgia, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.

4. No significant deficiencies in internal control over major federal award programs were reported in the Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance.

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

6. No audit findings relative to the major federal award programs for Effingham County, Georgia are reported in this schedule.

7. The programs tested as major programs were: COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Assistance Listing 21.027 and Disaster Grants – Public Assistance, Assistance Listing number 97.036.

8. The threshold used for distinguishing between Type A and B programs was $750,000.

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

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

MATERIAL WEAKNESSES

2025-1 Insufficient bank reconciliations prepared by Clerk of Court's office

Condition: During our audit we noted incomplete monthly bank reconciliations. Multiple duplicate transactions were considered outstanding items on the Clerk of Court's bank reconciliations. These items included stale items from years prior.

Criteria: All bank reconciliations should reflect an accurate listing of outstanding items that does not include duplicate transactions.

Cause: The accounting software used by the Clerk's office is not well-understood. Relevant staff were not properly trained on the new software.

Effect: Many adjustments were needed to correctly state cash balances and receipts.

Auditor's Recommendation: Bank reconciliations should be reviewed for accuracy. Additionally, relevant staff should receive further training on the software bank reconciliation module.

View of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: We concur with this finding, and we will implement procedures to establish a process for reviewing the bank reconciliations for accuracy.

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

None reported.