EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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MAULDIN & JENKINS
CPAs & ADVISORS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
of Emanuel County, Georgia
Swainsboro, Georgia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Emanuel County, Georgia** (the "County"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Emanuel County Board of Health (the "Board of Health"). Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Board of Health, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States *("Government Auditing Standards")*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of 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 discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 14, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, as of October 1, 2021. This standard significantly changed the accounting for the County's activities previously reported as agency funds. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") that GAAP requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the GASB who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statement in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the County. The accompanying schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are presented for the purpose of additional analysis as required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") §48-8-121, and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules and the schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures 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 and schedules and the schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 3, 2022, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Emanuel County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Macon, Georgia
August 3, 2022

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Board of Health
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 18,362,144	$ 546,086	$ 18,908,230	$ 1,096,483
Taxes receivable	671,797	-	671,797	-
Sales tax receivable	476,720		476,720	
Accounts receivable, net of allowances	383,924	-	383,924	12,343
Due from other governments	900,607	-	900,607	-
Inventories	33,370	-	33,370	-
Notes receivable		471,076	471,076	
Land and building held for resale		1,562,932	1,562,932	
Capital assets, non-depreciable	1,608,849	-	1,608,849	-
Capital assets, depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	16,935,901	-	16,935,901	74,758
Net OPEB asset	-	-	-	64,739
Total assets	39,373,312	2,580,094	41,953,406	1,248,323
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension and OPEB	-	-	-	221,829
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	658,338	413	658,751	6,399
Accrued liabilities	121,738	-	121,738	-
Unearned revenues	2,199,360	-	2,199,360	-
Capital leases due within one year	356,153	-	356,153	-
Capital leases due in more than one year	2,099,371	-	2,099,371	-
Compensated absences due within one year	249,954	-	249,954	-
Bonds payable due within one year	-	36,976	36,976	-
Bonds payable due in more than one year	-	2,651,064	2,651,064	-
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs due in more than one year	1,097,822	-	1,097,822	-
Net pension liability	-	-	-	770,958
Net OPEB liability	-	-	-	233,127
Total liabilities	6,782,736	2,688,453	9,471,189	1,010,484
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension and OPEB	-	-	-	274,727
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	16,089,226	-	16,089,226	74,758
Nonspendable:				
Inventories	33,370	-	33,370	-
Restricted for:				
Public safety	551,792	-	551,792	-
Economic development	426,978	-	426,978	-
Capital projects	5,345,279	-	5,345,279	-
Health and welfare programs - PYPI	-	-	-	865,841
Unrestricted	10,143,931	(108,359)	10,035,572	(755,658)
Total net position	$ 32,590,576	$ (108,359)	$ 32,482,217	$ 184,941

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

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
General government	$ 1,131,510	$ 2,583,316	$ 263,271	$ -
Judicial	1,211,532	838,249	-	-
Public safety	4,527,289	1,528,065	-	-
Public works	1,793,318	-	-	1,847,011
Health and welfare	335,735	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	540,173	-	-	-
Housing and development	1,285,571	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	22,492	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	1,977,816	-	-	-
Capital outlay	4,585,625	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	29,776
Total governmental activities	17,411,061	4,949,630	263,271	1,876,787
Business-type activities:				
Development Authority of Emanuel County and the City of Statesboro	1,624,094	1,070,344	-	-
Emanuel County Revolving Loan	-	4,973	-	-
Total business-type activities	1,624,094	1,075,317	-	-
Total primary government	$ 19,035,155	$ 6,024,947	$ 263,271	$ 1,876,787
Component units:				
Board of Health	908,934	766,176	516,639	-
Total component units	$ 908,934	$ 766,176	$ 516,639	$ -
General revenues:				
Property taxes				
Sales taxes				
Insurance premium tax				
Alcoholic beverages taxes				
Other taxes				
Unrestricted investment earnings				
Miscellaneous				
Total general revenues				
Change in net position				
Net position, beginning of year				
Prior period adjustments				
Net position, beginning of year, as restated				
Net position, end of year				

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

Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position			
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Component Units Board of Health
$ 1,715,077	$ -	$ 1,715,077	$ -
(373,283)	-	(373,283)	-
(2,999,224)	-	(2,999,224)	-
53,693	-	53,693	-
(335,735)	-	(335,735)	-
(540,173)	-	(540,173)	-
(1,285,571)	-	(1,285,571)	-
(22,492)	-	(22,492)	-
(1,977,816)	-		-
(4,585,625)	-		-
29,776	-	29,776	-
(10,321,373)	-	(3,757,932)	-
-	(553,750)	(553,750)	-
-	4,973	4,973	-
-	(548,777)	(548,777)	-
(10,321,373)	(548,777)	(4,306,709)	-
-	-	-	373,881
-	-	-	373,881
6,206,315	-	6,206,315	-
6,645,583	-	6,645,583	-
900,607	-	900,607	-
53,803	-	53,803	-
402,949	-	402,949	-
-	786	786	-
-	-	-	1,045
14,209,257	786	14,210,043	1,045
3,887,884	(547,991)	3,339,893	374,926
28,683,019	418,312	29,101,331	(189,985)
19,673	21,320	40,993	-
28,702,692	439,632	29,142,324	-
$ 32,590,576	$ (108,359)	$ 32,482,217	$ 184,941

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	General	American Rescue Plan Fund	LMIG Fund	TSPLOST Fund
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 9,742,554	$ 2,199,360	$ 1,158,121	$ 528,961
Property taxes receivable	628,640	-	-	-
Sales taxes receivable	131,490			72,754
Accounts receivable	359,847	-	-	-
Due from other governments	900,607	-	-	-
Inventories	33,370	-	-	-
Total assets	$ 11,796,508	$ 2,199,360	$ 1,158,121	$ 601,715
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	$ 297,014	$ -	$ 260,514	$ 3,823
Accrued liabilities	108,169	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	2,199,360	-	-
Total liabilities	405,183	2,199,360	260,514	3,823
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenues				
Property taxes	630,051	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	630,051	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES				
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Inventories	33,370	-	-	-
Restricted for:				
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Economic development	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	897,607	597,892
Assigned for:				
Jail commissary activities	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	10,727,904	-	-	-
Total fund balances	10,761,274	-	897,607	597,892
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 11,796,508	$ 2,199,360	$ 1,158,121	$ 601,715

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.

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

Net position of governmental activities

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

SPLOST 6	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
$ 2,450,928	$ 2,282,220	$ 18,362,144
-	43,157	671,797
272,476	-	476,720
-	24,077	383,924
-	-	900,607
-	-	33,370
$ 2,723,404	$ 2,349,454	$ 20,828,562
$ 135	$ 96,852	$ 658,338
-	10,973	119,142
-	-	2,199,360
135	107,825	2,976,840
-	37,999	668,050
-	37,999	668,050
-	-	33,370
-	551,792	551,792
-	426,978	426,978
2,723,269	1,126,511	5,345,279
-	98,349	98,349
-	-	10,727,904
2,723,269	2,203,630	17,183,672
$ 2,723,404	$ 2,349,454	
		18,544,750
		668,050
		(3,805,896)
		$ 32,590,576

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	General	American Rescue Plan Fund	LMIG Fund	TSPLOST Fund
Revenues				
Property taxes	$ 6,251,298	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sales taxes	1,598,854	-	-	-
Timber taxes	290,206	-	-	-
Motor vehicle taxes	1,306,369	-	-	-
Mobile home taxes	60,348	-	-	-
Franchise taxes	76,223	-	-	-
Insurance premium taxes	900,607	-	-	-
Other taxes	456,752	-	-	-
Licenses and permits	37,385	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	263,271	-	1,084,005	763,006
Charges for services	2,279,619	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	758,644	-	-	-
Interest income	22,006	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	483,121	-	-	-
Total revenues	14,784,703	-	1,084,005	763,006
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	2,770,541	-	-	-
Judicial	1,211,532	-	-	-
Public safety	4,313,229	-	-	-
Public works	3,274,871	-	39,900	135,226
Health and welfare	335,735	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	555,105	-	-	-
Housing and development	835,571	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	39,580	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	451,007	2,838,589
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	-	1,472,539
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	21,133
Total expenditures	13,336,164	-	490,907	4,467,487
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,448,539	-	593,098	(3,704,481)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Debt forgiveness	-	-	-	1,138,093
Sale of assets				
Capital lease	-	-	-	2,801,571
Transfers in	-	-	115,000	-
Transfers out	(495,291)	-	-	(115,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(495,291)	-	115,000	3,824,664
Net change in fund balances	953,248	-	708,098	120,183
Fund balances, beginning of year	9,734,041	-	189,509	477,709
Prior period adjustment	73,985	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning of year, as restated	9,808,026	-	189,509	477,709
Fund balances, end of year	$ 10,761,274	$ -	$ 897,607	$ 597,892

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

SPLOST 6	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
$ -	$ -	$ 6,251,298
3,313,583	-	4,912,437
-	-	290,206
-	-	1,306,369
-	-	60,348
-	-	76,223
-	-	900,607
-	-	456,752
-	-	37,385
-	-	2,110,282
-	725,979	3,005,598
-	609,949	1,368,593
5,515	2,255	29,776
-	54,933	538,054
3,319,098	1,393,116	21,343,928
-	-	2,770,541
-	-	1,211,532
-	717,678	5,030,907
646,273	230,797	4,327,067
-	-	335,735
-	-	555,105
-	450,000	1,285,571
1,938,236	-	1,977,816
1,031,039	264,990	4,585,625
33,952	-	1,506,491
1,359	-	22,492
3,650,859	1,663,465	23,608,882
(331,761)	(270,349)	(2,264,954)
-	-	1,138,093
	357,526	357,526
-	-	2,801,571
-	495,291	610,291
-	-	(610,291)
-	852,817	4,297,190
(331,761)	582,468	2,032,236
3,055,030	1,621,162	15,077,451
-	-	73,985
3,055,030	1,621,162	15,151,436
$ 2,723,269	$ 2,203,630	$ 17,183,672

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$	2,032,236
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.		3,371,312
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to change net position.		(121,908)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(44,983)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		(1,295,080)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		(53,693)
Change in net position of governmental activities	$	3,887,884

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

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues				
Property taxes	$ 5,945,000	$ 6,256,750	$ 6,251,298	$ (5,452)
Sales taxes	1,115,000	1,515,000	1,598,854	83,854
Timber taxes	190,000	270,000	290,206	20,206
Motor vehicle taxes	955,000	1,155,000	1,306,369	151,369
Mobile home taxes	57,000	57,000	60,348	3,348
Franchise taxes	78,000	78,000	76,223	(1,777)
Insurance premium taxes	815,000	865,000	900,607	35,607
Other taxes	482,500	385,500	456,752	71,252
Licenses and permits	27,500	32,500	37,385	4,885
Intergovernmental	192,875	209,875	263,271	53,396
Charges for services	1,630,500	1,780,500	2,279,619	499,119
Fines and forfeitures	615,000	715,000	758,644	43,644
Investment income	40,000	21,000	22,006	1,006
Miscellaneous	194,770	382,770	483,121	100,351
Total revenues	12,338,145	13,723,895	14,784,703	1,060,808
Expenditures				
Current				
General government:				
Elections	99,784	109,284	107,979	1,305
General administration	410,000	410,000	393,419	16,581
Computer equipment	107,500	114,000	117,666	(3,666)
Financial administration	545,200	666,000	639,691	26,309
Tax commissioner	312,550	318,550	324,232	(5,682)
Tax assessor	420,623	438,623	453,994	(15,371)
Board of equalization	2,000	2,000	1,025	975
Public buildings	567,980	812,980	732,535	80,445
Total general government	2,465,637	2,871,437	2,770,541	100,896
Judicial:				
Superior court	436,583	455,583	445,342	10,241
Clerk of superior court	97,955	97,955	88,303	9,652
District attorney	200,000	200,000	199,000	1,000
Magistrate court	133,220	153,220	151,908	1,312
Probate court	175,350	178,050	174,762	3,288
Public defender	105,500	115,500	115,169	331
Juvenile court	37,835	37,835	37,048	787
Total judicial	1,186,443	1,238,143	1,211,532	26,611
Public safety:				
Sheriff	1,676,000	1,949,000	2,159,625	(210,625)
Jail	1,384,000	1,469,000	1,534,442	(65,442)
Special details	58,350	58,350	56,336	2,014
Inmates	50,000	50,000	64,690	(14,690)
Fire	172,500	172,500	185,358	(12,858)
Coroner	42,310	42,310	59,863	(17,553)
Animal control	85,000	85,000	73,736	11,264
Emergency management	12,213	12,213	17,113	(4,900)
Emergency medical services	365,500	365,500	162,066	203,434
Total public safety	3,845,873	4,203,873	4,313,229	(109,356)
Public works:				
Highways and streets	1,594,650	1,679,650	1,670,081	9,569
Solid waste collection	1,064,590	1,199,590	1,374,179	(174,589)
Maintenance and shop	238,100	246,850	230,611	16,239
Total public works	2,897,340	3,126,090	3,274,871	(148,781)

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EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Expenditures (Continued)				
Current (Continued)				
Health and welfare:				
Health department buildings	$ 338,140	$ 342,640	$ 335,735	$ 6,905
Total health and welfare	338,140	342,640	335,735	6,905
Culture and recreation:				
Recreation	570,000	570,000	555,105	14,895
Total culture and recreation	570,000	570,000	555,105	14,895
Housing and development:				
Agricultural resources	103,375	103,375	104,347	(972)
Georgia Forestry Commission	30,450	30,450	30,359	91
Code enforcement	91,587	98,587	87,799	10,788
Economic development	42,000	67,000	63,687	3,313
Airport	200,000	650,000	549,379	100,621
Total housing and development	467,412	949,412	835,571	113,841
Intergovernmental:				
Other	45,000	45,000	39,580	5,420
Total expenditures	11,815,845	13,346,595	13,336,164	10,431
Excess of revenues over expenditures	522,300	377,300	1,448,539	1,071,239
Other financing uses				
Transfers out	(202,400)	(357,400)	(495,291)	(137,891)
Total other financing uses	(202,400)	(357,400)	(495,291)	(137,891)
Net change in fund balance	319,900	19,900	953,248	933,348
Fund balance, beginning of year	9,734,041	9,734,041	9,734,041	-
Prior period adjustment	73,985	73,985	73,985	-
Fund balance, beginning of year, as restated	9,808,026	9,808,026	9,808,026	-
Fund balance, end of year	$ 10,127,926	$ 9,827,926	$ 10,761,274	$ 933,348

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

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

ASSETS	Development Authority of Emanuel County and the City of Swainsboro	Emanuel County Development Authority	Emanuel County Revolving Loan	Totals
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash	$ 506,495	$ -	$ 39,591	$ 546,086
Total current assets	506,495	-	39,591	546,086
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Notes receivable:	336,466	-	134,610	471,076
Land and building held for resale:	802,622	760,310	-	1,562,932
Total non-current assets	1,139,088	760,310	134,610	2,034,008
Total assets	1,645,583	760,310	174,201	2,580,094
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	413	-	-	413
Revenue bonds payable, current portion	36,976	-	-	36,976
Total current liabilities	37,389	-	-	37,389
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES				
Revenue bonds payable, net of current portion	2,651,064	-	-	2,651,064
Total long-term liabilities	2,651,064	-	-	2,651,064
Total liabilities	2,688,453	-	-	2,688,453
NET POSITION				
Unrestricted	(1,042,870)	760,310	174,201	(108,359)
Total net position	$ (1,042,870)	$ 760,310	$ 174,201	$ (108,359)

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EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Development Authority of Emanuel County and the City of Swainsboro	Emanuel County Development Authority	Emanuel County Revolving Loan	Totals
Operating revenues				
Operating grants	$ 971,261	$ -	$ -	$ 971,261
Miscellaneous	99,083	-	4,973	104,056
Total operating revenues	1,070,344	-	4,973	1,075,317
Operating expenses				
Personal services	103,044	-	-	103,044
Purchased/contracted services	1,382,336	-	-	1,382,336
Loss on sale land held for resale	85,535	-	-	85,535
Total operating expenses	1,570,915	-	-	1,570,915
Operating income (loss)	(500,571)	-	4,973	(495,598)
Non-operating revenue (expense)				
Interest income	786	-	-	786
Interest expense	(53,179)	-	-	(53,179)
Total non-operating revenue expenses net	(52,393)	-	-	(52,393)
Income (loss) before transfers	(552,964)	-	4,973	(547,991)
Transfers				
Transfers in	300,000	-	-	300,000
Transfers out	-	-	(300,000)	(300,000)
Total transfers	300,000	-	(300,000)	-
Change in net position	(252,964)	-	(295,027)	(547,991)
Net position, beginning of year	(1,248,725)	1,065,854	601,183	418,312
Prior period adjustment	458,819	(305,544)	(131,955)	21,320
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	(789,906)	760,310	469,228	439,632
Net position, end of year	$ (1,042,870)	$ 760,310	$ 174,201	$ (108,359)

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EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Development Authority of Emanuel County and the City of Swainsboro	Emanuel County Development Authority	Emanuel County Revolving Loan	Totals
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts from customers	$ 984,809	$ -	$ 100,728	$ 1,085,537
Payments to suppliers and service providers	(1,382,253)	-	-	(1,382,253)
Payments to employees	(103,044)	-	-	(103,044)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(500,488)	-	100,728	(399,760)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Transfers out	-	-	(300,000)	(300,000)
Transfers in	300,000	-	-	300,000
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	300,000	-	(300,000)	-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from the issuance of notes payable	194,082	-	-	194,082
Principal paid on notes payable	(27,159)	-	-	(27,159)
Interest paid on notes payable	(53,179)	-	-	(53,179)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	82,050	-	-	82,050
Net change in notes receivable	(173,374)			(173,374)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	22,420	-	-	22,420
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Interest on investments	786	-	-	786
Net cash provided by investing activities	786	-	-	786
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(177,282)	-	(199,272)	(376,554)
Cash and cash equivalents				
Beginning of year	683,777	-	238,863	922,640
End of year	$ 506,495	$ -	$ 39,591	$ 546,086
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:				
Operating income (loss)	$ (500,571)	$ -	$ 4,973	$ (495,598)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:				
Decrease in accounts receivable	-	-	95,755	95,755
Increase in accounts payable	83	-	-	83
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activiti	$ (500,488)	$ -	$ 100,728	$ (399,760)

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EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash	$ 1,008,576
Taxes receivable	700,476
Total assets	$ 1,709,052
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	$ 677,040
Total liabilities	$ 1,377,516
NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	$ 331,536

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EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Taxes collected	$ 20,452,441
Fines and fees collected	3,149,031
Total additions	23,601,472
DEDUCTIONS	
Taxes disbursed	20,073,201
Fines and fees disbursed	3,177,782
Total deductions	23,250,983
Change in fiduciary net position	350,489
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	(18,953)
Net position, end of year	$ 331,536

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. The Reporting Entity

The County is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and is governed by a five-member Board of County Commissioners. All five members represent a geographical district within the County. There are additional officers elected countywide. State law pertaining to county government provides for the independent election of these county officials. The officials are all part of the County's legal entity. These elected officials are the Sheriff, Tax Commissioner, Magistrate court Judge, Probate Court Judge, and Superior Court Clerk. The offices of the independently elected officials are not separate from the County and, therefore, are reported as part of the primary government.

The state constitution and state law pertaining to county government provide for the independent election of the Superior Court Judges and the District Attorney. The cost of operations of the Superior Court Judges and the District Attorney Offices is shared with the State of Georgia and the counties of Candler, Emanuel, Jefferson, Emanuel, and Washington. Only that portion of the cost for which the County is responsible is reported in this financial report.

As required by GAAP, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of Emanuel County, Georgia (the "Primary Government") and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationship with the County. In conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as set forth in GASB Statement No. 14, as amended by, the financial statements of the component unit are discretely presented in the government-wide financial statements.

The County's component units are presented either as "blended" or "discretely presented." If blended, it is reported as if it were a fund of the County throughout the year. It is included at both the government- wised and fund financial reporting levels.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. The Reporting Entity (Continued)

Blended Component Units

Development Authority of Emanuel County and the City of Swainsboro

The Development Authority promotes business and industry in Emanuel County by providing financing and incentive packages for Emanuel County. A majority of the Board of Directors is appointed by the Emanuel County Commissioners.

Emanuel County Development Authority

The Emanuel County Development Authority promotes business and industry in Emanuel County by providing financing and incentive packages for Emanuel County. The Board of Directors is appointed by the Emanuel County Commissioners.

Discretely Presented Component Unit

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

A brief description of the discretely presented component unit is as follows:

Emanuel County Health Department (the Health Department)

The Emanuel County Health Department (the “Health Department”) works to promote and preserve the health of the citizens of the County. The Health Department's Board consists of seven members, four of these members are appointed by the County Commission and three members represent the County Chairman of the Commission, the Mayor of the City of Swainsboro and the Emanuel County School Superintendent. Although the County does not have the authority to approve or modify the Health Department's budgets, it does have the ability to control the amount of funding it provides to the Health Department and such funding is significant to the overall operations of the Health Department. The Health Department is reported on a June 30 fiscal year.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. The Reporting Entity (Continued)

Separately issued financial statements may be obtained from:

Emanuel County Health Department
P.O Box 436
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the proprietary fund and the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the County considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

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 County reports the following major governmental funds:

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 ***Coronavirus American Rescue Plan Fund*** is used to account for grant funds awarded to the County as part of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

The ***Local Maintenance Improvement Grant ("LMIG") Fund*** is a capital projects fund that accounts for the allocation of monies based on the total centerline road miles for each local road system and the total population of each county or city as compared with the total statewide centerline road miles and total statewide population.

The ***Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax*** ("***TSPLOST") Fund*** is a capital projects fund that accounts for the proceeds of a 1% Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Funds are used for various capital outlay projects included but not limited to water system improvements, public safety and fire department facilities and equipment improvements, recreational facilities improvements, and road improvements.

The ***Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST") 6 Capital Projects Fund*** is utilized to account for the proceeds of a 1% special purpose local option sales tax for funding various capital outlay projects including but not limited to water system improvements, public safety and fire department facilities and equipment improvements, recreational facilities improvements, and road improvements.

The ***Proprietary Fund*** reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The three proprietary funds are all blended component units and classified as enterprise funds. All enterprise funds are reported as major.

The ***Fiduciary Funds*** reporting focuses on assets and liabilities. The County's fiduciary funds are all custodial funds. The County has five custodial funds which account for the receipts and disbursements of funds by the tax commissioner, sheriff, magistrate court judge, probate court judge, and clerk of superior court.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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.

Revenues - Non-Exchange Transactions

Non-exchange transactions in which the County receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include sales taxes, property taxes, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the period in which the taxable sale takes place. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (Note 3-D). Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the 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 susceptible to accrual: property taxes, sales taxes, charges for services and federal and state grants.

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.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposit as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the County. Time deposits are classified as cash and cash equivalent without regard to maturity date.

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

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 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

E. Receivables

All trade and property tax receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectibles, where applicable.

F. Interfund Receivables and Payables

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “interfund receivables/payables.” These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns of 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.

G. Inventory

On the government-wide financial statements, 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).

On the fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund types when purchased (i.e., the purchases method). At year-end, fund balance is set-aside as nonexpendable in a like amount of inventory on hand.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Restricted Assets

Certain amounts are classified as restricted in the general fund because their use has been restricted to the purpose of a property tax.

I. 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 government fund financial statements.

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 acquisition value as of the date received. The County maintains a capitalization threshold of $5,000 dollars. The County's infrastructure consists of roads and bridges. The County's infrastructure has been reported retroactively in 2003. 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 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 for both governmental and business-type assets are computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Asset Category	Years
Buildings	25 – 50
Vehicles and equipment	5 – 20
Furniture and fixtures	5 – 10
Infrastructure	20 – 40

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Compensated Absences

Vacation 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. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination payment method. As accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is based on the County's experience of making termination payments.

All compensated absences liability includes salary-related payments, where applicable. The total compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. Governmental funds report the compensated absence liability at the fund reporting level only "when due."

K. 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 are recognized as a liability in the governmental fund financial statements when due.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Equity

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

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

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

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

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

- ***Assigned*** – Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the County's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Through policy, authorization to assign fund balance remains with the Board.

- ***Unassigned*** – Fund balances are reported as unassigned 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: 1) committed, 2) assigned, and 3) unassigned.

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."

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Equity (Continued)

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

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

M. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

N. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the funds. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that are the primary activity of each fund. Non-operating revenues are investment earnings and operating grants. Non-operating expenses include the loss on the disposition of capital assets.

O. Interfund Activity

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

P. Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position reports 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. One item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities

The governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances includes reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances – total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide Statement of Activities. One element of that reconciliation explains that "Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense." The details of this difference are as follows:

Capital outlay	$	4,957,652
Depreciation expense		(1,586,340)
Net adjustment to increase *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* to arrive at change in net position - *governmental activities*	$	3,371,312

NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities (Continued)

Another element of the reconciliation states that "the issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, financed purchases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities." The details of this difference are as follows:

Issuance of debt:	
Financed purchase	$ (2,801,571)
Bond principal repayments	1,106,132
Financed purchase repayments	400,359
Net adjustment to decrease *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* to arrive at *changes in net position - governmental activities*	$ (1,295,080)

Another element of that reconciliation states that "Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds." The details of this difference are as follows:

Change in:	
Compensated absences	$ (51,097)
Accrued interest	(2,596)
Net adjustment to decrease *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* to arrive at *changes in net position - governmental activities*	$ (53,693)

NOTE 3. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS

A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Budgetary Data.

The County adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds except the capital projects funds, which have an adopted project budget. The budget resolution reflects the total of each department's appropriation in each fund. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP with the exception of the capital projects funds, which have project length budgets, rather than annual budgets.

The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) for each adopted annual operating budget generally is the department level within each individual fund. Department heads have the authority to transfer appropriations within a department (within the same fund) from one line item to another subject to the approval of the County Administrator.

Any change in total to a fund or departmental appropriation within a fund requires approval of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners also must approve budget transfers within departments.

The original 2021 budget was not amended during the year. All unexpended annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

B. Excess Expenditures over Appropriations

For the year ended September 30, 2021, expenditures exceeded budget in the applicable governmental funds, as follows:

Department		Excess
General Fund		
Tax commissioner	$	5,682
Tax assessor		15,371
Sheriff		210,625
Jail		65,442
Special details		(2,014)
Fire		12,858
Coroner		17,553
Emergency management		4,900
Solid waste collection		174,589
Agricultural resources		972

These over expenditures were funded by additional unanticipated revenues.

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits. The County's cash and investment policy limits deposits to demand and money market accounts, and time deposits at local banks. The County's deposits shall be secured by Federal Depositary Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") coverage and/or bank pledges. State statues require banks holding public funds to secure these funds by FDIC insurance, securities pledged at par value, and surety bonds at face value in combined aggregate totaling not less than 110 percent of the public funds held.

Custodial credit risk – deposits. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and 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. As of September 30, 2021, the deposits of the County and its component units were properly insured and collateralized as defined by GASB pronouncements and the official code of the State of Georgia.

Cash Equivalents Statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, bonds of the State of Georgia and its agencies, instrumentalities and political subdivisions, certificates of deposit of national or state banks that are fully insured or collateralized by United States obligations, and the Local Government Investment Pool ("Georgia Fund 1"). The investment in Georgia Fund 1 represents the County's portion of a pooled investment account operated by the Office of the State Treasurer. The pool consists of U.S. treasury obligations, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, bankers' acceptances, overnight and term repurchase agreements with highly rated counterparties, and collateralized bank accounts. The investment in Georgia Fund 1 is valued at fair market value.

Funds included in this Pool are not required to be collateralized.

The fair value of the County's position in the pool approximates the value of the County's pool shares. Credit risk, value, and interest risk at September 30, 2021 are as follows:

Credit Risk	Value	Interest Risk
AAAf rated	$ 5,694,129	40 days WAM

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Primary government cash and cash equivalents reconciliation:

Balances per statement of net position:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents- Primary government	$ 18,908,230
Balances per statement of fiduciary net position:	
Cash - Custodial funds	1,008,576
	$ 19,916,806
Cash deposited with financial institutions	$ 14,222,677
Cash deposited with Georgia Fund 1	5,694,129
	$ 19,916,806

NOTE 5. RECEIVABLES

The Board of Commissioners levy property taxes in September of each year. Property taxes were levied on September 9, 2021. Bills are payable on or before December 20, 2021, after which the applicable property is subject to lien, penalties and interest are assessed. Property taxes are attached as an enforceable lien on property as of December 20, 2021. The County bills and collects its own property taxes and also collects for the County Board of Education and the State of Georgia. The County also collects vehicle and mobile home taxes for the cities located in the County and the State of Georgia. Collection of the County's taxes and for the other governmental agencies is the responsibility of the Tax Commissioner's Office, which is accounted for in a custodial fund.

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 1,331,422	$ -	$	$ 1,331,422
Construction in progress	-	277,427	-	277,427
Total	1,331,422	277,427	-	1,608,849
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	10,856,833	329,286	-	11,186,119
Land Improvements	1,098,177	5,600	-	1,103,777
Machinery and equipment	11,144,665	4,345,339	(5,727,240)	9,762,764
Infrastructure	6,215,450	-	-	6,215,450
Total	29,315,125	4,680,225	(5,727,240)	28,268,110
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(4,253,011)	(231,696)	-	(4,484,707)
Machinery and equipment	(9,966,941)	(1,186,936)	5,605,332	(5,548,545)
Infrastructure	(1,131,249)	(167,708)	-	(1,298,957)
Total	(15,351,201)	(1,586,340)	5,605,332	(11,332,209)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	13,963,924	3,093,885	(121,908)	16,935,901
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 15,295,346	$ 3,371,312	$ (121,908)	$ 18,544,750

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	$ 198,587
Public safety	412,668
Public works	953,165
Culture and recreation	21,920
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 1,586,340

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Primary Government

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the Primary Government for the year ended September 30, 2021:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Capital leases	$ 54,312	$ 2,801,571	$ 400,359	$ 2,455,524	$ 356,153
Notes payable	1,106,132	-	1,106,132	-	-
Compensated absences	211,875	153,978	115,899	249,954	249,954
Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care	1,084,804	13,018	-	1,097,822	-
Governmental activities Long-term liabilities	$ 2,457,123	$ 2,968,567	$ 1,622,390	$ 3,803,300	$ 606,107
Business-type activities:					
Notes payable	2,521,117	194,082	27,159	2,688,040	36,976
Business-type activities Long-term liabilities	$ 2,521,117	$ 194,082	$ 27,159	$ 2,688,040	$ 36,976

For governmental activities, compensated absences are generally liquidated by the General Fund.

Governmental Activities:

2016 Durden Bank - On August 30, 2016 the County issued a note for $1,471,326 at an interest rate of 1.9% to purchase heavy equipment. The note matured September 29, 2021.

2017 John Deere Capital Lease - On May 30, 2017 the County entered into a lease of a Loader for $159,286 at an interest rate of 3.5%. The lease matures April 30, 2022. The current outstanding balance as of September 30, 2021, was $20,360.

2021 John Deere Capital Lease - On September 21, 2021 the County entered into a lease of 10 Motorgraders for $2,801,571 at an interest rate of 1.25%. The lease matures September 21, 2026. The current outstanding balance as of September 30, 2021, was $2,435,164.

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Primary Government (Continued)

Governmental Activities (Continued):

The annual requirements for debt service on the capital leases at September 30, 2021, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Payable	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	$ 356,153	$ 30,853	$ 387,006
2023	340,014	26,393	366,407
2024	344,289	22,118	366,407
2025	348,617	17,790	366,407
2026	1,066,451	13,407	1,079,858
	$ 2,455,524	$ 110,561	$ 2,566,085

Business-type Activities:

GEFA loan GF2017004 - On November 14, 2017 the County issued a note for $920,000 at an interest rate of 2.39%. The note will be used to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and installing a water tank, treatment building, and water lines for the I-16 Park. The note matures December 11, 2040. The current outstanding balance as of September 30, 2021, was $892,841.

GEFA loan GF2017004 - On October 16, 2018 the County issued a note for $3,000,000 at an interest rate of 2.75%. The note will be used to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and installing pump stations and sewer lines for the I-16 Park. Currently the note is still in the draw down phase. The current outstanding balance as of September 30, 2021, was $1,795,198, and is excluded from the maturity schedule below.

The annual requirements for debt service on the Development Authority of Emanuel County & City of Swainsboro GEFA Loans at September 30, 2021, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Payable	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	$ 36,976	$ 20,935	$ 57,911
2023	37,869	20,042	57,911
2024	38,784	19,127	57,911
2025	39,721	18,189	57,910
2026	40,681	17,230	57,911
2027 – 2031	218,635	70,921	289,556
2032 – 2036	246,358	43,199	289,557
2037 – 2041	233,817	12,309	246,126
	$ 892,841	$ 221,952	$ 1,114,793

NOTE 8. LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations required the County to place a final cover on the Emanuel County Landfill site when it stopped accepting waste in 1998 and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for 30 years after closure. The landfill's final cover was completed in 2000 and the final closure certificate was issued January 12, 2001. The estimated post closure cost of $46,000 per year plus inflation for the 30 years is based on engineers' estimates at November 1, 1995. This represents all the post-closure cost liability (none remaining to be recognized) but it must be updated annually to adjust for inflation or deflation, and changes in technology, or applicable laws or regulations. The County has estimated a $1,097,822 liability for closure and post-closure.

NOTE 9. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund receivable and payable balances as of September 30, 2021 represent charges for services or reimbursable expenses. These remaining balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that: 1) interfund goods or services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, or 2) transactions are recorded in the accounting period, and 3) no payments between funds are made in the current year.

Interfund transfers as of September 30, 2021, are as follows:

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	General Fund	$ 495,291
LMIG	TSPLOST	115,000
Development Authority of Emanuel County and the City of Swainsboro	Revolving Loan Fund	300,000
		$ 910,291

Transfers are used to: 1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that the statute or budget requires to expend them, 2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, and 3) to transfer funds for debt service.

NOTE 10. RETIREMENT PLANS

Primary Government

Plan Description

The County adopted a non-contributory defined contribution plan on August 31, 1998 and it went into effect on February 3, 1999. All full-time employees with two years of service are eligible for coverage. Coverage begins on the next entry date immediately following the anniversary hire date.

Emanuel County Board of Commissioners Retirement Saving Plan (the “Plan”), is administered by GEB Corp. The County has the authority to establish or amend plan provisions. The investment objective of the Plan is to protect against loss of principal while providing returns more than money market funds and one-year treasury bills.

The County is responsible for establishing or amending the defined contribution plan contribution requirements. The County's defined contribution plan contribution for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 was $296,767 on covered payroll of $4,966,957.

Employees, at their option, may contribute as much as 25% of their salary to a 457 deferred compensation plan. Employees do not contribute to the 401(a) plan.

The County makes contributions to a 401(a) plan based on the employee’s contributions to the 457 plan as follows:

Employee Contribution	County Contribution
4%	4.00%
5%	5.00%
6%	6.00%
7%	7.00%

NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT

Interlocal Risk Management Agency - The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts, thefts 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 Interlocal Risk Management Agency ("IRMA") for property and liability insurance and the ACCG-Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund ("WCSIF"), public entity risk pools currently operating as common risk management and insurance programs for member local governments. The Association County Commissioners of Georgia ("ACCG") administers both risk pools.

As part of these risks pools, the County is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the pools, to cooperate with the pools' agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by the funds, and to report 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 pools' agents and attorneys to represent the County in investigation, settlement discussions and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the County within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

The funds are to defend and protect the members of the funds against liability or loss as prescribed in the member governments' contracts and in accordance with the workers' compensation laws 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 coverage.

NOTE 12. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

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

Litigation: The County was a defendant in several lawsuits at September 30, 2021. In the opinion of County management, the outcome of these contingencies will not have a material effect on the financial position of the County.

NOTE 12. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Commitments: The County has entered into a contract with Emanuel County Hospital ("Hospital Authority") wherein the County is obligated to make payments to the Hospital Authority sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on $4,715,000 Emanuel County Hospital Authority (Georgia), Refunding and Improvement Revenue Anticipation Certificates, Series 1997 and $10,000,000 Emanuel County Hospital Authority (Georgia) Revenue Anticipation Certificates, Series 2002 as the same become due and payable, to the extent funds of the Hospital Authority pledged to such payment are insufficient for such purposes. The County is obligated under the contract to levy an annual ad valorem tax on all taxable property located within the territorial limits of the County, at such rate within the seven-mil limit or such greater millage limit hereafter authorized to produce in each year revenues which are sufficient to fulfill the County's obligations under the contract. The certificates do not constitute a debt of the County.

NOTE 13. JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities or counties in the middle Georgia area, is a member of Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission ("RC") and is required to pay annual dues thereto. Membership in an RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") §50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. O.C.G.A. §50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC.

Separate financial statements may be obtained from:

Heart of Georgia Altamaha
Regional Development
Center 5405 Oak Street
Eastman, Georgia 31023

NOTE 14. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

In conjunction with the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, the County is required to reevaluate the accounting treatment of fiduciary activities. The new standard requires the County to determine if funds are still considered fiduciary, and if so, if they are considered custodial funds under the new definitions of GASB Statement No. 84. Therefore, in conjunction with the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, the following restatement was required to the beginning net position of the Fiduciary Activities to properly report the custodial funds.

	Custodial Funds
Net position, beginning of the year, as previously reported	$ -
Adjustment needed to record beginning net position of the agency funds now reported as custodial funds in accordance with GASB Statement No. 84.	(18,953)
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	**$ (18,953)**

NOTE 15. RESTATEMENT OF ERRORS IN PRIOR YEAR REPORTING

Government-wide Level Restatements

The County has determined a restatement to beginning net position of governmental activities and beginning net position of business-type activities are required to correct errors as of September 30, 2020.

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Net Position, as previously reported	$ 28,683,019	$ 418,312
Adjustments to beginning net position to reflect corrections of error, net		
Adjustment to capital leases	(54,312)	-
Adjustment to interfund balances	73,985	153,275
Adjustment to notes receivable	-	(131,955)
Net Position, as restated	$ 28,702,692	$ 439,632

NOTE 15. RESTATEMENT OF ERRORS IN PRIOR YEAR REPORTING (CONTINUED)

Fund Level Restatements

The County has determined a restatement was required to the beginning fund balance for the correction of errors following funds as of September 30, 2020.

	Major Funds			
	General Fund	Development Authority of Emanuel County and the City of Swainsboro	Emanuel County Development Authority	Emanuel County Revolving Loan
Fund Balances, as previously reported	$ 9,734,041	$ (1,248,725)	$ 1,065,854	$ 601,183
Adjustments to beginning fund balances to reflect corrections of error, net				
Adjustment to interfund balances	73,985	458,819	(305,544)	-
Adjustment to note receivable	-	-	-	(131,955)
Fund Balances, as restated	$ 9,808,026	$ (789,906)	$ 760,310	$ 469,228

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds

Development Authority is used to account for monies that serve to improve the quality of life for all who live and work in the town by creating jobs and developing affordable housing.

Emergency Telephone System Fund is used to account for the cost of operating and maintaining the County E-911 System. Financing is provided by a charge to each telephone subscriber whose exchange access lines are in the areas served by the County's E-911 system and by a transfer from the General Fund.

Juvenile Services Fund is used to account for monies collected under Georgia law for probation services to juvenile offenders. Such monies are restricted to providing treatment to juvenile offenders.

Jail Fund is used to account for the expenditures made towards maintenance and operations of the County jail.

County Drug Abuse and Treatment Education (DATE) Fund is used to account for collection of additional penalties for certain drug related crimes and for expenditure of those funds solely and exclusively for drug abuse treatment and education programs.

Fire Protection and Control Fund is used to support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards.

Capital Projects Funds

Major Grants Fund used to account for CDBG funds.

SPLOST 5 is utilized to account for the proceeds of a 1% special purpose local option sales tax for funding various capital outlay projects including but not limited to water system improvements, public safety and fire department facilities and equipment improvements, recreational facilities improvements, and road improvements.

Local Resources Fund is used to account for money that the County receives from the sale of assets.

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	$ 1,060,576	$ 1,221,644	$ 2,282,220
Receivables			
Property taxes	43,157	-	43,157
Accounts	24,077	-	24,077
Total assets	$ 1,127,810	$ 1,221,644	$ 2,349,454
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	$ 1,719	$ 95,133	$ 96,852
Accrued liabilities	10,973	-	10,973
Total liabilities	12,692	95,133	107,825
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenues			
Property taxes	37,999	-	37,999
Total deferred inflows of resources	37,999	-	37,999
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)			
Restricted for:			
Public safety	551,792	-	551,792
Economic development	426,978	-	426,978
Capital projects	-	1,126,511	1,126,511
Assigned for:			
Jail commissary activities	98,349	-	98,349
Total fund balances	1,077,119	1,126,511	2,203,630
Total liabilities, deferred inflow of resources and fund balances	$ 1,127,810	$ 1,221,644	$ 2,349,454

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Fines and forfeitures	$ 605,949	$ 4,000	$ 609,949
Charges for services	725,979	-	725,979
Interest income	2,210	45	2,255
Miscellaneous	-	54,933	54,933
Total revenues	1,334,138	58,978	1,393,116
Expenditures			
Current:			
Public safety	717,678	-	717,678
Housing and economic development	450,000	-	450,000
Public works	-	230,797	230,797
Capital outlay	177,058	87,932	264,990
Total expenditures	1,344,736	318,729	1,663,465
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(10,598)	(259,751)	(270,349)
Other financing sources			
Sale of assets	-	357,526	357,526
Transfers in	275,000	220,291	495,291
Total other financing sources	275,000	577,817	852,817
Net change in fund balances	264,402	318,066	582,468
Fund balances, beginning of year	812,717	808,445	1,621,162
Fund balances, end of year	$ 1,077,119	$ 1,126,511	$ 2,203,630

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds				
	Development Authority	Emergency Telephone System	Juvenile Services Fund	Jail Fund	DATE Fund
ASSETS					
Cash	$ 421,820	$ 87,943	$ 17,956	$ 77,393	$ 78,209
Receivables					
Property taxes	43,157	-	-	-	-
Accounts	-	-	-	20,956	3,121
Total assets	$ 464,977	$ 87,943	$ 17,956	$ 98,349	$ 81,330
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 1,719	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accrued liabilities	-	10,973	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	12,692	-	-	-
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenues					
Property taxes	37,999	-	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	37,999	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted for:					
Public safety	-	75,251	17,956	-	81,330
Economic development	426,978	-	-	-	-
Assigned for:					
Jail commissary activities	-	-	-	98,349	-
Total fund balances	426,978	75,251	17,956	98,349	81,330
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 464,977	$ 87,943	$ 17,956	$ 98,349	$ 81,330

Fire Protection and Control	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
$ 377,255	$ 1,060,576
-	43,157
-	24,077
$ 377,255	$ 1,127,810
$ -	$ 1,719
-	10,973
-	12,692
-	37,999
-	37,999
377,255	551,792
-	426,978
-	98,349
377,255	1,077,119
$ 377,255	$ 1,127,810

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds				
	Development Authority	Emergency Telephone System	Juvenile Services Fund	Jail Fund	DATE Fund
Revenues					
Property Taxes	$ 512,855	$ -	$ -	$ 79,605	$ 13,489
Charges for services	-	404,058	510	-	-
Interest income	1,762	-	57	154	237
Total revenues	514,617	404,058	567	79,759	13,726
Expenditures					
Current:					
Public safety	-	685,147	-	-	-
Housing and economic development	450,000	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	450,000	685,147	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	64,617	(281,089)	567	79,759	13,726
Other financing sources					
Transfers in	-	275,000	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	-	275,000	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	64,617	(6,089)	567	79,759	13,726
Fund balances, beginning of year	362,361	81,340	17,389	18,590	67,604
Fund balances, end of year	$ 426,978	$ 75,251	$ 17,956	$ 98,349	$ 81,330

Fire Protection and Control	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
$ -	$ 605,949
321,411	725,979
-	2,210
321,411	1,334,138
32,531	717,678
-	450,000
177,058	177,058
209,589	1,344,736
111,822	(10,598)
-	275,000
-	275,000
111,822	264,402
265,433	812,717
$ 377,255	$ 1,077,119

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Capital Projects Funds			Total Nonmajor Capital Project Funds
	Major Grant Fund	SPLOST 5	Local Resources Fund	
ASSETS				
Cash	$ 43,770	$ 5,038	$ 1,172,836	$ 1,221,644
Total assets	$ 43,770	$ 5,038	$ 1,172,836	$ 1,221,644
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	$ 32,420	$ -	$ 62,713	$ 95,133
Total liabilities	32,420	-	62,713	95,133
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted for:				
Economic development	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	11,350	5,038	1,110,123	1,126,511
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	11,350	5,038	1,110,123	1,126,511
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 43,770	$ 5,038	$ 1,172,836	$ 1,221,644

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Capital Projects Funds			Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
	Major Grant Fund	SPLOST 5	Local Resources Fund	
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	$ 4,000	$ -	$ -	$ 4,000
Interest income	-	45	-	45
Miscellaneous	-	-	54,933	54,933
Total revenues	4,000	45	54,933	58,978
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public works	62,941	-	167,856	230,797
Capital outlay	-	87,932	-	87,932
Total expenditures	62,941	87,932	167,856	318,729
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(58,941)	(87,887)	(112,923)	(259,751)
Other financing sources				
Sale of assets	-	-	357,526	357,526
Transfers in	70,291	-	150,000	220,291
Total other financing sources	70,291	-	507,526	577,817
Net change in fund balances	11,350	(87,887)	394,603	318,066
Fund balances, beginning of year	-	92,925	715,520	808,445
Fund balances, end of year	$ 11,350	$ 5,038	$ 1,110,123	$ 1,126,511

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL
FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

Tax Commissioner – To account for the collection and payment to the County and other taxing units of the property taxes levied, billed, and collected by the Tax Commissioner on behalf of the County and other taxing units.

Clerk of Superior Court – To account for all monies received by the Clerk of Superior Court on behalf of individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and other funds.

Probate Court – To account for all monies received by the Probate Court on behalf of individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and other funds.

Magistrate Court – To account for all monies received by the Magistrate Court on behalf of individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and other funds.

Sheriff – To account for all monies received by the Sheriff's Department on behalf of individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and other funds.

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

ASSETS	Tax Commissioner	Clerk of Superior Court	Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Sheriff	Total
Cash	$ 532,375	$ 339,597	$ 516	$ 112	$ 135,976	$ 1,008,576
Taxes receivable	700,476	-	-	-	-	700,476
Total assets	$ 1,232,851	$ 339,597	$ 516	$ 112	$ 135,976	$ 1,709,052
LIABILITIES						
Due to others	$ 527,273	$ 107,673	$ -	$ 112	$ 41,982	$ 677,040
Uncollected taxes	700,476	-	-	-	-	700,476
Total liabilities	$ 1,227,749	$ 107,673	$ -	$ 112	$ 41,982	$ 1,377,516
NET POSITION						
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments	$ 5,102	$ 231,924	$ 516	$ -	$ 93,994	$ 331,536

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

ADDITIONS	Tax Commissioner	Clerk of Superior Court	Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Sheriff	Total
Taxes collected	$ 20,452,441	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,452,441
Fines and fees collected	-	1,899,585	120,513	314,320	814,613	3,149,031
Total additions	20,452,441	1,899,585	120,513	314,320	814,613	23,601,472
DEDUCTIONS						
Taxes disbursed	20,073,201	-	-	-	-	20,073,201
Fines and fees disbursed	-	1,883,993	120,464	314,320	859,005	3,177,782
Total deductions	20,073,201	1,883,993	120,464	314,320	859,005	23,250,983
Change in net position	379,240	15,592	49	-	(44,392)	350,489
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	(374,138)	216,332	467	-	138,386	(18,953)
Net position, end of year	$ 5,102	$ 231,924	$ 516	$ -	$ 93,994	$ 331,536

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS - 2010 ISSUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Project Description	Original Estimated Cost	Revised Estimated Cost	Expenditures		
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total
General Obligation Bonds	$ 828,379	$ 828,379	$ 1,793,753	$ -	$ 1,793,753
Hospital Authority Bonds	4,775,062	4,775,062	4,855,709	-	4,855,709
SPLOST Bond Principal	1,560,000	1,560,000	2,494,326	-	2,494,326
Interest	1,000,000	1,000,000	625,954	-	625,954
City ofAdrian	232,996	232,996	241,213	-	241,213
City of Garfield	66,000	66,000	78,515	-	78,515
City of Nunez	63,008	63,008	79,634	-	79,634
City of Oak Park	151,402	151,402	183,486	-	183,486
City of Stillmore	292,832	292,832	270,104	-	270,104
City of Summertown	61,378	61,378	71,034	-	71,034
City of Swainsboro	2,728,866	2,728,866	2,967,983	-	2,967,983
City of Twin City	694,456	694,456	716,167	-	716,167
County Buildings	2,565,621	2,565,621	2,306,878	-	2,306,878
Solid Waste	100,000	100,000	869,426	-	869,426
Airport Hanger and Infrastructure	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,851,366	-	1,851,366
Capital Outlay	-	-	615,564	87,932	703,496
Total	$ 16,120,000	$ 16,120,000	$ 20,021,113	$ 87,932	$ 20,109,045

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS - 2018 ISSUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Project Description	Original Estimated Cost	Revised Estimated Cost	Expenditures		
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total
Hospital Debt	$ 5,600,000	$ 5,600,000	$ 2,727,549	$ 893,353	$ 3,620,902
Courthouse	825,000	825,000	-	102,034	102,034
Tier 1 Facility Improvements	900,000	900,000		210,700	210,700
Animal Shelter Improvements	150,000	150,000	80,946	3,056	84,002
Theatre Improvements	225,000	225,000	-	-	-
Economic Development	225,000	225,000	-	-	-
Recreation Improvements	200,000	200,000	-	45,547	45,547
Road Department V&E	1,390,194	1,390,194	280,100	585,240	865,340
Road Improvements	250,000	250,000	-	-	-
Solid Waste V&E	325,000	325,000	259,159	63,367	322,526
Rural Fire Facilities, V&E	330,000	330,000	-	38,208	38,208
EMS V&E	525,000	525,000	65,750	314,135	379,885
Gun Range	150,000	150,000	-	-	-
Building Improvements	200,000	200,000	-	14,960	14,960
E-911 Facility and Equipment	350,000	350,000	58,261	270,127	328,388
Public Safety V&E	335,000	335,000	33,140	51,877	85,017
TC Recreation Improvements	60,000	60,000	-	-	-
Technology Equipment	125,000	125,000	62,222	16,568	78,790
Municipal Payments	3,859,806	3,859,806	1,286,707	1,041,686	2,328,393
Total	$ 16,025,000	$ 16,025,000	$ 4,853,832	$ 3,650,859	$ 8,504,691

COMPLIANCE SECTION

MAULDIN & JENKINS
CPAs & ADVISORS

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*

Board of Commissioners
of Emanuel County, Georgia
Swainsboro, Georgia

We have audited, 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 *("Government Auditing Standards")*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Emanuel County, Georgia (the "County") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 3, 2022. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Emanuel County Board of Health (the "Board of Health"), as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors. Our report also includes a reference to the change in accounting principle resulting from the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, as of October 1, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did identify deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2021 – 001 through 2021 – 005.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Emanuel County, Georgia's Response to the Findings

The County's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The County's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Macon, Georgia
August 3, 2022

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

SECTION I
SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued	Unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weaknesses identified?	_X_ Yes	_____ None Reported
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	___ Yes	_X_ None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	___ Yes	_X_ No

Federal Awards

There was not an audit of major federal award programs for the year ended September 30, 2021 due to the total amount expended being less than $750,000.

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

2021-001 – Restatement – Proper Recognition of Notes Receivable

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure amounts reported for notes receivable and related items are appropriate and properly valued and recorded in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Condition: During the prior year, the County did not properly record notes receivable at the government-wide level and at the fund level (Revolving Loan Fund).

Context: We addressed the matter with the County to determine the appropriate amounts to record as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Effects: A prior period restatement was required to record notes receivable and net position at the fund level and the government-wide level as of September 30, 2020. This adjustment is as follows:

- Fund Level (Revolving Loan Fund) – to decrease notes receivable and net position by $131,955;
- Government-wide Level (business-type activities) – prior period restatement to decrease the notes receivable and net position by $131,955.

Cause: There was a lack of appropriate controls implemented at the County during the fiscal year to ensure notes receivable balances were properly reconciled and recorded.

Recommendation: We recommend the County carefully review note receivable to ensure transactions are reported in accordance with GAAP.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: We concur with the finding. We will continue to review and improve policies and procedures in an effort to eliminate error and identify deficiencies from both operational and financial perspectives.

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

2021-002 – Restatement – Proper Recognition of Capital Leases

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure amounts reported for capital leases and related items are appropriate and properly valued and recorded in accordance with GAAP.

Condition: During the prior year, the County did not properly record capital leases at the government-wide level for the primary government.

Context: We addressed the matter with the County to determine the appropriate amounts to record as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Effects: A prior period restatement was required to record capital leases and fund balance/net position at the government-wide level (governmental activities) as of September 30, 2020. This adjustment was as follows:

- Government-wide Level (Governmental Activities) – prior period restatement to increase capital leases and decrease net position by $54,312 as of September 30, 2020.

Cause: There was a lack of appropriate controls implemented at the County during the fiscal year to ensure capital lease balances were properly recorded.

Recommendation: We recommend the County carefully review all capital leases to ensure transactions are reported in accordance with GAAP.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: We concur with the finding. We will continue to review and improve policies and procedures in an effort to eliminate error and identify deficiencies from both operational and financial perspectives.

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

2021-003 – Restatement – Proper Recognition of Interfund Balances

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure amounts reported for interfund balances and related items are appropriate and properly valued and recorded in accordance with GAAP.

Condition: During the prior year, the County did not properly record interfund balances across various funds.

Context: We addressed the matter with the County to determine the appropriate amounts to record as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Effects: Prior period restatements were required of the County to properly record interfund balances at the fund level and government-wide level for the correction of an error.

- Fund Level (Development Authority of Emanuel County and the City of Swainsboro) – prior period restatement to decrease interfund due to by $516,705; decrease interfund due from by $57,886; and increase fund balance by $458,819 as of September 30, 2020.
- Fund Level (Emanuel County Development Authority) – prior period restatement to decrease interfund due to by $211,161; decrease interfund due from by $516,705; and decrease fund balance by $305,544 as of September 30, 2020.
- Fund Level (General Fund) – prior period restatement to decrease interfund due to by $227,260; decrease interfund due from by $153,275; and increase fund balance by $73,985 as of September 30, 2020.
- Government-wide Level (Governmental Activities) – prior period restatement to decrease interfund due to by $227,260; decrease interfund due from by $153,275; and decrease net position by $73,985 as of September 30, 2020.
- Government-wide Level (business-type activities) – prior period restatement to decrease interfund due to by $727,866; decrease interfund due from by $574,591; and increase net position by $153,275 as of September 30, 2020.

Cause: There was a lack of appropriate controls implemented at the County during the fiscal year to ensure interfund balances are properly reconciled and recorded.

Recommendation: We recommend the County carefully review all interfund balances to ensure transactions are reported in accordance with GAAP.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: We concur with the finding. We will continue to review and improve policies and procedures in an effort to eliminate error and identify deficiencies from both operational and financial perspectives.

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

2021-004 Segregation of Duties – Cash Accounts and Other Operational Functions

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

Condition: There is not appropriate segregation of duties among recording, distribution, and reconciliation of cash accounts and other operational functions in various funds administered by the County. Further, we noted a general lack of segregation of duties. We noted bank statements were being reconciled by employees of these elected officials with no consistent review of the reconciled statements being performed. Specifically, we noted the following:

- Tax Commissioner's Office – one individual with the authority to prepare and sign checks also reconciles the bank statements.
- Magistrate Court – one individual has the authority to open mail, receipt monies and prepare the deposits.
- Superior Court – one individual with the authority to prepare and sign checks also reconciles the bank statements.
- Sheriff – one individual with the authority to prepare and sign checks also reconciles the bank statements. In addition, we noted all bank reconciliations are not properly reviewed.

Context: Several instances of overlapping duties were noted during interviews regarding internal control procedures.

Effect: Failure to properly segregate duties can lead to misappropriation of funds that is not detected during the normal course of business.

Cause: The lack of segregation of duties is primarily due to the limited number of individuals in each office available to perform all of the duties.

Recommendation: We recommend the duties of recording, distributing, and reconciling of accounts be segregated among employees. Also, we recommend greater separation of duties relative to: making deposits, opening the mail, posting receipts, and signing of checks.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: We agree there is a lack of segregation of duties in the offices of the above mentioned areas due to minimum staffing in those departments. Procedures are continuing to be reviewed and implemented. Currently bank statements are being reconciled in these areas and then sent up to finance for review and approval.

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

2021-005 – Clerk of Court Duties

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure money received by the Superior Court is deposited and paid out in a timely manner.

Condition: During our audit of the Superior Court, we noted several instances where deposits were held for several weeks, before being deposited in the bank. We noted deposit slips were prepared daily, but due to time constraints, were placed in a locked safe for weeks until being deposited. This shows a lack of good cash controls and timely deposits of funds. We also noted several instances where monthly payouts were not made for several months at a time. Per review of activity after year-end, M&J noted several payments posted for months prior. These payments were delayed due to time constraints and deposits not being made in a timely manner. This shows a lack of good cash controls and timely payout of funds.

Context: We addressed the matter with the County to determine the appropriate actions are taken so as to properly complete the Superior Court Duties at September 30, 2021.

Effects: The lack of internal controls over the timely recording of cash can lead to misappropriation of funds that is not detected during the normal course of business.

Cause: There was a lack of appropriate controls implemented at the Superior Court during the fiscal year to ensure cash balances were properly recorded.

Recommendation: We recommend the Superior Court implement procedures to deposit and pay out funds received in a timely manner.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: We concur with the finding. We will continue to review and improve policies and procedures in an effort to eliminate error and identify deficiencies from both operational and financial perspectives.