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June 25, 2026

TO THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CITIZENS OF FORSYTH COUNTY:

State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish within six months of the close of each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to the requirements, we hereby issue the annual comprehensive financial report of Forsyth County, Georgia for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

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

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, a firm of licensed certified public accountants, has audited the County's financial statements. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the County for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that Forsyth County, Georgia's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditors' report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

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

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

PROFILE OF THE GOVERNMENT

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

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

Services provided to approximately 283,000 Forsyth citizens residing in the 247 square mile area include: police and fire protection; the construction and maintenance of highways, streets, and other infrastructure; and recreational activities and cultural events. Water and Sewer services are provided through a legally separate Water and Sewer Authority, which functions, in essence, as a fund of the County and therefore has been included as an integral part of the County's financial statements. The County also is financially accountable for a legally separate Health Department, and a legally separate Library, each of which is reported separately within the County's financial statements. Additional information on all three of these legally separate entities can be found in Note 1 in the notes of the financial statements.

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

Departments and County offices prepare revenue and expenditure estimates, which are reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Chief Financial Officer prepares a proposed line-item operating budget and submits it to the Board of Commissioners. Public Hearings are conducted in the County to obtain taxpayers' comments on the proposed budget. The Board of Commissioners is required to adopt the final

budget on or before December 31 at an official Board of Commissioners meeting. Budgetary control is maintained at the department/office appropriation level. Budget amendments must be authorized by the Board of Commissioners through a budget resolution. The County Manager is authorized to transfer certain line-item budgeted amounts within any department, under certain conditions. Expenditures that would increase total department/office appropriations require the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

LOCAL ECONOMY

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

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

The County was originally dominated by the poultry, horse, and farming industries, and two industry giants, Tyson Foods and Koch Foods, still play a major role in the area's economy. Over the past 10 years, in excess of 75 international companies have moved to the County, with 20 having national or regional headquarters. The medical and life science industries remain the County's fastest growing industry sectors. According to the Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce's list of top employers, Forsyth County Schools holds the top position with over 8,000 employees, making it the largest employer in the County. Northside Hospital Forsyth ranks second, with approximately 3,100 employees, making it the largest private-sector employer in the County.

The University of North Georgia Cumming campus, which opened in fall 2012, is meeting the need for higher education in the northeast Georgia region. Located off GA 400 at Pilgrim Mill Road [exit 16], the new instructional center offers a range of 2- and 4-year undergraduate programs, graduate programs, and professional development opportunities. In July 2024, the completion of a $15.5 million, 27,300-square-foot expansion of its Cumming Campus, increasing the campus's size by 75% and adding 11 new instructional spaces. This expansion allows for a future enrollment capacity of 2,200 students and supports the introduction of several bachelor's degree programs, including elementary and special education, nursing, computer science, and Bachelor of Business Administration in management and international affairs.

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

GROWTH

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Forsyth County is among the fastest-growing counties in Georgia and the U.S. Between 2010 and 2020, it gained over 75,000 residents, making it the 13th fastest-growing county in the nation with a population exceeding 100,000. From 2020 to 2025, the population increased by 12.5%, reaching approximately 282,805 residents. This growth is attributed to its proximity to Atlanta, affordable housing, and high-quality schools.

EDUCATION

As of the 2024–2025 school year, Forsyth County Schools serve approximately 55,000 students across 42 schools, including 23 elementary, 11 middle, and 8 high schools. The district ranks in the top 5% in Georgia for overall performance, math proficiency, reading proficiency, science proficiency, and graduation rate. The high school graduation rate stands at 96%, placing Forsyth County among the top 10% of districts in Georgia.

In terms of technology, Forsyth County Schools is recognized as a leader in instructional and operational technology. The district has implemented a 1:1 computing ratio, ensuring that each student has access to a device. Classrooms are equipped with interactive boards, and all full-time teachers are provided with notebook computers and access to online communication tools. Additionally, the district utilizes the Canvas learning management system for both students and teachers. Overall, Forsyth County Schools continue to prioritize innovation, growth, and excellence in education, ensuring that students and staff have access to state-of-the-art facilities and resources.

HEALTH

In 2025, Forsyth County was ranked 33rd among the top 500 healthiest communities in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report. This ranking considers factors like healthcare access, education, and economic stability.

Forsyth County is home to a diverse population, with about 22% identifying as Asian and another 10% as Hispanic or Latino. Approximately 26% of residents speak a language other than English at home, reflecting its multicultural community.

In summary, Forsyth County exemplifies a thriving, well-educated, and healthy community, making it an attractive destination for families and professionals alike.

MAJOR INITIATIVES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners' General Obligation (GO) bond rating was reaffirmed in March 2025. Both Moody's and Standard & Poor's (S&P) reaffirmed Forsyth County's highest possible bond ratings—Aaa and AAA, respectively—following their reviews. This reaffirmation builds upon Fitch Ratings' affirmation of the County's AAA rating in 2024. With these top-tier ratings from all three major U.S. credit agencies, Forsyth County maintains the lowest

borrowing costs, reflecting its strong local economy, diverse tax base, and responsible financial management. This achievement positions the county among only four in Georgia to hold a AAA rating from all three agencies.

- The Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) recognized Forsyth County's Department of Water and Sewer again in 2025. At that time, the department received multiple prestigious awards for excellence in water and wastewater systems operations. These awards underscore the department's commitment to operational excellence and its dedication to providing high-quality water and wastewater services to Forsyth County residents.

- Forsyth County has outgrown its current Administration Building, which was constructed in 1996. A new County Administration Campus is being constructed strategically to meet the needs of not only today, but tomorrow. This long-term investment will consist of two facilities, the County Administration Building, and an Employee Center. The facilities will include a modernized Commissioner's Meeting Room, meeting areas for citizen groups, as well as an employee wellness and fitness center. Funding for the project came from the Capital Outlay Fund. The County Administration Campus sits on 42-acres and is projected to be completed in 2026.

- Forsyth County Parks & Recreation continues to receive recognition for its excellence. In 2025, the department was honored by the Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) at both the District 7 level and the State of Georgia level. Staff was honored by winning the State Administration Leadership Network Distinguished Professional Award, the District 7 Roy A. Hammond Leadership Award, the State Recreation Network Distinguished Professional Award, the GRPA District 7 Programmer of the Year Award, and the GRPA District 7 Distinguished Professional Administrator Award. Forsyth County Parks & Recreation remains one of only 165 agencies nationally to hold accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), a distinction it earned in 2017.

- On November 5, 2024, Forsyth County voters approved continuation of the 1% Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) program. Collections began on July 1, 2025, and will continue for six years. County projects to be funded from SPLOST IX include road projects, fire department facilities and equipment, park projects, and water projects.

IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY

- The Coal Mountain Connector reached completion in 2025 with approximately a 1-mile new roadway, a 5-foot sidewalk to the west and a 10-foot multi-use trail to the West beginning at SR 369 to SR 9. The project includes one lane in each direction with a 12-foot raised median and curb and gutter. A new roundabout was installed at the intersection of the Coal Mountain Connector and Settingdown Road. With a total project cost of approximately $9 million, this endeavor was funded predominately by SPLOST and Impact Fee collections.

- As previously mentioned, our County Administration Campus is a long-term investment. Forsyth County has outgrown its current Administration Building, which was constructed in 1996. The Forsyth County Administration Campus is being constructed strategically to meet as many citizens' needs as possible. 17 County departments under one roof, provide a "one-stop"

concept to simplify customer experience and offer capacity to expand in the future. The County Administration Campus will sit on 42 acres and is projected to be completed in 2026 with a total cost of approximately $134 million.

- Forsyth County has two significant water projects, Water Intake and Return Flow. These two projects will allow Forsyth County to create an intake facility to take water from Lake Lanier, as well as convey highly treated water from the Fowler Water Reclamation Facility into Lake Lanier. These projects will ensure that county residents continue to have a reliable, high-quality water supply and create a sustainable water infrastructure. The Water Intake project is currently in the design stage, and the Return Flow project's pipeline and pump station are estimated to be completed in 2026 with the diffuser portion to follow. The total cost for both projects is approximately $350 million.

PARKS, RECREATION GRANT AND SPLOST DOLLARS AT WORK

- Forsyth County's oldest park, Bennett Park, continued renovations in 2025 and plans to reopen in 2026. Following the completion of the renovation project, Bennett Park will offer two multi-purpose rectangle fields, three baseball/softball fields, batting cages, picnic pavilions, a community building and playground, as well as paved and natural trails. The total renovation cost is estimated at $25.1 million funded by grant and SPLOST among others.

LONG–TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING

- Forsyth County's Board of Commissioners formally adopted the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the years inclusive of 2026-2030. The CIP is updated annually to direct the financing of and appropriations for all capital projects. The County defines a capital project for inclusion in the CIP as any asset or project in excess of $100,000 during the planning period. The County coordinates the development and update of the CIP with the development of the operating budget to ensure that future operating costs are projected and included in the operating budget when and where it is appropriate to do so.

- Forsyth County defeased $22,863,749 in General Obligation Bonds in 2025. The defeasance resulted in approximately $1,908,763 in avoided interest costs.

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

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Forsyth County, Georgia for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. This was the 25th consecutive year the County has received this prestigious award. This award honors an easily readable, efficiently organized, Annual

Comprehensive Financial Report that conforms to program standards and satisfies both GAAP and applicable legal requirements.

GFOA awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Forsyth County, Georgia for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025. This was the eleventh year the County has received this prestigious award. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

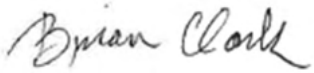
The preparation, design and publication of this year's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report would not have been possible without the continuous commitment of the Finance Department staff throughout the year. Sincere appreciation also goes to the various County departments and offices for their assistance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

Respectfully submitted,



David McKee

County Manager



Brian Clark

Chief Financial Officer

Government Finance Officers Association

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Secretary - District 4



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Member - District 5

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DAVID McKEE
County Manager



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ANTHONY TARNACKI
Asst. County Manager



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Chief Financial Officer



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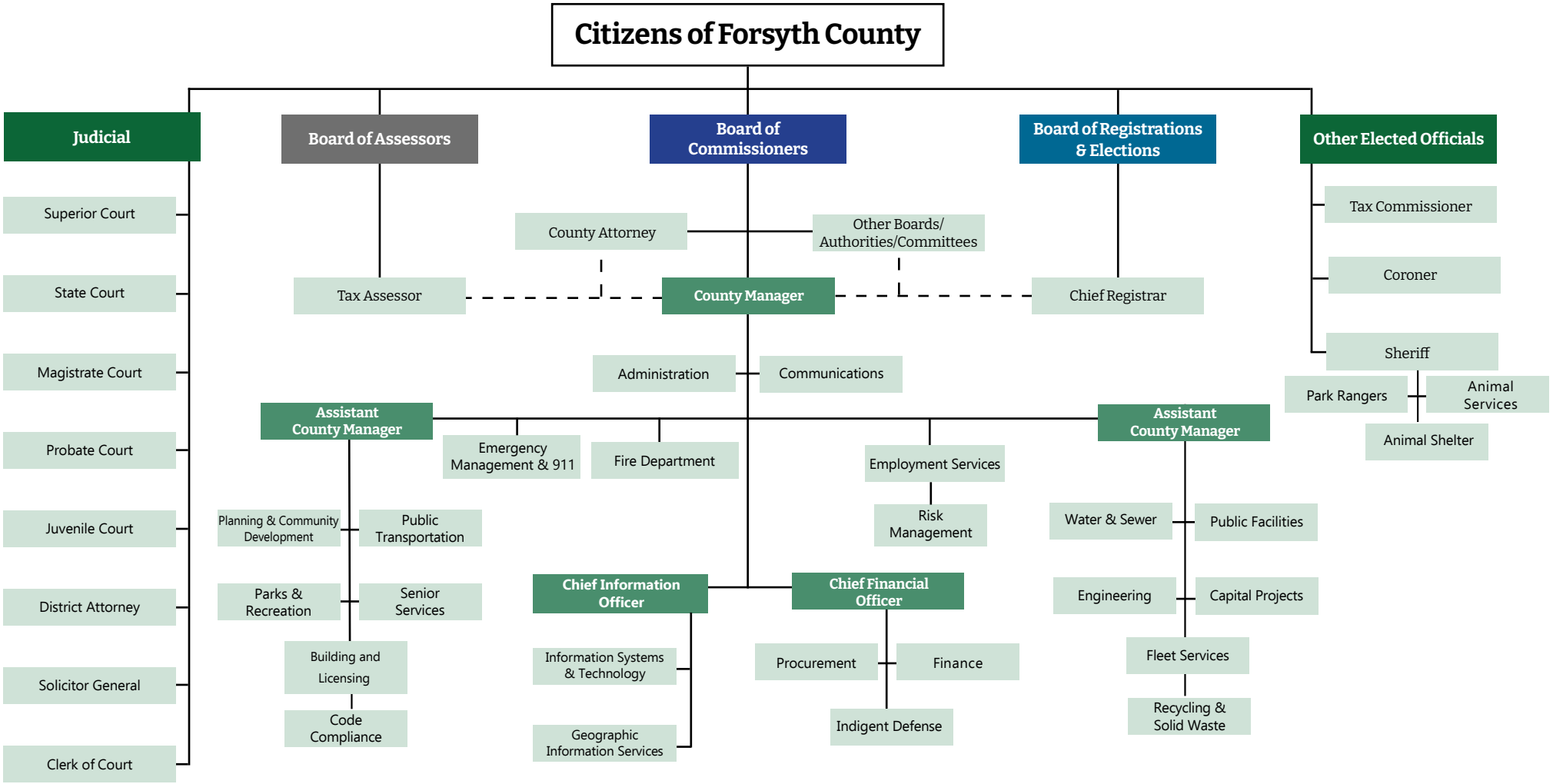
County Department Heads

Jennifer Johnston	Accountability Courts
Jake Hill	Building & Licensing-BECON
John Jefferson	Capital Projects Management
Russell Brown	Communications
Tom Cisco	EMA/911
Charity Clark	Employment Services
John Cunard	Engineering
Heather Kolich	Extension Services
Rebecca Whitmire	Finance
Barry Head	Fire Department
Marcus Hawk	Fleet
John Kilgore	Geographic Information Service
Melissa Banker	Indigent Defense
Lisa Luly	Information Systems & Technology
Adrianne Junius	Library
Tammy Keaton	Recycling & Solid Waste/Landfill
Kirk Franz	Parks & Recreation
Tom Brown	Planning & Community Development
Adrian Casey	Procurement
Dan Callahan	Public Facilities
Roy Rickert	Public Transportation
Heather Hammons	Risk Management
Sharolyn Flemons	Senior Services
Richard Tucker	Sheriff's Office
Joel Benton	Tax Assessor
Mandi Smith	Voter Registration

Judicial and Other Elected Officials

Jeffrey S. Bagley	Superior Court Chief Judge
David L. Dickerson	Superior Court Judge
Phillip C. Smith	Superior Court Judge
T. Russell McClelland II	State Court Chief Judge
James Dunn	State Court Judge
Keisha Martin Chambless	Chief Magistrate
Daisy Weeks-Marisko	Probate Court Judge
Christopher W. Willis	Presiding Juvenile Court Judge
Heather N. Dunn	Juvenile Court Judge
Penny A. Penn	District Attorney
William "Bill" Finch	Solicitor General
Greg G. Allen	Clerk of Court
Matthew C. Ledbetter	Tax Commissioner
Paul W. Holbrook	Coroner
Ron Freeman	Sheriff

Forsyth County Government Organizational Chart



FINANCIAL SECTION 2025



MAULDIN & JENKINS
CPAs & ADVISORS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Commissioners
of Forsyth County, Georgia
Cumming, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Forsyth County, Georgia** (the "County"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of December 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Forsyth County Health Department, which represents 30 percent, 138 percent, and 18 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units as of December 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Forsyth County Health Department, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

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

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

Other Information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 2026, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
June 25, 2026

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

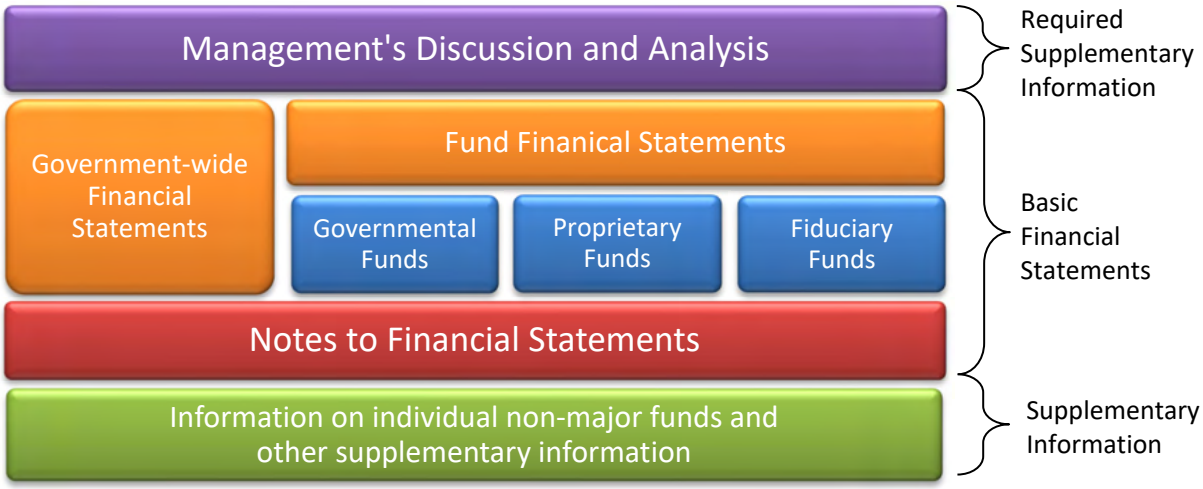
Our discussion and analysis of Forsyth County's financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. Please read it in conjunction with the transmittal letter on pages v-xi and the County's financial statements, which begin on page 17.

GOVERNMENT – WIDE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Forsyth County's primary government assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by $2.7 billion (net position) as of December 31, 2025. Of this amount $1.9 billion is governmental activities and $835.5 million is business-type activities.
- The combined revenue total for the County is $646.8 million, a 14.8% increase from 2024.
- Of the combined total revenue, governmental activities is $521.9 million and business-type activities is $124.8 million.
- The combined expense total for the County is $409.5 million, a 2.7% increase from 2024. Of the combined total, governmental activities is at $326.8 million and business-type activities is $82.7 million.
- At December 31, 2025, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balance is $441.4 million, an increase of $36.9 million or 9.1% from the 2024 fund balance. The unassigned fund balance for various governmental funds is $84.9 million.
- The County's total debt increased by $38.6 million or 8.5% from fiscal year 2024, primarily due to debt service payments.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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



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

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

- *Statement of activities* presents the revenues and expenses of the County. The difference between these is the change in net position for the year.

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

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

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

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

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

As of December 31, 2025, the County maintains twenty (20) individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, the Fire District Fund, the Grant Fund, the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, and the Debt Service Fund, all of which are major funds. Data from the other fourteen governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

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

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

Proprietary Funds. The County maintains two different types of proprietary funds: enterprise and internal service funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses enterprise funds to account for its Water and Sewer Authority and Solid Waste operation. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions. For 2025, the County used internal service funds to account for risk management, workers' compensation, employee health benefits and fleet maintenance. Because these services predominantly benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

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

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

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 29-70 of this report.

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the County's schedule of budgetary comparisons, progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees, and employer pension contributions. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 79-102 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position. As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of Forsyth County, assets exceeded liabilities by $2.7 billion at the close of the most recent fiscal year. This is an increase of $237.3 million or 9.6% from fiscal year 2024.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA'S NET POSITION
December 31, 2025
($ In thousands)

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
ASSETS						
Current and other assets	$ 707,241	$ 662,041	$ 157,126	$ 123,452	$ 864,367	$ 785,493
Capital assets (net of depreciation)	1,610,721	1,510,732	970,241	878,672	2,580,962	2,389,404
TOTAL ASSETS	2,317,962	2,172,773	1,127,367	1,002,124	3,445,329	3,174,897
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	25,067	32,220	121	196	25,188	32,416
LIABILITIES						
Other liabilities	52,338	78,548	47,716	47,771	100,054	126,319
Long-term liabilities outstanding	248,656	198,947	243,230	254,376	491,886	453,323
TOTAL LIABILITIES	300,994	277,495	290,946	302,147	591,940	579,642
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	171,342	158,277	1,074	551	172,416	158,828
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets	1,521,174	1,374,758	725,213	623,017	2,246,387	1,997,775
Restricted	185,540	197,697	7,238	7,035	192,778	204,732
Unrestricted	163,979	196,766	103,017	69,570	266,996	266,336
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 1,870,693	$1,769,221	$ 835,468	$ 699,622	$ 2,706,161	$ 2,468,843

The largest component of the County's net position, $2.2 billion, or 83.0% at December 31, 2025, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves are not planned to be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The next component of the County's net position consists of restricted net position, $192.8 million or 7.1%, which represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The final component is unrestricted net position, $267.0 million or 9.9%, may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, Forsyth County's net position in governmental activities increased by $101.5 million, 5.7%, due in part to an overall increase in revenues, an increase in capital assets and generally by keeping the total expenditures below the level of revenue collections. Net position in business-type activities increased by $135.8 million, or 19.4%.

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

Changes in Net Position. Governmental and business-type activities increased the County's net position by $237.3 million by the end of December 31, 2025.

The following table gives a comparison for the changes in net position in governmental and business-type activities for fiscal year 2025 and 2024.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA'S CHANGES IN NET POSITION
December 31, 2025
($ In thousands)

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
REVENUES						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for services	$ 57,101	$ 51,959	$ 80,290	$ 82,161	$ 137,391	$ 134,120
Operating grants and contributions	23,307	7,250	-	-	23,307	7,250
Capital grants and contributions	82,811	28,055	40,585	40,402	123,396	68,457
General Revenues:						
Property taxes	161,859	153,027	-	-	161,859	153,027
Sales taxes	122,730	117,148	-	-	122,730	117,148
Title ad valorem tax	25,689	26,247	-	-	25,689	26,247
Insurance premium tax	23,915	21,321	-	-	23,915	21,321
Other taxes	6,387	6,574	-	-	6,387	6,574
Unrestricted investment earnings	17,437	22,193	3,921	4,407	21,358	26,600
Intergovernmental revenue, not restricted for a specific programs	-	-	38	36	38	36
Other	709	2,633	-	62	709	2,695
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 521,945	$ 436,407	$124,834	$127,068	$ 646,779	$ 563,475
EXPENSES						
General Government	60,707	62,071	-	-	60,707	62,071
Judicial	21,768	21,514	-	-	21,768	21,514
Public Safety	145,628	132,287	-	-	145,628	132,287
Public Works	40,924	47,453	-	-	40,924	47,453
Health and Welfare	5,790	12,741	-	-	5,790	12,741
Culture and Recreation	33,910	23,864	-	-	33,910	23,864
Housing and Development	10,475	10,333	-	-	10,475	10,333
Interest	7,562	2,563	-	-	7,562	2,563
Solid Waste	-	-	2,195	2,379	2,195	2,379
Water and Sewer	-	-	80,502	83,734	80,502	83,734
TOTAL EXPENSES	326,764	312,826	82,697	86,113	409,461	398,939
Increase in net position before transfers	195,181	123,581	42,137	40,955	237,318	164,536
Transfers	(93,709)	(16,219)	93,709	16,219	-	-
Increase in net position	101,472	107,362	135,846	57,174	237,318	164,536
Net position, beginning of year	1,769,221	1,661,859	699,622	642,448	2,468,843	2,304,307
Net position, end of year	$1,870,693	$ 1,769,221	$835,468	$699,622	$2,706,161	$2,468,843

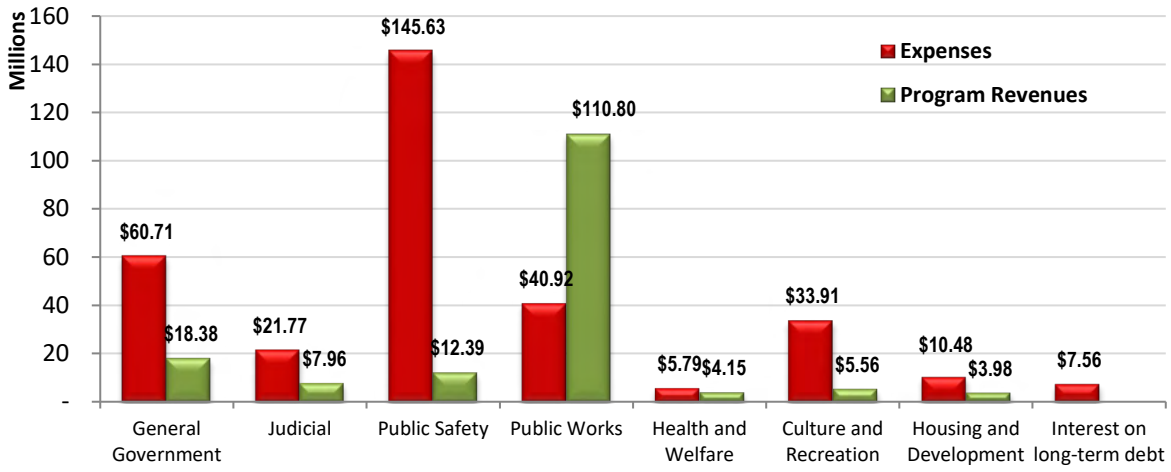
Governmental Activities. Governmental activities increased the County's net position by $101.5 million thereby accounting for 42.8% of the total growth in net position. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- The County's governmental activities relied on the following revenue sources in 2025: $57.1 million in charges for services, $106.2 million for grants and contributions, $340.1 million in taxes, $17.4 million in investment earnings, and $0.7 million in other revenue. Total program and general revenue for 2025 is $521.9 million.

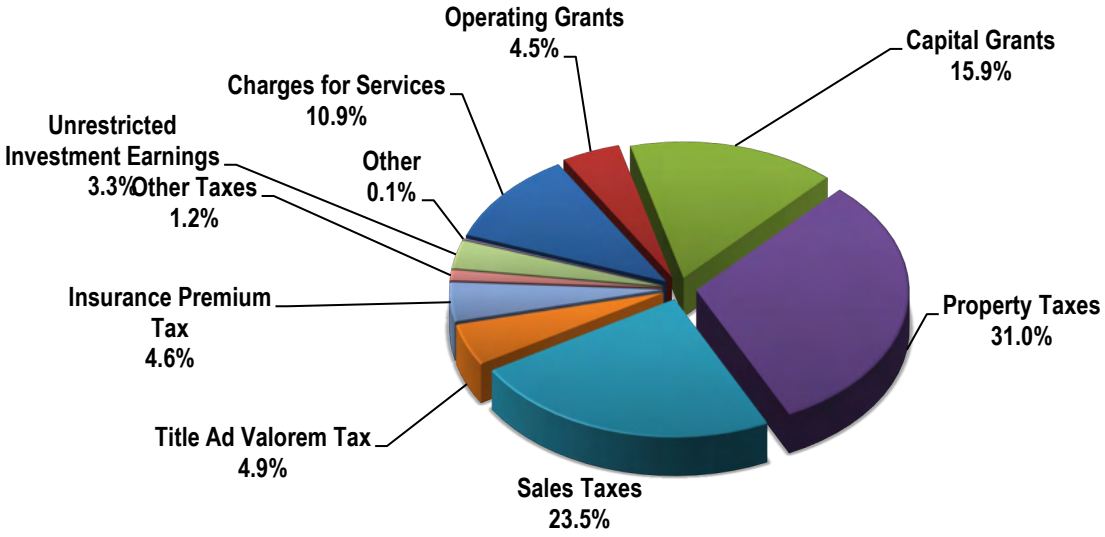
- Total revenues for governmental activities increased by $85.5 million or 19.6% from fiscal year 2024. Property taxes totaling $161.9 million is the largest revenue source for the County. Operating grants and contributions increased by $16.0 million, while capital grants and contributions increased by $54.8 million. Sales tax revenues combined with the Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) increased by $5.0 million. The TAVT was passed by the state legislature to replace the sales tax on new vehicles and the annual property tax on tag renewals.
- Expenses related to governmental activities increased by $13.9 million or 4.5% from 2024. The largest increase was $13.3 million in Public Safety.

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

EXPENSES AND PROGRAM REVENUES - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES



REVENUES BY SOURCE - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES



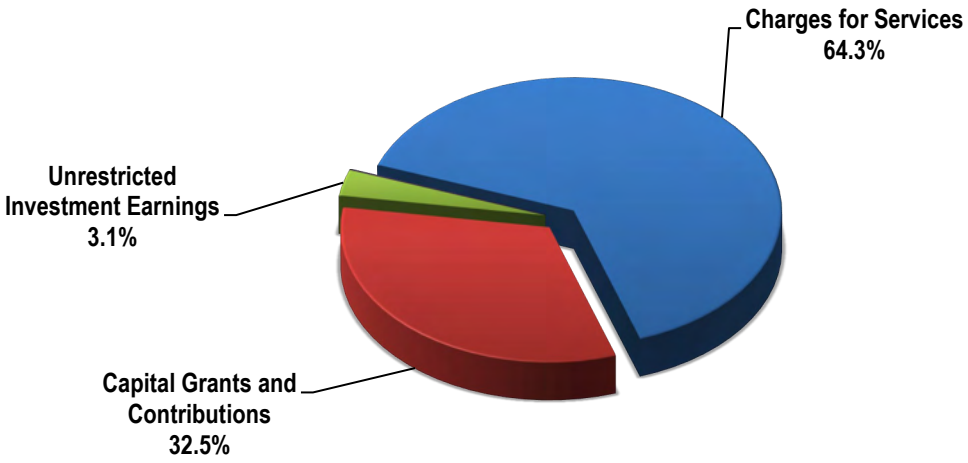
Business-Type Activities. Business-type activities increased the County's net position by $135.6 million, accounting for 57.2% of the total growth in net position. A key element of this increase is Water and Sewer Authority capital contributions of $40.6 million, which includes developers' system contributions.

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

EXPENSES AND PROGRAM REVENUES - BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITES



REVENUES BY SOURCE - BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

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

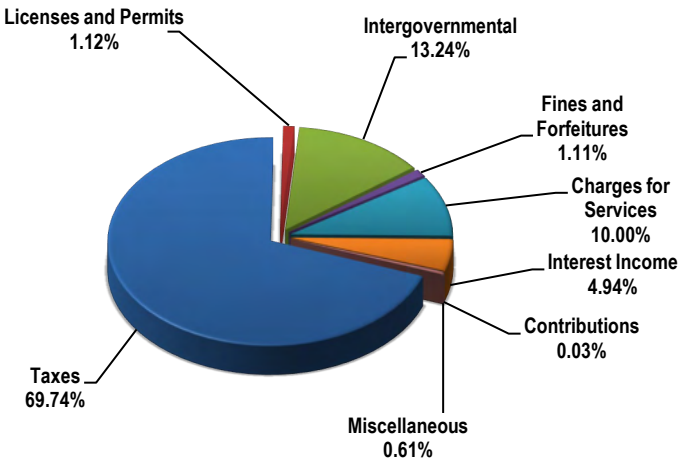
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
CHANGES TO FUND BALANCE
($ in thousands)

	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	% Inc/Dec
General Fund	$ 109,967	$ 113,118	$ (3,151)	-2.8%
Fire District	28,329	21,756	6,573	30.2%
Grant	(22,006)	(7,559)	(14,447)	191.1%
SPLOST	207,251	99,343	107,908	108.6%
Capital Projects	82,421	109,008	(26,587)	-24.4%
Debt Service	83	20,611	(20,528)	-99.6%
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	35,321	48,206	(12,885)	-26.7%
Fund Balance	**$ 441,366**	**$ 404,483**	**$ 36,883**	**9.1%**

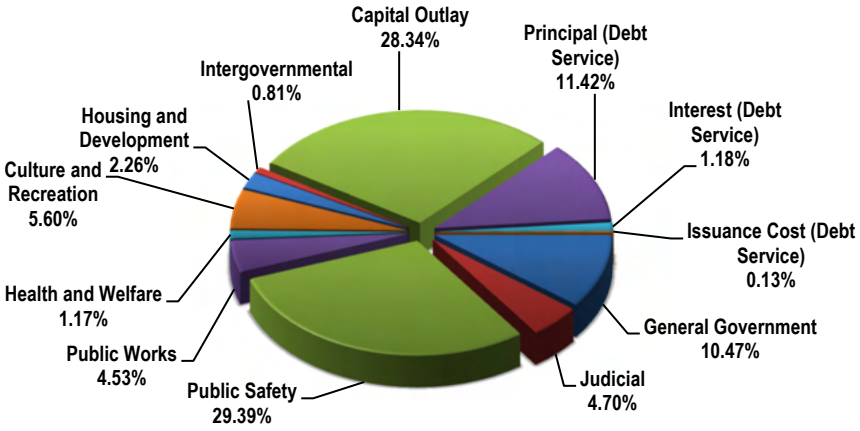
At the end of the current fiscal year, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $441.4 million, an increase of $36.9 million in comparison with the fund balance for 2024. Approximately 19.4% of this total amount, $85.7 million, constitutes unassigned which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is non-spendable, restricted and assigned to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has been restricted by state law for specific projects, to liquidate contracts and purchase orders of the prior period, to pay debt service, and for a variety of other purposes.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At the end of the 2025 fiscal year, unassigned fund balance was $107.7 million, which represents 97.9% of total General Fund balance. The fund balance of the General Fund decreased by $3.2 million or 2.8% during the 2025 fiscal year. This is primarily due to the percentage increase in expenditures out pacing the percentage increase in revenues compared to 2024.

REVENUES BY SOURCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS



EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS



The fund balance of the County's Fire District Fund increased by $6.6 million, or 30.2%, during the 2025 fiscal year. This increase is due to the increase in tax collections from growth in the property tax digest as well as a slight increase in the fire milage rate, staying ahead of the increase in operating costs.

The fund balance of the County's Grant Fund decreased by $14.5 million, or 191.1% during the 2025 fiscal year. This decrease was primarily the result of large project expenditures with lagging grant reimbursements.

The fund balance of the County's SPLOST fund increased by $107.9 million, or 108.6%, during the current fiscal year. This is due to issuing approximately $100 million in voter authorized bonds for projects.

The Capital Projects Fund experienced a decrease in fund balance as approximately $46 million was spent on building costs for the County's Administration Campus and renovations to court buildings.

The County's Debt Service Fund experienced a decrease in fund balance of approximately $20.5 million as debt service payments on the County's bonded debt exceeded property tax revenues by approximately $22.7 million. With transfers making up approximately $19.6 million of that revenue amount. This was primarily due to the reduction in the bond milage rate as well as a bond defeasance in 2025.

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

Total operating revenues for the Water and Sewer Authority was $74.8 million, an 1.3% decrease from 2024. The department's water customer count grew by 1,076, or 1.5%, new connections increased to a year-end total of 70,535 and sewer customer count increased by 1,001, or 2.5%, to a year-end total of 40,594. Total operating expenses were $73.8 million.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Forsyth County's government-wide investment in capital assets before debt on December 31, 2025 is $2.6 billion. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, roads, bridges, machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles. Government-wide net additions in 2025 are $191.3 million with $100.0 million in government-type activities and $91.5 million net increase in business-type activities. Net investment in capital assets is $2.2 billion with $1.5 billion for governmental activities and $725.2 million for business-type activities. This is a 12.4% increase from the previous fiscal year.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA'S CAPITAL ASSETS

(in the thousands)

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Land and improvements	$ 562,775	$ 551,065	$ 30,975	$ 30,519	$ 593,750	$ 581,584
Infrastructure land improvements	167,038	167,727	-	-	167,038	167,727
Construction in progress	268,162	194,619	141,301	104,954	409,463	299,573
Buildings and improvements	260,092	248,728	51,942	53,340	312,034	302,068
Machinery and equipment	25,717	23,127	4,565	4,589	30,282	27,716
Vehicles	24,209	17,621	1,743	2,183	25,952	19,804
Sewer capacity rights	-	-	22,611	17,597	22,611	17,597
Infrastructure	302,595	307,383	716,777	665,263	1,019,372	972,646
Right-to-use assets	133	462	114	227	247	689
Total	**$ 1,610,721**	**$ 1,510,732**	**$ 970,028**	**$ 878,672**	**$ 2,580,749**	**$ 2,389,404**

Major capital asset activities in the 2025 fiscal year include the following:

- The Coal Mountain Connector reached completion in 2025 with approximately a 1-mile new roadway, a 5-foot sidewalk to the west and a 10-foot multi-use trail to the west beginning at SR 369 to SR 9. The project includes one lane in each direction with a 12-foot raised median and curb and gutter. A new roundabout was installed at the intersection of the Coal Mountain Connector and Settingdown Road. With a total project cost of approximately $9 million, this endeavor was funded predominately by SPLOST and Impact Fee collections.

- The Central Park Recreation Center Renovation and Expansion opened in 2025. The project consisted of an addition to the Parks & Rec facility, including a new gymnasium, exercise rooms and large meeting room. Also, a renovation of the southern wing of the building to become the new hub for senior services; equipped with a kitchen, large activity rooms, and exercise rooms. The project cost was just over $8 million and was funded by SPLOST.

- Forsyth County has outgrown its current Administration Building, which was constructed in 1996. The Forsyth County Administration Campus will be constructed strategically to meet the needs of not only today, but tomorrow. This long-term investment will consolidate 17 County departments under one roof, provide a "one-stop" concept to simplify customer experience and offer capacity to expand in the future. The County Administration Campus will sit on 42 acres and is projected to be completed in 2026 with a total cost of approximately $134 million.

- Forsyth County has two significant water projects, Water Intake and Return Flow. These two projects will allow Forsyth County to create an intake facility to take water from Lake Lanier, as well as convey highly treated water from the Fowler Water Reclamation Facility into Lake Lanier. These projects will ensure that county residents continue to have a reliable, high-quality water supply and create a sustainable water infrastructure. The Water Intake project is currently in the design stage, and the Return Flow project's

pipeline and pump station are estimated to be completed in 2026. The total estimated cost for both projects is approximately $350 million.

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note 6, on pages 49 and 50.

Long-Term Debt. At the end of fiscal year 2025, the County had total bonded debt outstanding in the amount of $388.7 million. Of this amount, $165.2 million consists of general obligation bonds backed by the full faith and credit of the government and $223.5 million represents bonds secured by specified revenue sources (i.e., revenue bonds). The County's total debt increased by $38.6 million primarily due to the County's servicing outstanding debt and adding SPLOST IX bonds.

The County maintained the exceptionally positive credit rating during the fiscal year 2025 with Moody's (Aaa), Standard & Poor's (AAA), and Fitch (AAA).

Additionally, state statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt the County may issue up to 10% of the assessed value of taxable property within the County's jurisdiction. The current debt limitation for the County is $2.1 billion, which is significantly higher the County's current outstanding debt.

Additional information on the County's long-term debt can be found in Note 8, pages 52-58.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Differences between the original budget, the final budget and actual results for the County's General Fund by category are shown below and on pages 71 and 72.

GENERAL FUND
for the year ended December 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
General Government	$ 62,886,535	$ 59,247,169	$ 47,155,495	$ 12,091,674
Judicial	21,169,014	21,304,014	20,308,234	995,780
Public Safety	80,138,311	82,617,580	80,417,505	2,200,075
Public Works	552,500	552,500	458,305	94,195
Health and Welfare	3,261,469	3,276,069	2,694,896	581,173
Culture and Recreation	26,477,979	26,523,125	25,521,900	1,001,225
Housing and Development	9,554,741	10,394,556	9,095,466	1,299,090
Debt Service	-	-	258,000	(258,000)
Total Expenditures	**$ 204,040,549** 1	**$ 203,915,013**	**$ 185,909,801**	**$ 18,005,212**

(1) The adopted General Fund expenditure budget included transfers to other funds ($11,412,474) which are not shown on this chart.

During the 2025 fiscal year, the County made several budget adjustments to the General Fund that are reflected in the final budget. Projected revenues of $212.5 million in the original budget increased to $212.8 million at year end. Total revenues ended at $232.6 million, $19.8 million above the final budget.

The original adopted expenditure budget of $204.0 million was amended to $203.9 million. However, by year end, actual expenditures for the General Fund were $185.9 million, $18.0 million below the final amended budget and $13.4 million over the 2024 fiscal year. Significant variances to the final budget and actual are summarized below:

- General Government - $12.1 million under final budget due to significant savings on facilities costs, administrative costs lower than expected, and the remaining balance available in budgeted reserves.
- Public Safety - $2.2 million under final budget due to final costs in the County Sheriff's office ending under budget.
- Housing and Development - $1.3 million under final budget due to savings in Planning and Community Development.

Forsyth County's General Fund 2025 final budget is $203.9 million, an increase of 11.1% from the 2024 budget.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND THE 2026 BUDGET

Forsyth County's 2026 budget is reflective of the financial position of the County in 2025. During 2025, the County experienced an increase in revenues and amended the revenue and expenditure budgets accordingly.

- Continued global and national economic issues persist. Interest rates, global conflicts, home values, supply shortages, and 40-year high inflationary levels are of significant concern.
- Wage costs, worker shortages, and employee retention are concerns in the employment outlook and service delivery strategies for the County.
- The County's total 2025 millage rate for Maintenance and Operations, Fire, and Debt Service was maintained at 7.896 mils.
- The 2026 budget process focused on balancing the budget and not increasing the tax rates.
- Forsyth County continues to implement cost-saving measures as all departments and offices throughout the county monitor their budgets and processes for additional efficiency.

All of these factors were taken into consideration and implemented when preparing the County's budget for fiscal year 2026.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Forsyth County's finances for all those interested. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the County's Finance Department at 2435 Freedom Pkwy. Suite 3200, Cumming, GA 30041.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Primary Government			Component Units	
ASSETS	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Health Department	Library System
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 533,145,373	$ 129,333,044	$ 662,478,417	$ 3,116,784	$ 3,694,678
Investments	-	-	-	536,211	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	2,239,610	12,470,915	14,710,525	245,541	39,220
Taxes receivable	13,780,675	-	13,780,675	-	-
Intergovernmental receivables	38,202,380	-	38,202,380	-	157,989
Leases receivable	873,588	1,136,147	2,009,735	-	-
Prepaid items	2,690,541	46,662	2,737,203	-	128,771
Inventories	842,901	2,432,472	3,275,373	-	-
Internal balances	(2,686,865)	2,686,865	-	-	-
Other assets	406,336	-	406,336	-	-
Restricted assets:					
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	103,030,319	9,019,561	112,049,880	-	-
Investments	8,820,047	-	8,820,047	-	-
Note receivable	-	1,167	1,167	-	-
Net pension asset	5,896,081	-	5,896,081	-	-
Net OPEB asset	-	-	-	182,677	-
Capital assets, nondepreciable	997,974,996	194,845,377	1,192,820,373	-	-
Capital assets, depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	612,746,094	775,395,497	1,388,141,591	22,261	5,439,195
Total assets	2,317,962,076	1,127,367,707	3,445,329,783	4,103,474	9,459,853
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred charges on refunding	868,358	120,926	989,284	-	-
Pension related items	-	-	-	452,137	2,487,321
OPEB related items	24,199,087	-	24,199,087	170,953	802,386
Total deferred outflows of resources	25,067,445	120,926	25,188,371	623,090	3,289,707
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	29,172,635	5,234,084	34,406,719	18,151	257,718
Retainage payable	12,512,303	1,755,849	14,268,152	-	-
Accrued liabilities	7,531,975	2,311,686	9,843,661	-	213,704
Customer deposits payable	-	5,421,364	5,421,364	-	-
Unearned revenue	3,121,630	32,993,901	36,115,531	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities due within one year					
Compensated absences payable	14,089,125	912,668	15,001,793	101,665	340,812
Lease liabilities	163,104	118,574	281,678	-	-
Subscription liabilities	-	-	-	-	69,213
Note payable	-	1,195,642	1,195,642	-	-
Claims payable	3,292,314	-	3,292,314	-	-
Total OPEB liability	1,687,553	-	1,687,553	-	-
Landfill closure and postclosure	-	87,024	87,024	-	-
Bonds payable	17,520,000	8,630,000	26,150,000	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities due in more than one year					
Compensated absences payable	3,522,281	228,167	3,750,448	-	47,496
Lease liabilities	94,096	-	94,096	-	-
Subscription liabilities	-	-	-	-	35,961
Note payable	-	16,579,502	16,579,502	-	-
Claims payable	977,507	-	977,507	-	-
Total OPEB liability	51,842,068	-	51,842,068	-	-
Net OPEB liability	-	-	-	-	2,156,643
Net pension liability	-	-	-	1,554,673	7,105,303
Landfill closure and postclosure	-	609,165	609,165	-	-
Certificates of participation	7,777,000	-	7,777,000	-	-
Bonds payable	147,690,611	214,868,802	362,559,413	-	-
Total liabilities	300,994,202	290,946,428	591,940,630	1,674,489	10,226,850
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred revenues - property taxes	168,727,970	-	168,727,970	-	-
Deferred revenues - intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	934,506
Deferred inflows - leases	798,926	1,074,159	1,873,085	-	-
Accumulated increase in fair value of hedging derivative	406,336	-	406,336	-	-
Pension related items	1,328,129	-	1,328,129	175,103	1,213,157
OPEB related items	80,630	-	80,630	112,074	1,135,928
Total deferred inflows of resources	171,341,991	1,074,159	172,416,150	287,177	3,283,591
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	1,521,173,966	725,212,767	2,246,386,733	22,261	5,331,540
Restricted for:					
Crime victims' assistance	23,508	-	23,508	-	-
Fire protection services	28,731,138	-	28,731,138	-	-
Law enforcement activities	5,902,082	-	5,902,082	-	-
Law library operations	291,398	-	291,398	-	-
Emergency 911 services	4,465,706	-	4,465,706	-	-
Grant activities	4,378,763	-	4,378,763	-	-
Health and welfare	-	-	-	1,201,384	-
Debt service	-	7,238,159	7,238,159	-	-
Capital projects	135,851,702	-	135,851,702	-	527,581
Pension benefits	5,896,081	-	5,896,081	-	-
Unrestricted	163,978,984	103,017,120	266,996,104	1,541,253	(6,620,002)
Total net position	$ 1,870,693,328	$ 835,468,046	$ 2,706,161,374	$ 2,764,898	$ (760,881)

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

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

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	$ 60,707,248	$ 18,083,865	$ 291,904	$ -
Judicial	21,767,836	7,269,934	691,575	-
Public safety	145,627,454	10,595,075	1,797,586	-
Public works	40,923,415	11,229,469	16,755,501	82,810,630
Health and welfare	5,790,359	475,622	3,674,826	-
Culture and recreation	33,910,398	5,463,150	95,327	-
Housing and development	10,475,396	3,984,202	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	7,561,586	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	326,763,692	57,101,317	23,306,719	82,810,630
Business-type activities:				
Water and sewer	80,501,879	74,784,433	-	40,585,458
Solid waste	2,194,892	5,505,343	-	-
Total business-type activities	82,696,771	80,289,776	-	40,585,458
Total primary government	$ 409,460,463	$ 137,391,093	$ 23,306,719	$ 123,396,088
Component units:				
Health Department	$ 2,679,048	$ 1,337,315	$ 2,093,941	$ -
Library System	23,948,855	299,390	853,189	4,719,438
Total component units	$ 26,627,903	$ 1,636,705	$ 2,947,130	$ 4,719,438
General revenues:				
Property taxes				
Sales and use taxes				
Title ad valorem tax				
Insurance premium taxes				
Business taxes				
Alcoholic beverage taxes				
Franchise taxes				
Unrestricted investment earnings				
Intergovernmental revenue, not restricted for specific programs				
Grants and contributions, not restricted for specific programs				
Miscellaneous				
Gain on disposal of capital assets				
Gain on early lease termination				
Loss on in-substance defeasance of debt				
Transfers				
Total general revenues and transfers				
Change in net position				
Net position, beginning of year				
Net position, end of year				

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Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position					
Primary Government				Component Units	
Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total		Health Department	Library System
$ (42,331,479)	$ -	$ (42,331,479)		$ -	$ -
(13,806,327)	-	(13,806,327)		-	-
(133,234,793)	-	(133,234,793)		-	-
69,872,185	-	69,872,185		-	-
(1,639,911)	-	(1,639,911)		-	-
(28,351,921)	-	(28,351,921)		-	-
(6,491,194)	-	(6,491,194)		-	-
(7,561,586)	-	(7,561,586)		-	-
(163,545,026)	-	(163,545,026)		-	-
-	34,868,012	34,868,012		-	-
-	3,310,451	3,310,451		-	-
-	38,178,463	38,178,463		-	-
$ (163,545,026)	$ 38,178,463	$ (125,366,563)		$ -	$ -
$ -	$ -	$ -		$ 752,208	$ -
-	-	-		-	(18,076,838)
$ -	$ -	$ -		$ 752,208	$ (18,076,838)
$ 161,859,031	$ -	$ 161,859,031		$ -	$ -
122,729,990	-	122,729,990		-	-
25,688,679	-	25,688,679		-	-
23,915,281	-	23,915,281		-	-
3,686,949	-	3,686,949		-	-
2,655,969	-	2,655,969		-	-
43,612	-	43,612		-	-
17,436,812	3,921,347	21,358,159		-	335
-	37,500	37,500		-	9,748,358
-	-	-		-	109,478
1,543,697	-	1,543,697		-	-
-	-	-		-	8,200
4,734	-	4,734		-	-
(839,002)	-	(839,002)		-	-
(93,708,854)	93,708,854	-		-	-
265,016,898	97,667,701	362,684,599		-	9,866,371
101,471,872	135,846,164	237,318,036		752,208	(8,210,467)
1,769,221,456	699,621,882	2,468,843,338		2,012,690	7,449,586
$ 1,870,693,328	$ 835,468,046	$ 2,706,161,374		$ 2,764,898	$ (760,881)

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

ASSETS	General	Fire District	Grant	SPLOST	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 184,997,304	$ 85,743,558	$ 394,155	$ 111,226,845	$ 85,261,384	$ 8,435,620	$ 41,039,639	$ 517,098,505
Accounts receivable	758,894	-	169,960	-	10,023	-	1,127,424	2,066,301
Taxes receivable	4,267,546	2,263,320	-	6,775,595	-	310,890	163,324	13,780,675
Intergovernmental receivables	6,241,662	-	31,921,394	-	-	-	39,324	38,202,380
Leases receivable	873,588	-	-	-	-	-	-	873,588
Due from other funds	19,867,167	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,867,167
Inventories	451,248	381,582	-	-	-	-	-	832,830
Prepaid items	1,372,517	41,118	-	50,000	8,516	-	15,177	1,487,328
Restricted assets:								
Cash	-	-	-	102,788,645	241,674	-	-	103,030,319
Investments	-	-	-	-	8,820,047	-	-	8,820,047
Total assets	$ 218,829,926	$ 88,429,578	$ 32,485,509	$ 220,841,085	$ 94,341,644	$ 8,746,510	$ 42,384,888	$ 706,059,140
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES								
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	$ 3,077,979	$ 561,243	$ 6,322,603	$ 9,458,055	$ 6,850,631	$ 22,013	$ 1,765,431	$ 28,057,955
Retainage payable	-	145,029	1,237,108	3,917,262	5,052,131	-	2,160,773	12,512,303
Other accrued liabilities	3,117,265	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,117,265
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,121,630	3,121,630
Due to other funds	-	-	19,570,314	13,711	17,700	-	15,617	19,617,342
Total liabilities	6,195,244	706,272	27,130,025	13,389,028	11,920,462	22,013	7,063,451	66,426,495
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	844,429	256,889	-	-	-	74,323	-	1,175,641
Unavailable revenue - intergovernmental	-	-	27,361,580	201,532	-	-	-	27,563,112
Deferred inflows of lease revenues	798,926	-	-	-	-	-	-	798,926
Deferred revenue - property taxes	101,023,838	59,137,197	-	-	-	8,566,935	-	168,727,970
Total deferred inflows of resources	102,667,193	59,394,086	27,361,580	201,532	-	8,641,258	-	198,265,649
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)								
Fund balances:								
Nonspendable:								
Prepaid items	1,372,517	41,118	-	-	8,516	-	15,177	1,437,328
Inventories	451,248	381,582	-	-	-	-	-	832,830
Leases	74,662	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,662
Restricted:								
Crime victims' assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,508	23,508
Fire protection services	-	27,906,520	-	-	-	-	-	27,906,520
Law enforcement activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,902,082	5,902,082
Law library operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	291,398	291,398
Emergency 911 services	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,450,853	4,450,853
Grant activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,378,763	4,378,763
Capital projects	-	-	-	207,250,525	9,061,721	-	20,259,656	236,571,902
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	83,239	-	83,239
Assigned:								
Professional services	509,152	-	-	-	-	-	-	509,152
Capital projects	467,865	-	-	-	73,350,945	-	-	73,818,810
Supplies and materials	177,274	-	-	-	-	-	-	177,274
Unassigned (deficits)	106,914,771	-	(22,006,096)	-	-	-	-	84,908,675
Total fund balances (deficits)	109,967,489	28,329,220	(22,006,096)	207,250,525	82,421,182	83,239	35,321,437	441,366,996
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances (deficits)	$ 218,829,926	$ 88,429,578	$ 32,485,509	$ 220,841,085	$ 94,341,644	$ 8,746,510	$ 42,384,888	$ 706,059,140

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

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Fund balances - total governmental funds			$ 441,366,996
Capital and right-to-use lease assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.			
Cost	$	2,190,593,143	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		(580,071,394)	1,610,521,749
Internal service funds are used by the County to charge cost to other funds. The assets and liabilities are included in the governmental activities.			9,179,361
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are reported as unavailable revenues in the governmental funds.			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	$	1,175,641	
Unavailable revenue - intergovernmental		27,563,112	28,738,753
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.			
Bonds payable	$	(155,895,000)	
Unamortized premiums		(9,315,611)	
Lease liabilities		(257,200)	
Deferred charges on refunding		868,358	
Certificates of participation		(7,777,000)	
Accrued interest		(4,414,710)	
Compensated absences		(17,479,156)	(194,270,319)
The net pension asset and deferred inflows of resources related to the County's defined benefit pension plan are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.			
Net pension asset	$	5,896,081	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension items		(1,328,129)	4,567,952
The total OPEB liability and associated deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.			
Total OPEB liability	$	(53,529,621)	
Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB items		(80,630)	
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB items		24,199,087	(29,411,164)
Net position - governmental activities			$ 1,870,693,328

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

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	General	Fire District	Grant Fund	*(Previously Major)* ARPA	SPLOST	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Revenues:									
Taxes	$ 184,984,155	$ 48,945,454	$ -	$ -	$ 64,573,114	$ 43,612	$ 16,060,532	$ 26,171,375	$ 340,778,242
Licenses and permits	5,452,236	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,159	5,495,395
Intergovernmental	401,495	-	24,650,050	-	1,055,220	-	-	38,588,654	64,695,419
Fines and forfeitures	3,957,804	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,474,830	5,432,634
Charges for services	27,970,848	-	133,811	-	-	-	-	18,068,629	46,173,288
Investment income	8,624,936	1,863,348	-	-	6,697,113	3,417,465	830,663	2,700,400	24,133,925
Contributions	30,592	-	50,713	-	-	-	-	54,874	136,179
Miscellaneous	1,190,999	12,066	-	-	240,000	52,013	-	288,619	1,783,697
Total revenues	232,613,065	50,820,868	24,834,574	-	72,565,447	3,513,090	16,891,195	87,390,540	488,628,779
Expenditures:									
Current:									
General government	47,155,494	-	110,909	-	-	708,352	42,906	1,813	48,019,474
Judicial	20,308,234	-	455,575	-	-	-	-	820,610	21,584,419
Public safety	80,417,505	44,361,312	1,732,975	-	16,543	373,921	-	7,969,047	134,871,303
Public works	458,305	-	2,852,369	-	1,742,317	65,427	-	15,672,887	20,791,305
Health and welfare	2,694,896	-	2,662,394	-	-	12,539	-	-	5,369,829
Culture and recreation	25,521,900	-	80,327	-	-	72,121	-	-	25,674,348
Housing and development	9,095,466	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,257,273	10,352,739
Intergovernmental expenditures	-	-	-	-	3,727,572	-	-	-	3,727,572
Capital outlay	-	-	9,000,533	-	38,308,801	76,634,366	-	6,107,433	130,051,133
Debt service:									
Principal	239,039	-	-	-	-	-	52,150,000	-	52,389,039
Interest	18,961	-	-	-	-	566,837	4,823,596	-	5,409,394
Cost of issuance	-	-	-	-	590,984	-	-	-	590,984
Total expenditures	185,909,800	44,361,312	16,895,082	-	44,386,217	78,433,563	57,016,502	31,829,063	458,831,539
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	46,703,265	6,459,556	7,939,492	-	28,179,230	(74,920,473)	(40,125,307)	55,561,477	29,797,240
Other financing sources (uses):									
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	113,763	-	-	-	317,669	-	44,786	476,218
Transfers in	1,354,357	-	1,314,387	-	-	48,016,431	19,597,292	498,946	70,781,413
Transfers out	(51,208,574)	-	(23,701,248)	-	(20,877,115)	-	-	(68,990,032)	(164,776,969)
Premium on issuance of bonds	-	-	-	-	7,020,679	-	-	-	7,020,679
Bond issuance	-	-	-	-	93,585,000	-	-	-	93,585,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	(49,854,217)	113,763	(22,386,861)	-	79,728,564	48,334,100	19,597,292	(68,446,300)	7,086,341
Net change in fund balances	(3,150,952)	6,573,319	(14,447,369)	-	107,907,794	(26,586,373)	(20,528,015)	(12,884,823)	36,883,581
Fund balances, beginning of year	113,118,441	21,755,901	-	3,281,276	99,342,731	109,007,555	20,611,254	37,366,257	404,483,415
Adjustment - change to reporting entity	-	-	(7,558,727)	(3,281,276)	-	-	-	10,840,003	-
Fund balances (deficits), beginning of year, as adjusted	113,118,441	21,755,901	(7,558,727)	-	99,342,731	109,007,555	20,611,254	48,206,260	404,483,415
Fund balances (deficits), end of year	$ 109,967,489	$ 28,329,220	$ (22,006,096)	$ -	$ 207,250,525	$ 82,421,182	$ 83,239	$ 35,321,437	$ 441,366,996

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:			
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds			$ 36,883,581
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 and amortization expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.			
Capital outlay	$	136,531,972	
Depreciation and amortization expense		(48,369,523)	88,162,449
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to increase net position.			
Net book value of capital assets disposed	$	(2,782,400)	
Early termination of right-to-use lease asset		(93,299)	
Donations of capital assets		14,749,247	11,873,548
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	$	(198,731)	
Unavailable revenue - intergovernmental		19,599,391	19,400,660
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.			
Principal repayments on bonds payable	$	52,150,000	
Issuance of bonds		(93,585,000)	
Issuance of bond premium		(7,020,679)	
Early termination of right-to-use lease asset		93,299	
Remeasurement of lease liabilities		98,033	
Principal repayments on lease liabilities		145,740	(48,118,607)
Governmental funds report the payment of existing resources to an escrow agent for an in-substance debt defeasance as a debt service expenditures when the financial resources are consumed. However, in the statement of activities, these payments are treated as extinguishments of long-term liabilities. The difference between the reacquisition payment and the carrying value of the extinguished debt is recognized as a loss in the statement of activities.			(839,002)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.			
Compensated absences	$	(951,404)	
Change in OPEB expense		(8,109,347)	
Change in pension expense		1,939,233	
Amortization		1,216,646	
Accrued interest		(2,777,854)	(8,682,726)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of insurance plans, workers' compensation insurance, administrative costs, and fleet maintenance costs to individual funds. The net revenue of the internal service funds is reported with governmental activities.			2,791,969
Change in net position - governmental activities			$ 101,471,872

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

ASSETS	Water and Sewerage Authority	Nonmajor Solid Waste Disposal Facility	Total	Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 117,348,376	$ 11,984,668	$ 129,333,044	$ 16,046,868
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	10,710,826	1,760,089	12,470,915	173,309
Leases receivable	1,136,147	-	1,136,147	-
Inventories	2,432,472	-	2,432,472	10,071
Prepaid items	46,662	-	46,662	1,203,213
Restricted:				
Cash and cash equivalents	9,019,561	-	9,019,561	-
Total current assets	140,694,044	13,744,757	154,438,801	17,433,461
Noncurrent assets:				
Note receivable	1,167	-	1,167	-
Capital assets:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated	194,255,647	589,730	194,845,377	-
Capital assets, being depreciated	1,063,143,395	1,746,988	1,064,890,383	1,129,633
Less accumulated depreciation	(288,572,511)	(922,375)	(289,494,886)	(930,292)
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	968,826,531	1,414,343	970,240,874	199,341
Total noncurrent assets	968,827,698	1,414,343	970,242,041	199,341
Total assets	1,109,521,742	15,159,100	1,124,680,842	17,632,802
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred charges on refunding	120,926	-	120,926	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	120,926	-	120,926	-
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	5,116,259	117,825	5,234,084	1,114,680
Retainage payable	1,755,173	676	1,755,849	-
Accrued expenses	2,311,686	-	2,311,686	-
Customer deposits payable	5,421,364	-	5,421,364	-
Unearned revenue	32,993,901	-	32,993,901	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	249,825
Claims payable, current	-	-	-	3,292,314
Compensated absences, current	863,836	48,832	912,668	105,800
Lease liabilities, current	118,574	-	118,574	-
Note payable, current	1,195,642	-	1,195,642	-
Landfill postclosure, current	-	87,024	87,024	-
Revenue bonds payable, current	8,630,000	-	8,630,000	-
Total current liabilities	58,406,435	254,357	58,660,792	4,762,619
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Claims payable	-	-	-	977,507
Compensated absences	215,959	12,208	228,167	26,450
Note payable	16,579,502	-	16,579,502	-
Landfill postclosure	-	609,165	609,165	-
Revenue bonds payable	214,868,802	-	214,868,802	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	231,664,263	621,373	232,285,636	1,003,957
Total liabilities	290,070,698	875,730	290,946,428	5,766,576
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows - leases	1,074,159	-	1,074,159	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,074,159	-	1,074,159	-
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	723,799,100	1,413,667	725,212,767	199,341
Restricted for debt service	7,238,159	-	7,238,159	-
Unrestricted	87,460,552	12,869,703	100,330,255	11,666,885
Total net position	$ 818,497,811	$ 14,283,370	832,781,181	$ 11,866,226
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service fund activities to enterprise funds			2,686,865	
Net position of business-type activities			$ 835,468,046	

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Water and Sewerage Authority	Nonmajor Solid Waste Disposal Facility	Total	Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charges for services:				
Water sales	$ 38,577,772	$ -	$ 38,577,772	$ -
Sewer sales	35,453,872	-	35,453,872	-
Other	580,672	-	580,672	51,148,680
Recycling and transfer fees	-	5,493,816	5,493,816	-
Insurance recoveries	-	-	-	270,787
Other operating income	172,117	11,527	183,644	-
Total operating revenues	74,784,433	5,505,343	80,289,776	51,419,467
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Salaries and benefits	14,219,093	1,341,187	15,560,280	2,491,840
Supplies and maintenance	28,154,551	805,367	28,959,918	2,161,012
Claims	-	-	-	37,305,846
Insurance premiums	-	-	-	5,202,354
General and administrative	-	-	-	1,544,866
Depreciation and amortization expense	21,794,119	73,545	21,867,664	65,773
Water purchases	6,427,412	-	6,427,412	-
Sewer flow costs	2,995,113	-	2,995,113	-
Total operating expenses	73,590,288	2,220,099	75,810,387	48,771,691
Operating income	1,194,145	3,285,244	4,479,389	2,647,776
NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)				
Investment income	-	401,384	401,384	113,116
Interest income	3,519,963	-	3,519,963	-
Intergovernmental revenue	37,500	-	37,500	-
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	(662,217)	-	(662,217)	21,748
Interest expense and fiscal charges	(6,501,540)	-	(6,501,540)	-
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(3,606,294)	401,384	(3,204,910)	134,864
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	(2,412,149)	3,686,628	1,274,479	2,782,640
Capital contributions	40,585,458	-	40,585,458	-
Transfers in	93,958,854	-	93,958,854	1,650,059
Transfers out	-	(250,000)	(250,000)	(1,363,357)
Total capital contributions and transfers	134,544,312	(250,000)	134,294,312	286,702
Change in net position	132,132,163	3,436,628	135,568,791	3,069,342
NET POSITION, beginning of year	686,365,648	10,846,742	697,212,390	8,796,884
NET POSITION, end of year	$ 818,497,811	$ 14,283,370	$ 832,781,181	$ 11,866,226
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service fund activities to enterprise funds			277,373	
Change in net position of business-type activities			$ 135,846,164	

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Water and Sewerage Authority	Nonmajor Solid Waste Disposal Facility	Total	Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts from customers	$ 79,773,822	$ 4,679,605	$ 84,453,427	$ 51,254,637
Payments to suppliers and service providers	(38,927,483)	(792,804)	(39,720,287)	(45,671,374)
Payments to employees	(14,198,852)	(1,328,521)	(15,527,373)	(2,180,457)
Net cash provided by operating activities	26,647,487	2,558,280	29,205,767	3,402,806
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Principal payments received on leases receivable	41,212	-	41,212	-
Interest received	3,462,943	401,384	3,864,327	113,116
Net cash provided by investing activities	3,504,155	401,384	3,905,539	113,116
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Purchases of capital assets	(85,958,710)	(36,566)	(85,995,276)	(18,851)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	808,990	-	808,990	21,748
Capital-related transfers from other funds	63,064,503	-	63,064,503	-
Payments of arbitrage liabilities	(775,287)	-	(775,287)	-
Principal payments on leases	(108,794)	-	(108,794)	-
Principal payments on notes	(806,004)	-	(806,004)	-
Principal payments on bonds	(8,525,000)	-	(8,525,000)	-
Interest and fiscal charges paid	(7,379,743)	-	(7,379,743)	-
Intergovernmental grants received	37,500	-	37,500	-
Capital contributions received	11,810,070	-	11,810,070	-
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	(27,832,475)	(36,566)	(27,869,041)	2,897
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Transfers in	30,894,351	-	30,894,351	1,650,059
Transfers out	-	(250,000)	(250,000)	(1,363,357)
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities noncapital financing activities	30,894,351	(250,000)	30,644,351	286,702
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	33,213,518	2,673,098	35,886,616	3,805,521
Cash and cash equivalents:				
Beginning of year	93,154,419	9,311,570	102,465,989	12,241,347
End of year	$ 126,367,937	$ 11,984,668	$ 138,352,605	$ 16,046,868
Classified as:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 117,348,376	$ 11,984,668	$ 129,333,044	$ 16,046,868
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	9,019,561	-	9,019,561	-
Total	$ 126,367,937	$ 11,984,668	$ 138,352,605	$ 16,046,868
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Operating income	$ 1,194,145	$ 3,285,244	$ 4,479,389	$ 2,647,776
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	21,794,119	73,545	21,867,664	65,773
(Increase) decrease in accounts and notes receivable	4,637,279	(825,738)	3,811,541	243,246
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(879,076)	-	(879,076)	42,495
Increase in prepaid items	96,093	-	96,093	(213,682)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(770,311)	99,586	(670,725)	322,709
Increase in accrued expenses	53,112	-	53,112	-
Increase in due to other funds	-	-	-	249,825
Increase in customer deposits payable	149,775	-	149,775	-
Increase in unearned revenue	352,110	-	352,110	-
Increase in compensated absences	20,241	12,666	32,907	8,470
Increase in claims payable	-	-	-	36,194
Decrease in landfill postclosure care costs	-	(87,023)	(87,023)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 26,647,487	$ 2,558,280	$ 29,205,767	$ 3,402,806
NONCASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Capital contributions	$ 28,775,388	$ -	$ 28,775,388	$ -
Accrued capital purchases	136,899	-	136,899	-
Total noncash capital and related financing activities	$ 28,912,287	$ -	$ 28,912,287	$ -

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Custodial Funds	Pension Trust Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 35,026,520	$ 820,173
Investments	-	27,038,021
Taxes receivable	270,579	-
Other receivables	12,329,546	27,262
Total assets	47,626,645	27,885,456
LIABILITIES		
Due to others	10,404,580	-
Deposits payable	13,477	-
Uncollected taxes	12,329,546	-
Total liabilities	22,747,603	-
NET POSITION		
Restricted:		
Pension benefits	-	27,885,456
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	24,879,042	-
Total net position	$ 24,879,042	$ 27,885,456

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Custodial Funds	Pension Trust Fund
ADDITIONS		
Employer contributions	$ -	$ 1,000,000
Investment income	208	2,738,720
Taxes	652,848,461	-
Fines and fees	25,087,088	-
Criminal and civil bonds	25,104,970	-
Total additions	703,040,727	3,738,720
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefit payments	-	1,484,765
Administrative fees	-	97,664
Taxes and fees paid to other governments	691,260,400	-
Other custodial disbursements	11,653,324	-
Total deductions	702,913,724	1,582,429
Change in fiduciary net position	127,003	2,156,291
NET POSITION, beginning of year	24,752,039	25,729,165
NET POSITION, end of year	$ 24,879,042	$ 27,885,456

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity

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

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

Blended Component Units

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

Discretely Presented Component Units

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

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

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

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

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

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

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

The ***Grant Fund*** accounts for restricted grant monies received from various Federal and State agencies.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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

The County reports the following major proprietary fund:

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

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

D. Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Receivables and Payables

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

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

F. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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

G. Capital Assets

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

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Capital Assets (Continued)

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

H. Leases

Lessee

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Leases (Continued)

Lessor

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)

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

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

J. Compensated Absences

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

K. Long-Term Obligations

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Equity

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

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

Fund balances are classified as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Equity (Continued)

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

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the County has reported $1,154,291 of encumbrances as assignments of fund balance in the General Fund.

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

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

M. Management Estimates

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

N. Pensions

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

NOTE 2. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

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

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

Deficit Fund Balance and Excess of Actual Expenditures Over Appropriations

The Grant Fund has a deficit fund balance of $22,006,096 at December 31, 2025. Management expects this deficit to be alleviated as collections on the fund's intergovernmental receivables result in revenue being recognized in the subsequent fiscal year.

The General Fund had the following excesses of actual expenditures over appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2025:

General Fund		
Debt service - principal	$	239,039
Debt service - interest		18,961

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Credit Risk. State statutes authorize the County to invest in U.S. Government obligations; U.S. Government agency obligations; obligations of the State of Georgia; obligations of other counties; municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the State of Georgia which are rated "AA" or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.; negotiable certificates of deposit issued by any bank or trust company organized under the laws of any state of the United States of America or any national banking association; repurchase agreements when collateralized by the U.S. Government or agency obligations; and pooled investment programs sponsored by the State of Georgia for the investment of local government funds. Operating funds of the County are currently invested in the Georgia Fund 1; U.S. Treasury notes; certificates of deposit; or maintained in demand deposit, savings, and public funds money market accounts with financial institutions.

Custodial Credit Risk. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be covered by depository insurance or pledged securities. Amounts that exceed standard depository insurance limits are required to be collateralized either: (1) individually by the financial institutions through pledged obligations of the U.S. Government, obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, obligations of the State of Georgia or other states, or obligations of counties, municipalities, or public authorities of the State of Georgia, or (2) participation in the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program. As of December 31, 2025, the County had deposits with three (3) financial institutions collateralized by the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program, which is administered by the Office of State Treasurer, and requires participating banks holding deposits of public funds to pledge collateral at varying rates depending on the tier assigned by the State. Additionally, the County had deposits with two (2) financial institution collateralized by pledged securities, as defined above, such that all of the County's deposits with financial institutions as of December 31, 2025 were insured and/or collateralized as required by State statutes.

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

At December 31, 2025, information on the credit risk and interest rate risk related to the County's investments is disclosed as follows:

Investment	Weighted Average Maturity	Credit Rating	Balance
Georgia Fund 1	51 days	AAAf/S1	$ 399,175,507
Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity	47 days	AAAm	241,674
Fidelity Institutional Government MM	37 days	AAAm	8,998,290
Fidelity Institutional Treasury MM	37 days	AAAm	102,788,660
Guaranteed Investment Contract	2.42 years	(b)	8,820,047
			$ 520,024,178

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

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

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

The County has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2025:

Investment	Level 1	Level 2	Fair Value
Money Market Mutual Funds	$ 112,028,624	$ -	$ 112,028,624
Total investments measured at fair value	$ 112,028,624	$ -	112,028,624
Investments not subject to level disclosure:			
Georgia Fund 1			399,175,507
Investments carried at cost:			
Guaranteed Investment Contract			8,820,047
Total Investments			$ 520,024,178
Fair market hedging derivative:			
Interest rate swap agreement	$ -	$ 406,336	$ 406,336

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

The interest rate swap agreement is classified as an “other asset” as more fully described in Note 8. The fair value of the interest rate swap agreement classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy is valued using an option-adjusted discounted cash flow model.

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

The County’s Guaranteed Investment Contract is a nonparticipating interest-earning investment contract and, accordingly, is recorded at cost.

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Pension Plan

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

The Plan investment policy adopts the following asset allocation mix to achieve the lowest level of risk for the Plan: equity securities between 55% and 65% at fair value, fixed income investments between 32% and 42%, and cash equivalents up to 5% of total asset mix.

At December 31, 2025, the Plan had $27,038,021 invested in the following types of investments:

Investment	Average Maturity	Credit Rating	Fair Value
Collective funds	9.06 years	(a)	$ 22,190,614
Mutual funds invested in equities	10.44 years	n/a	2,244,428
Mutual funds invested in fixed income	7.97 years	n/a	2,602,979
			$ 27,038,021

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

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

Concentration. On December 31, 2025, the Plan did not have debt or equity investments in any one organization, other than those issued by the U.S. Government, which represented greater than 5% of plan fiduciary net position.

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Pension Plan (Continued)

Fair Value Measurements. The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for the identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The County's pension plan has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2025:

Investment	Level 1	Level 2	Fair Value
Mutual Funds	$ 3,318,828	$ 1,528,579	$ 4,847,407
Collective Funds	-	22,190,614	22,190,614
Total investments measured at fair value	$ 3,318,828	$ 23,179,193	$ 27,038,021

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

Rate of Return. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 9.85 percent. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Plan may not be able to recover its deposits. As of December 31, 2025, the Plan did not have any deposits with financial institutions which were uninsured or under collateralized, as defined by State statutes.

NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2025, for the County's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate are as follows:

	General Fund	Fire District Fund	SPLOST Fund	Capital Projects Fund
Receivables:				
Taxes	$ 4,267,546	$ 2,263,320	$ 6,775,595	$ -
Other governments	6,241,662	-	-	-
Accounts	758,894	-	-	10,023
Leases	873,588	-	-	-
Gross receivables	12,141,690	2,263,320	6,775,595	10,023
Less allowance for uncollectibles	-	-	-	-
Net receivables	$ 12,141,690	$ 2,263,320	$ 6,775,595	$ 10,023

	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Water and Sewerage Authority	Nonmajor Proprietary Fund
Receivables:				
Taxes	$ 310,890	$ 163,324	$ -	$ -
Other governments	-	39,324	-	-
Accounts	-	1,127,424	10,992,494	1,760,089
Leases	-	-	1,136,147	-
Gross receivables	310,890	1,330,072	12,128,641	1,760,089
Less allowance for uncollectibles	-	-	(281,668)	-
Net receivables	$ 310,890	$ 1,330,072	$ 11,846,973	$ 1,760,089

Property taxes for the 2025 fiscal year were levied on August 1, 2024, with property values assessed as of January 1, 2024. Bills are payable on or before November 15, 2024 after which the applicable property is subject to lien and penalties and interest as assessed. Property taxes attached as an enforceable lien on property as of November 16, 2024. Property taxes levied during 2025 are for fiscal year 2026. Amounts recorded as a receivable and amounts collected as of December 31, 2025 related to these taxes are recorded as deferred inflows of resources – deferred revenue in both the fund-level and government-wide financial statements.

NOTE 5. LEASES RECEIVABLE

Governmental Activities. The County has leased real property to a third party for placement of a communications tower. The County receives variable monthly payments ranging from $3,080 to $3,388, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 8.00% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized $23,987 in lease revenue and $13,897 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in October of 2030. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of $132,962 as of December 31, 2025. As of December 31, 2025, the County's receivable for lease payments was $160,223.

The County has leased real property to a third party for placement of a communications tower. The County receives annual payments ranging from $20,988 to $24,136, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 8.75% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized $15,868 in lease revenue and $8,268 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in January of 2029. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of $68,966 as of December 31, 2025. As of December 31, 2025, the County's receivable for lease payments was $78,625.

The County has leased real property to a third party for placement of a communications tower. The County receives annual payments ranging from $27,285 to $41,496, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 8.75% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized $1,619 in lease revenue and $25,665 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in January of 2029. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of $254,757 as of December 31, 2025. As of December 31, 2025, the County's receivable for lease payments was $291,694.

The County has leased a recreational facility tower to a third party. The County receives quarterly payments of $20,000, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 5.50% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized $75,241 in lease revenue and $4,759 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in May of 2026. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of $38,152 as of December 31, 2025. As of December 31, 2025, the County's receivable for lease payments was $39,190.

NOTE 5. LEASES RECEIVABLE (CONTINUED)

The County has leased real property to a third party for placement of a communications tower. The County receives variable monthly payments ranging from $1,500 to $1,592, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 4.00% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized $1,500 in lease revenue and $0 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in December of 2045. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of $304,089 as of December 31, 2025. As of December 31, 2025, the County's receivable for lease payments was $303,856.

Business-Type Activities. The County has granted rights to place a communications antenna on a water tower to a third party. The County receives variable monthly payments ranging from $1,519 to $2,744, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 4.00% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized $26,125 in lease revenue and $4,087 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in December of 2028. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of $76,790 as of December 31, 2025. As of December 31, 2025, the County's receivable for lease payments was $87,913.

The County has granted rights to place a communications antenna on a water tower to a third party. The County receives variable monthly payments ranging from $2,434 to $4,742, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 4.00% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized $13,462 in lease revenue and $19,083 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in April of 2040. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of $418,457 as of December 31, 2025. As of December 31, 2025, the County's receivable for lease payments was $469,623.

The County has granted rights to place a communications antenna on a water tower to a third party. The County receives variable monthly payments ranging from $1,625 to $3,832, which include the principal and interest components of the payments. As the lease does not contain a specific interest rate, the County used its incremental borrowing rate at lease inception of 4.00% as the discount rate for the lease. For the current year, the County recognized $1,625 in lease revenue and $0 in interest revenue related to the lease. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized over the lease term that ends in April of 2040. This deferred inflows of resources has a balance of $578,912 as of December 31, 2025. As of December 31, 2025, the County's receivable for lease payments was $578,611.

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2025 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Remeasurement	Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:						
Capital assets, not being depreciated:						
Land and improvements	$ 551,065,280	$ 11,709,343	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 562,774,623
Infrastructure land improvements	167,727,172	-	(688,926)	-	-	167,038,246
Construction in progress	194,618,949	111,627,261	(1,605,697)	-	(36,478,386)	268,162,127
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	913,411,401	123,336,604	(2,294,623)	-	(36,478,386)	997,974,996
Capital assets, being depreciated and amortized:						
Buildings and improvements	349,586,002	1,084,357	-	-	21,269,006	371,939,365
Machinery and equipment	75,851,450	4,954,896	(1,964,144)	-	4,616,674	83,458,876
Vehicles	55,479,543	9,962,490	(2,443,033)	-	1,515,333	64,514,333
Infrastructure	652,069,504	11,961,724	-	-	9,077,373	673,108,601
Right-to-use assets - buildings	1,674,854	-	(761,316)	(186,933)	-	726,605
Total capital assets, being depreciated and amortized	1,134,661,353	27,963,467	(5,168,493)	(186,933)	36,478,386	1,193,747,780
Less accumulated depreciation for and amortization for:						
Buildings and improvements	(100,857,818)	(10,989,088)	-	-	-	(111,846,906)
Machinery and equipment	(52,724,053)	(6,614,196)	1,595,927	-	-	(57,742,322)
Vehicles	(37,858,551)	(4,770,099)	2,323,473	-	-	(40,305,177)
Infrastructure	(344,687,049)	(25,826,195)	-	-	-	(370,513,244)
Right-to-use assets - buildings	(1,213,268)	(235,719)	761,316	93,634	-	(594,037)
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization:	(537,340,739)	(48,435,297)	4,680,716	93,634	-	(581,001,686)
Total capital assets, being depreciated and amortized, net	597,320,614	(20,471,830)	(487,777)	(93,299)	36,478,386	612,746,094
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 1,510,732,015	$ 102,864,774	$ (2,782,400)	$ (93,299)	$ -	$ 1,610,721,090

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NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Business-Type Activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	$ 30,333,850	$ 461,377	$ -	$ -	$ 30,795,227
Sewer capacity rights	17,596,964	4,939,852	-	-	22,536,816
Construction in progress	104,953,992	79,925,497	(1,465,786)	(41,900,369)	141,513,334
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	152,884,806	85,326,726	(1,465,786)	(41,900,369)	194,845,377
Capital assets, being depreciated and amortized:					
Land improvements	411,557	-	-	-	411,557
Buildings and improvements	67,420,492	-	-	-	67,420,492
Machinery and equipment	11,533,008	551,220	(158,735)	-	11,925,493
Vehicles	5,506,153	47,012	(63,099)	-	5,490,066
Sewer capacity rights	14,609,550	75,000	-	-	14,684,550
Infrastructure	893,922,883	28,907,605	-	41,900,369	964,730,857
Right-to-use assets - buildings	227,368	-	-	-	227,368
Total capital assets, being depreciated and amortized:	993,631,011	29,580,837	(221,834)	41,900,369	1,064,890,383
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Land improvements	(226,220)	(5,328)	-	-	(231,548)
Buildings and improvements	(14,080,875)	(1,398,090)	-	-	(15,478,965)
Machinery and equipment	(6,943,655)	(569,986)	153,314	-	(7,360,327)
Vehicles	(3,323,018)	(486,983)	63,099	-	(3,746,902)
Sewer capacity rights	(14,609,550)	-	-	-	(14,609,550)
Infrastructure	(228,660,317)	(19,293,593)	-	-	(247,953,910)
Right-to-use assets - buildings	-	(113,684)	-	-	(113,684)
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization:	(267,843,635)	(21,867,664)	216,413	-	(289,494,886)
Total capital assets, being depreciated and amortized, net:	725,787,376	7,713,173	(5,421)	41,900,369	775,395,497
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 878,672,182	$ 93,039,899	$ (1,471,207)	$ -	$ 970,240,874

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	$ 3,336,843
Judicial	433,447
Public safety	10,593,814
Public works	24,768,870
Health and welfare	719,288
Culture and recreation	8,477,557
Housing and development	105,478
Total - governmental activities	$ 48,435,297
Business-type activities:	
Water and sewerage authority	$ 21,794,119
Solid waste disposal facility	73,545
Total - business-type activities	$ 21,867,664

NOTE 7. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances (due to/from other funds) as of December 31, 2025, was as follows:

Due to	Due From	Amount
General Fund	SPLOST Fund	$ 13,711
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	17,700
General Fund	Grant Fund	19,570,314
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	15,617
General Fund	Internal Service Funds	249,825
		$ 19,867,167

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

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2025 were as follows:

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	$ 498,946
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	47,766,431
General Fund	Grant Fund	1,293,138
General Fund	Internal service funds	1,650,059
		$ 51,208,574
SPLOST Fund	Debt Service Fund	$ 19,597,292
SPLOST Fund	Water and Sewerage Authority	1,279,823
		$ 20,877,115
Grant Fund	Water and Sewerage Authority	$ 23,701,248
Nonmajor governmental funds	Water and Sewerage Authority	$ 68,968,783
Nonmajor governmental funds	Grant Fund	21,249
		$ 68,990,032
Nonmajor enterprise funds	Capital Projects Fund	$ 250,000
Internal service funds	General Fund	$ 1,354,357
Internal service funds	Water and Sewerage Authority	9,000
		$ 1,363,357

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

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2025:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Remeasurement	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:						
Bonds payable	$ 114,460,000	$ 93,585,000	$ (52,150,000)	$ -	$ 155,895,000	$ 17,520,000
Plus: Premiums	5,362,677	7,020,679	(3,067,745)	-	9,315,611	-
Total bonds payable	119,822,677	100,605,679	(55,217,745)	-	165,210,611	17,520,000
Lease liabilities	594,272	-	(239,039)	(98,033)	257,200	163,104
Certificates of participation	7,777,000	-	-	-	7,777,000	-
Total OPEB liability	49,867,748	5,645,251	(1,983,378)	-	53,529,621	1,687,553
Compensated absences	16,651,532	959,874 *	-	-	17,611,406	14,089,125
Claims payable	4,233,627	37,305,846	(37,269,652)	-	4,269,821	3,292,314
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	$ 198,946,856	$ 144,516,650	$ (94,709,814)	$ (98,033)	$ 248,655,659	$ 36,752,096
Business-Type Activities:						
Bonds payable	$ 222,350,000	$ -	$ (8,525,000)	$ -	$ 213,825,000	$ 8,630,000
Plus: Premiums	10,551,106	-	(877,304)	-	9,673,802	-
Total bonds payable	232,901,106	-	(9,402,304)	-	223,498,802	8,630,000
Lease liabilities	227,368	-	(108,794)	-	118,574	118,574
Note payable from direct borrowings	18,581,148	-	(806,004)	-	17,775,144	1,195,642
Landfill postclosure costs	783,212	-	(87,023)	-	696,189	87,024
Arbitrage rebate liability	775,287	-	(775,287)	-	-	-
Compensated absences	1,107,928	32,907 *	-	-	1,140,835	912,668
Business-type activities long-term liabilities	$ 254,376,049	$ 32,907	$ (11,179,412)	$ -	$ 243,229,544	$ 10,943,908

** The change in the compensated absence liabilities is presented as a net change*

For governmental activities, the total OPEB liability is primarily liquidated by the General Fund and the Fire District Fund.

Governmental Activities

General Obligation Bonds. During 2008, the County issued $83,000,000 of Series 2008A General Obligation Bonds. The 2008A Bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating, and equipping parks and recreational areas, programs, and facilities in the County. They bear interest rates from 2.5%-5.0% and are payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year. During 2015, the County issued $60,315,000 of Series 2015B General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of refunding $64,065,000 of the Series 2008A Bonds maturing March 1, 2020 through March 1, 2028. The Series 2015B Bonds bear interest at rates from 3.0% to 5.0% and are payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, maturing on March 1, 2028. In 2025, the County defeased certain outstanding general obligation bonds by placing excess cash on hand in an irrevocable trust to provide for future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the fully defeased bond are not included in the County's financial statements. As of December 31, 2025, the outstanding amount of Series 2015B General Obligation Refunding Bonds considered legally defeased is $14,385,000.

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Governmental Activities (Continued)

General Obligation Bonds (Continued). In December 2017, the County issued $76,830,000 of Series 2017 General Obligation Refunding Bonds at a premium of $7,316,538. The purpose of the refunding was to partially refund $7,415,000 of the Series 2013 General Obligation Bonds and $63,395,000 of the 2015A General Obligation Bonds. The Series 2017 Bonds bear interest at rates from 3.12% to 5.0% and are payable annually on March 1 until maturity on March 1, 2035. The refunding transaction undertaken by the County resulted in aggregate debt service savings of $5,076,705 and an economic gain (net present value of the aggregate debt service savings) of $4,067,632. In 2025, the County defeased certain outstanding general obligation bonds by placing excess cash on hand in an irrevocable trust to provide for future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the County's financial statements. As of December 31, 2025, the outstanding amount of Series 2017 General Obligation Refunding Bonds considered legally defeased is $8,255,000. As of December 31, 2025, the outstanding principal balance is $62,310,000.

In September 2019, the County issued $85,300,000 of Series 2019 General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds at a premium of $13,914,447. The 2019 General Obligation Bonds were issued to finance capital outlay projects that were approved under a prior referendum. The bonds, which bear an interest rate of 5.00%, mature in September 2025. As of December 31, 2025, the outstanding principal balance is fully repaid.

In March 2025, the County issued $93,585,000 of Series 2025 General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds at a premium of $7,020,679. The 2025 General Obligation Bonds were issued to finance capital outlay projects that were approved under a prior referendum. The bonds, which bear an interest rate of 5.00%, mature in March 2031. As of December 31, 2025, the outstanding principal balance was $93,585,000.

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

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 17,520,000	$ 8,565,756	$ 26,085,756
2027	20,415,000	5,667,694	26,082,694
2028	21,465,000	4,620,694	26,085,694
2029	22,555,000	3,520,194	26,075,194
2030	23,710,000	2,429,769	26,139,769
2031-2035	50,230,000	2,887,484	53,117,484
Total	$ 155,895,000	$ 27,691,591	$ 183,586,591

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Governmental Activities (Continued)

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

The County has entered into agreements with a third party to lease office and building space for various departmental use, terminating at various dates through December of 2028. As the leases do not reflect stated interest rates, the County utilized its incremental borrowing rate for similar assets as calculated at the inception of each lease agreement, ranging from 2.7% to 4.3%. Monthly payments range from $2,626 to $7,538 over the various terms of the individual leases. The outstanding balance of the County's lease liabilities for governmental activities as of December 31, 2025 was $257,200.

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

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 163,104	$ 8,151	$ 171,255
2027	45,202	3,494	48,696
2028	48,894	1,267	50,161
	$ 257,200	$ 12,912	$ 270,112

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

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Governmental Activities (Continued)

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

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

At December 31, 2025, the floating rate being paid by the County is 2.36% and the fair value of this agreement is $406,336, an increase of $35,029 from the prior year. The fair value of the hedge was determined using settlement prices at the end of the day on December 31, 2025 based on the derivative contract. This fair value is reported as an asset in the statement of net position. As this derivative is an effective hedge, qualifying for hedge accounting, the inflow from the hedge (any change in fair value from inception until fiscal year end) is deferred and reported as a deferred inflow of resources in the Statement of Net Position.

The County's total certificates of participation debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ -	$ 369,408	$ 369,408
2027	-	369,408	369,408
2028	7,777,000	554,112	8,331,112
Total	$ 7,777,000	$ 1,292,928	$ 9,069,928

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Business-Type Activities

Revenue Bonds. Series 2022 Water and Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds – In April 2022, the County Water and Sewerage Authority issued Series 2022A Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds (the "Series 2022A Bonds") in the principal amount of $9,565,000 and Series 2022B Taxable Refunding Bonds (the "Series 2022B Bonds") in the principal amount of $84,515,000. The Series 2022A Bonds were issued for the purpose of currently refunding the Water and Sewerage Authority's Series 2011 Refunding Revenue Bonds, refunding a note payable to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, and for paying the issuance costs of the Series 2022A Bonds. The Series 2022A Bonds mature on April 1, 2034. As of December 31, 2025, the amount currently outstanding is $3,255,000.

The Series 2022B Bonds were issued for the purpose of advance refunding the Authority's Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2012, Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2013, and Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2015 Refunding Revenue Bonds, as well as paying the issuance costs of the Series 2022B Bonds. The Series 2022B Bonds mature on April 1, 2044. The Authority defeased $78,035,000 of the Series 2012, Series 2013, and Series 2015 Bonds by placing the proceeds of the refunding issuance in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. The advance refunding resulted in a decrease of total debt service payments of approximately $7,478,000 for an economic gain of approximately $5,695,000. As of December 31, 2025, the amount currently outstanding is $76,045,000.

Series 2019 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds – In November 2019, the County Water and Sewerage Authority issued $137,550,000 in revenue bonds to refund the remaining $30,465,000 of the 2011 Variable Rate Bonds and to finance new projects. The refunding resulted in debt service savings of $513,505 over the life of the new bonds, and a net, economic gain of approximately $279,074. The Authority and the County have entered into a Lease Contract. The County's obligations under the Lease are absolute and unconditional and are secured by a pledge of the net revenues of the System and by a pledge of the County's full faith and credit. In the event revenues from the system are not available, the County has agreed to levy a tax on all taxable property located within the territorial limits of the Special Tax District, at such rates, without limitation, as may be necessary to make the Lease Payments. The bonds, which bear interest at rates from 3.0% to 5.00%, mature April 1, 2049. As of December 31, 2025, the amount currently outstanding is $134,525,000.

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Business-Type Activities (Continued)

Revenue Bonds (Continued). The County's debt service requirements to maturity on its outstanding revenue bonds are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 8,630,000	$ 7,035,655	$ 15,665,655
2027	8,760,000	6,806,091	15,566,091
2028	9,140,000	6,469,254	15,609,254
2029	9,520,000	6,092,592	15,612,592
2030	9,885,000	5,724,008	15,609,008
2031-2035	55,115,000	22,415,971	77,530,971
2036-2040	34,310,000	14,704,319	49,014,319
2041-2045	40,395,000	8,921,425	49,316,425
2046-2049	38,070,000	2,326,950	40,396,950
Total	$ 213,825,000	$ 80,496,265	$ 294,321,265

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

The County has entered into an agreement with a third party to lease office space, terminating in December of 2026. As the lease does not reflect a stated interest rate, the County utilized its incremental borrowing rate of 5.5% for similar assets as calculated at the inception of the lease agreement. Monthly payments range from $9,882 to $10,178 through maturity. The outstanding balance of the County's lease liabilities for business-type activities as of December 31, 2025 was $118,574.

The County's total debt service requirements for lease liabilities for business-type activities are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 118,574	$ 3,562	$ 122,136
Total	$ 118,574	$ 3,562	$ 122,136

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Business-Type Activities (Continued)

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

In 2021, the County entered into a direct borrowing agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the construction of various water and sewer projects for $19,610,000, with an interest rate of 0.57%. Principal and interest payments are due at the beginning of each month beginning May 1, 2025 through April 1, 2040.

The debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 1,195,642	$ 100,477	$ 1,296,119
2027	1,202,643	93,475	1,296,118
2028	1,209,686	86,432	1,296,118
2029	1,216,771	79,347	1,296,118
2030	1,223,898	72,220	1,296,118
2031-2035	6,227,893	252,699	6,480,592
2036-2040	5,498,611	70,074	5,568,685
Total	$ 17,775,144	$ 754,724	$ 18,529,868

Landfill Postclosure Costs. Effective July 14, 1999, the Forsyth County Landfill was closed and no additional waste has been accepted. According to state and federal laws and regulations, the County must perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for a minimum of 30 years. As of December 31, 2025, the County has 8 years of monitoring remaining. Engineering studies estimate postclosure costs of approximately $696,189 over the 8-year period. These costs are based on what it would cost to perform all postclosure care in 2025, adjusted annually for the remaining period. Actual costs may be higher due to changes in inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. Should any problems occur during this postclosure period, the costs and time period required for the maintenance and monitoring functions may substantially increase.

Arbitrage Liability. The Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires issuers of tax-exempt debt to make payments to the United States Treasury of investment income received at yields that exceed the issuer's tax-exempt borrowing rates. The United States Department of Treasury requires payment every five years, or upon maturity of the bonds, whichever is earlier. In 2025, the County made a full payment to the United States Department of Treasury of $775,287.

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

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

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

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

As of January 1, 2025, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan membership included the following categories of participants:

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	58
Active participants	8
	66

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

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions. A resolution by the Board of Commissioners grants the authority to establish and amend the contributions requirements of the County and active plan members to the Plan's Administrative Committee, subject to Board of Commissioner's approval. The Board establishes rates based on an actuarially determined amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the County's contribution rate was 96.0 percent of annual covered payroll. The Plan participants are not required to contribute to the plan.

Net Pension Asset of the County. The County's net pension asset was measured as of December 31, 2025, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2025. An expected total pension liability as of December 31, 2025 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques.

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2025 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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

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

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

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2025 are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation
Cash and cash equivalents	3.0%
Fixed income	59.8%
Equity	37.2%
Total	100%

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

Changes in the Net Pension Asset of the County. The changes in the components of the net pension asset of the County for the year ended December 31, 2025 were as follows:

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Asset (a) - (b)
Balances at 12/31/2024	$ 22,658,552	$ 25,729,165	$ (3,070,613)
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	95,487	-	95,487
Interest	1,485,787	-	1,485,787
Differences between expected and actual experience	(765,687)	-	(765,687)
Contributions—employer	-	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Net investment income	-	1,717,062	(1,717,062)
Differences between expected and actual returns	-	1,021,657	(1,021,657)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,484,765)	(1,484,765)	-
Administrative expense	-	(97,664)	97,664
Net changes	(669,178)	2,156,290	(2,825,468)
Balances at 12/31/2025	$ 21,989,374	$ 27,885,455	$ (5,896,081)

As of December 31, 2025, the Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is 126.8%.

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

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

1% Decrease (5.75%)	Current Discount Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase (7.75%)
$ (3,793,320)	$ (5,896,081)	$ (7,702,716)

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of December 31, 2025 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

Pension Expense and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the County recognized pension expense of $(939,233). At December 31, 2025, the County reported deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	$ 1,328,129
Total	$ 1,328,129

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

Year Ending December 31:	
2026	$ 197,194
2027	(848,970)
2028	(472,020)
2029	(204,333)
Total	$ (1,328,129)

NOTE 10. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

Plan Description and Governance. The County maintains the Forsyth County Government Employee's Retirement Plan, which includes a Defined Contribution 401(k) Plan and a Deferred Compensation 457(b) Plan (the "Retirement Plan"). Both plans are overseen by the Defined Benefit Plan Administrative Committee, which is appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The Committee is comprised of the County Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Employment Services Director, one elected member of the Board of Commissioners, and one staff appointee. Graystone Consulting from Morgan Stanley provides investment advice and oversight, and Transamerica serves as the plan recordkeeper. The Retirement Plan was established by resolution of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, and it may be amended by resolution. There were no employer liabilities as of December 31, 2025.

401(k) Defined Contribution Plan. A non-ERISA 401(k) plan was established effective April 1, 1984. New employees are automatically enrolled in the plan at 5% of their annual salary during onboarding, though employees may elect to opt out at any time. Plan assets feature a 20% incremental vesting schedule that begins at one year of seniority and reaches 100% vesting at five years of seniority.

Employer contributions and matching formulas are designated by tiers based on employee seniority:

- *Six Months of Seniority:* The County matches 100% of the employee's contribution up to a maximum of 5%.
- *One Year of Seniority:* The County contributes a flat 5% of the employee's salary in addition to the established contribution match.
- *Five Years of Seniority:* The County matches 50% of an employee's contribution up to an additional 5%.
- *Ten Years of Seniority:* The County contributes an additional 2.5%, bringing the total potential contribution and match opportunity to 15%.

During the year ended December 31, 2025, employee contributions were $11,100,373 and County contributions were $14,359,979.

457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan. A 457(b) deferred compensation plan was established effective December 1, 2021. The plan includes both employee pre-tax and Roth contribution components. The 457(b) plan is funded entirely with employee contributions and there is no County contribution or matching component provided.

During the year ended December 31, 2025, employees contributions were $1,277,527.

NOTE 11. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

Plan Membership. Membership of the PHCB Plan consisted of the following at January 1, 2025, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Active participants	1,516
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	85
Total	1,601

Contributions. The Board of Commissioners has elected to fund the PHCB plan on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. Plan members, once retired, contribute to the plan based on number of years of creditable service. Per a County resolution, the County is required to contribute the current year benefit costs of the Plan which are not paid by the retiree. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the County contributed $1,983,378 for the pay-as-you-go benefits for the PHCB Plan.

The County's total OPEB liability was measured as of December 31, 2025 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2025 with the actuary using standard techniques to roll forward the liability to the measurement date.

NOTE 11. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the January 1, 2025 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Discount Rate:	4.28%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:	7.50% - 6.60%, Trend by 2027
Inflation Rate:	Not available
Salary Increase:	3.25% including inflation
Participation Rate:	Not available

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Government Headcount Weighted Tables with improvements projected using Scale MP 2021.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.28%, which is the same as the prior year. This rate is based on the return on the S&P Municipal Bond 20-Year High Grade Index as of December 31, 2025.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability of the County. The changes in the total OPEB liability of the County for the year ended December 31, 2025, were as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability (a)
Balances at 12/31/24	$ 49,867,748
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	3,448,216
Interest	2,197,035
Benefit payments	(1,983,378)
Net changes	3,661,873
Balances at 12/31/25	$ 53,529,621

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

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.28%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.28%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (3.28%)	Discount Rate (4.28%)	1% Increase (5.28%)
Total OPEB liability	$ 58,695,147	$ 53,529,621	$ 48,823,901

NOTE 11. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (6.50% decreasing to 5.60%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50% decreasing to 7.60%) than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Trend Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB liability	$ 46,754,381	$ 53,529,621	$ 61,686,691

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revisions as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of December 31, 2025 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and inactive employees.

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the County recognized OPEB expense of $10,092,725. At December 31, 2025, the County reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 3,123,890	$ -
Changes in plan assumptions	21,075,197	80,630
Total	$ 24,199,087	$ 80,630

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

Year Ending December 31:	
2026	$ 4,447,474
2027	4,447,474
2028	4,438,103
2029	4,429,794
2030	4,389,493
Thereafter	1,966,119
	$ 24,118,457

NOTE 12. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Medical Self-Insurance

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

The County purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided by the County. During the year ended December 31, 2025, excess coverage was obtained for any individual claim in excess of $125,000. The County pays most of the coverage for eligible employees and their dependents. Employee contributions are used to pay claims and expenses of the plan incurred during the year. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNRs).

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

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Year Claims Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Paid	End of Year Claims Liability
2025	$ 2,791,182	$ 32,900,075	$ 33,003,757	$ 2,687,500
2024	2,583,475	31,570,539	31,362,832	2,791,182

Workers' Compensation

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

The County has purchased commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided by the County. During the year ended December 31, 2025, excess coverage was obtained for any individual claims in excess of $325,000. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNRs). Settled claims have not exceeded the County's additional coverage in any of the past three (3) periods.

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

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Year Claims Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Paid	End of Year Claims Liability
2025	$ 608,981	$ 1,245,395	$ 1,144,842	$ 709,534
2024	1,020,256	846,099	1,257,374	608,981

NOTE 12. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

General Liability

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

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

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

The County participates in the large deductible option with a $50,000 deductible. Under this plan, Forsyth County is responsible for all payments up to $50,000 per occurrence on general liability claims. Once an individual claim exceeds the deductible, the plan will pay all costs in excess of the deductible. As of December 31, 2025, an actuary determined that an estimated $413,661 in reported unpaid claims and incurred but not reported claims were outstanding relating to fiscal year 2025 for which Forsyth County will be liable.

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

Fiscal Year	Beginning of Year Claims Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Paid	End of Year Claims Liability
2025	$ 833,464	$ 3,160,376	$ 3,121,053	$ 872,787
2024	1,320,000	2,226,951	2,713,487	833,464

NOTE 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Contractual Commitments

In addition to the liabilities enumerated in the balance sheet, at December 31, 2025, the County has contractual commitments on uncompleted contracts of approximately $154,714,505.

Litigation

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

Grant Contingencies

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

NOTE 14. JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the area, is a member of the Atlanta Regional Commission and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the County paid $332,280 in such dues. Membership in the Commission is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the Commission in Georgia.

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

Atlanta Regional Commission
229 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

NOTE 15. HOTEL/MOTEL TAX

The County has levied a 8% lodging tax. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the County collected $2,256,094 in revenues. Of this amount $2,256,094 or 100%, was expended on the promotion of tourism in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 48-13-51.

NOTE 16. ACCOUNTING CHANGES

Changes in Major Governmental Funds

In the current year, the County's ARPA Fund no longer meets the definition of a major fund. Also in the current year, the County's Grant Fund meets the definition of a major fund, whereas in the prior year, the Grant Fund was reported as a nonmajor governmental fund. The effect of these changes within the financial reporting entity is shown in the table below.

	December 31, 2024 As Previously Reported	Change in Major Funds	December 31, 2024 As Restated
Governmental Funds			
Major Funds:			
ARPA Fund	$ 3,281,276	$ (3,281,276)	$ -
Grant Fund	-	(7,558,727)	(7,558,727)
Nonmajor Funds	37,366,257	10,840,003	48,206,260
Tota Governmental Funds	$ 40,647,533	$ -	$ 40,647,533

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION

2025



FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GAAP BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 170,489,776	$ 170,789,776	$ 184,984,155	$ 14,194,379
Licenses and permits	5,429,800	5,407,800	5,452,236	44,436
Intergovernmental	375,000	375,000	401,495	26,495
Fines and forfeitures	2,722,750	2,722,750	3,957,804	1,235,054
Charges for services	27,440,700	27,458,200	27,970,848	512,648
Investment income (loss)	4,000,000	4,000,000	8,624,936	4,624,936
Contributions	57,360	72,360	30,592	(41,768)
Miscellaneous	1,937,637	1,937,637	1,190,999	(746,638)
Total revenues	212,453,023	212,763,523	232,613,065	19,849,542
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Board of commissioners	598,469	620,469	619,584	885
Administration	3,073,741	3,091,741	3,016,205	75,536
Voter registration	2,143,053	2,143,053	1,924,275	218,778
Finance	2,785,886	2,936,786	2,813,086	123,700
Tax administration	2,135,926	2,135,926	2,018,554	117,372
Business license	837,930	837,930	669,274	168,656
Procurement	1,263,796	1,309,796	1,309,769	27
Information system and technology	7,050,985	7,238,360	6,698,102	540,258
GIS	2,259,451	2,259,451	2,115,374	144,077
Personnel services	4,045,046	4,046,646	3,380,365	666,281
Tax commissioner	5,535,087	5,554,970	5,357,425	197,545
Tax assessor	4,720,346	4,720,346	4,483,504	236,842
Records management	3,641,701	1,020,536	847,176	173,360
Public facilities	9,828,294	9,848,533	8,958,202	890,331
Other	12,966,824	11,482,626	2,944,600	8,538,026
Total general government	62,886,535	59,247,169	47,155,495	12,091,674
Judicial:				
Judicial administration	1,969,705	1,969,705	1,809,941	159,764
Superior court	695,548	695,548	677,457	18,091
Clerk superior court	3,936,392	3,958,392	3,921,170	37,222
District attorney	1,202,540	1,215,540	1,214,926	614
State court	1,352,775	1,352,775	1,283,462	69,313
Magistrate court	1,842,786	1,842,786	1,817,422	25,364
Probate court	1,771,772	1,771,772	1,753,012	18,760
Juvenile court	2,661,474	2,661,474	2,290,084	371,390
Solicitor-state court	2,480,091	2,480,091	2,389,826	90,265
Indigent defense	2,821,566	2,921,566	2,744,169	177,397
Pretrial services	434,365	434,365	406,765	27,600
Total judicial	21,169,014	21,304,014	20,308,234	995,780
Public safety:				
Sheriff's office	72,551,873	77,768,776	75,874,138	1,894,638
Ambulance services	2,457,950	2,457,950	2,457,950	-
Dispatchers	1,578,652	1,578,652	1,407,813	170,839
Emergency management	543,433	582,785	448,277	134,508
Coroner and medical examiner	238,417	229,417	229,327	90
Animal shelter	2,767,986	-	-	-
Total public safety	80,138,311	82,617,580	80,417,505	2,200,075
Public works:				
Fleet maintenance	552,500	552,500	458,305	94,195
Total public works	552,500	552,500	458,305	94,195

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GAAP BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
Expenditures: (Continued)				
Health and welfare:				
Health department	$ 163,630	$ 163,630	$ 162,108	$ 1,522
Senior citizens center	3,097,839	3,112,439	2,532,788	579,651
Total health and welfare	3,261,469	3,276,069	2,694,896	581,173
Culture and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	15,941,833	15,985,646	15,085,657	899,989
Library	10,536,146	10,537,479	10,436,243	101,236
Total culture and recreation	26,477,979	26,523,125	25,521,900	1,001,225
Housing and development:				
Conservation	159,731	159,731	109,701	50,030
Planning and community development	8,324,963	9,802,319	8,563,740	1,238,579
Code enforcement	1,028,414	-	-	-
Economic development	40,000	432,206	421,925	10,281
County agent	1,633	300	100	200
Total housing and development	9,554,741	10,394,556	9,095,466	1,299,090
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	239,039	(239,039)
Interest	-	-	18,961	(18,961)
Total debt service	-	-	258,000	(258,000)
Total expenditures	204,040,549	203,915,013	185,909,801	18,005,212
Excess of revenues over expenditures	8,412,474	8,848,510	46,703,264	37,854,754
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	3,000,000	3,000,000	1,354,357	(1,645,643)
Transfers out	(11,412,474)	(51,194,941)	(51,208,573)	(13,632)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(8,412,474)	(48,194,941)	(49,854,216)	(1,659,275)
Net change in fund balances	-	(39,346,431)	(3,150,952)	36,195,479
Fund balances, beginning of year	113,118,441	113,118,441	113,118,441	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 113,118,441	$ 73,772,010	$ 109,967,489	$ 36,195,479

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
FIRE DISTRICT FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GAAP BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 46,754,100	$ 46,754,100	$ 48,945,454	$ 2,191,354
Interest income	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,863,348	(136,652)
Contributions	500	500	-	(500)
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,000	12,066	9,066
Total revenues	48,757,600	48,757,600	50,820,868	2,063,268
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	48,757,600	53,959,296	44,361,312	9,597,984
Total expenditures	48,757,600	53,959,296	44,361,312	9,597,984
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(5,201,696)	6,459,556	11,661,252
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	113,763	113,763
Transfers out	-	(6,959)	-	6,959
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	(6,959)	113,763	120,722
Net changes in fund balances	-	(5,208,655)	6,573,319	11,781,974
Fund balances, beginning of year	21,755,901	21,755,901	21,755,901	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 21,755,901	$ 16,547,246	$ 28,329,220	$ 11,781,974

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	$ 8,213,530	$ 32,220,079	$ 24,650,050	$ (7,570,029)
Charges for services	145,000	145,000	133,811	(11,189)
Contributions and donations	63,000	30,816,368	50,713	(30,765,655)
Total revenues	8,421,530	63,181,447	24,834,574	(38,346,873)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	-	1,658,804	110,909	1,547,895
Judicial	692,002	692,390	455,575	236,815
Public safety	872,819	6,687,706	1,732,975	4,954,731
Public works	2,908,490	9,879,212	2,852,369	7,026,843
Health and welfare	2,739,786	3,230,826	2,662,394	568,432
Culture and recreation	-	102,877	80,327	22,550
Capital outlay	2,673,332	42,825,938	9,000,533	33,825,405
Total expenditures	9,886,429	65,077,753	16,895,082	48,182,671
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,464,899)	(1,896,306)	7,939,492	9,835,798
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	1,464,899	1,896,306	1,314,387	(581,919)
Transfers out	-	-	(23,701,248)	(23,701,248)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,464,899	1,896,306	(22,386,861)	(24,283,167)
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	(14,447,369)	(14,447,369)
Fund balances (deficits), beginning of year	(7,558,727)	(7,558,727)	(7,558,727)	-
Fund balances (deficits), end of year	$ (7,558,727)	$ (7,558,727)	$ (22,006,096)	$ (14,447,369)

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

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Total OPEB liability				
Service cost	$ 3,448,216	$ 2,429,289	$ 2,328,913	$ 378,857
Interest on total OPEB liability	2,197,035	1,698,102	1,603,795	134,241
Experience differences	-	1,300,883	-	3,074,019
Benefit payments	(1,983,378)	(1,845,003)	(1,234,279)	(1,164,414)
Assumption changes	-	7,469,652	-	26,941,880
Net change in total OPEB liability	3,661,873	11,052,923	2,698,429	29,364,583
Total OPEB liability - beginning	49,867,748	38,814,825	36,116,396	6,751,813
Total OPEB liability - ending	$ 53,529,621	$ 49,867,748	$ 38,814,825	$ 36,116,396
Covered-employee payroll	$ 130,264,226	$ 122,354,337	$ 113,890,065	$ 99,621,541
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	41.1%	40.8%	34.1%	36.3%

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB liability				
Service cost	$ 348,519	$ 354,364	$ 305,765	$ 288,533
Interest on total OPEB liability	144,471	113,428	186,286	209,187
Experience differences	692,117	111,400	-	-
Benefit payments	(695,004)	599,776	(524,261)	(569,942)
Assumption changes	(156,265)	(564,764)	167,429	-
Net change in total OPEB liability	333,838	614,204	135,219	(72,222)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	6,417,975	5,803,771	5,668,552	5,740,774
Total OPEB liability - ending	$ 6,751,813	$ 6,417,975	$ 5,803,771	$ 5,668,552
Covered-employee payroll	$ 95,210,544	$ 95,510,902	$ 86,422,316	$ 78,422,256
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.1%	6.7%	6.7%	7.2%

Notes to the Schedule:

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

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

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) AND RELATED RATIOS

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total pension liability					
Service cost	$ 95,487	$ 104,046	$ 118,594	$ 121,417	$ 165,413
Interest on total pension liability	1,485,787	1,464,441	1,461,679	1,431,480	1,435,161
Differences between expected and actual experience	(765,687)	254,915	(26,658)	(463,632)	(340,498)
Changes in assumptions	-	-	-	(1,811,957)	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,484,765)	(1,512,465)	(1,483,829)	(1,313,613)	(1,239,247)
Net change in total pension liability	(669,178)	310,937	69,786	(2,036,305)	20,829
Total pension liability - beginning	22,658,552	22,347,615	22,277,829	24,314,134	24,293,305
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 21,989,374	$ 22,658,552	$ 22,347,615	$ 22,277,829	$ 24,314,134
Plan fiduciary net position					
Contributions - employer	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000
Net investment income (loss)	1,717,062	1,561,195	1,379,543	1,483,869	2,988,009
Differences between expected and actual returns	1,021,657	1,338,441	1,884,747	(5,230,806)	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(1,484,765)	(1,512,465)	(1,483,829)	(1,313,613)	(1,239,247)
Administrative expenses	(97,664)	(86,100)	(63,905)	(67,403)	(71,123)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	2,156,290	2,301,071	2,716,556	(4,127,953)	2,677,639
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	25,729,165	23,428,094	20,711,538	24,839,491	22,161,852
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	$ 27,885,455	$ 25,729,165	$ 23,428,094	$ 20,711,538	$ 24,839,491
County's net pension liability (asset) - ending (a) - (b)	$ (5,896,081)	$ (3,070,613)	$ (1,080,479)	$ 1,566,291	$ (525,357)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	126.8%	113.6%	104.8%	93.0%	102.2%
Covered payroll	$ 1,042,156	$ 1,218,036	$ 1,262,766	$ 1,408,947	$ 1,559,854
Net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of covered payroll	-565.8%	-252.1%	-85.6%	111.2%	-33.7%

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total pension liability					
Service cost	$ 178,991	$ 173,642	$ 144,052	$ 153,508	$ 191,249
Interest on total pension liability	1,358,013	1,227,351	1,296,817	1,342,712	1,293,085
Differences between expected and actual experience	160,708	(112,953)	478,588	(1,024,769)	237,513
Changes in assumptions	756,661	1,994,675	750,037	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,145,868)	(1,106,799)	(1,090,880)	(1,060,702)	(940,744)
Net change in total pension liability	1,308,505	2,175,916	1,578,614	(589,251)	781,103
Total pension liability - beginning	22,984,800	20,808,884	19,230,270	19,819,521	19,038,418
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 24,293,305	$ 22,984,800	$ 20,808,884	$ 19,230,270	$ 19,819,521
Plan fiduciary net position					
Contributions - employer	$ 825,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000
Net investment income (loss)	3,210,889	3,288,258	(619,911)	2,062,163	1,278,960
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(1,145,868)	(1,106,799)	(1,090,880)	(1,060,702)	(940,744)
Administrative expenses	(66,111)	-	-	-	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	2,823,910	3,181,459	(710,791)	2,001,461	1,338,216
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	19,337,942	16,156,483	16,867,274	14,865,813	13,527,597
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	$ 22,161,852	$ 19,337,942	$ 16,156,483	$ 16,867,274	$ 14,865,813
County's net pension liability (asset) - ending (a) - (b)	$ 3,646,858	$ 3,646,858	$ 4,652,401	$ 2,362,996	$ 4,953,708
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	91.2%	84.1%	77.6%	87.7%	75.0%
Covered payroll	$ 1,636,556	$ 1,623,352	$ 1,657,916	$ 1,809,638	$ 2,129,390
Net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of covered payroll	130.2%	224.6%	280.6%	130.6%	232.6%

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Actuarially determined contribution	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Contribution excess	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered payroll	$ 1,042,156	$ 1,218,036	$ 1,262,766	$ 1,408,947	$ 1,559,854
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	96.0%	82.1%	79.2%	71.0%	64.1%

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Actuarially determined contribution	$ 825,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	825,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Contribution excess	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered payroll	$ 1,636,556	$ 1,623,352	$ 1,657,916	$ 1,809,638	$ 2,129,390
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	50.4%	61.6%	60.3%	55.3%	47.0%

Notes to the Schedule:

(1) Actuarial Assumptions

Valuation Date	January 1, 2025
Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Asset Valuation Method	Fair value
Assumed Rate of Return on Investments	6.75%
Projected Salary Increases	4.00%
Cost-of-Living Adjustment	None
Amortization Method	Level dollar for unfunded liability
Remaining Amortization Period	30 years (open)

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

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expenses for the County's Pension Plan	9.85%	12.50%	14.50%	-16.75%	12.41%

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expenses for the County's Pension Plan	15.16%	18.53%	-3.75%	13.00%	9.01%

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARPA Fund - to account for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund grant monies received.

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

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund

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

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds						
ASSETS	**Victims Rights & Assistance Fund**	**Drug Abuse Treatment & Education Fund**	**Emergency 911 Telephone System Fund**	**Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund**	**District Attorney Seizure Fund**	**Law Library Fund**	**Juvenile Court Fund**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 22,369	$ 908,548	$ 3,366,446	$ 955,278	$ 136,945	$ 294,679	$ 56,226
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	-	-	1,109,630	-	-	2,544	-
Taxes receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental receivable	1,139	-	-	11,088	-	-	-
Prepaid items	-	-	14,853	-	-	-	-
Total assets	$ 23,508	$ 908,548	$ 4,490,929	$ 966,366	$ 136,945	$ 297,223	$ 56,226
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 10,564	$ 25,223	$ 84,658	$ -	$ -	$ 595
Retainage payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	5,825	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	10,564	25,223	84,658	-	5,825	595
FUND BALANCES							
Nonspendable:							
Prepaid items	-	-	14,853	-	-	-	-
Restricted:							
Crime victims' assistance	23,508	-	-	-	-	-	-
Law enforcement activities	-	897,984	-	881,708	136,945	-	55,631
Law library operations	-	-	-	-	-	291,398	-
Grant activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency 911 services	-	-	4,450,853	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	23,508	897,984	4,465,706	881,708	136,945	291,398	55,631
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 23,508	$ 908,548	$ 4,490,929	$ 966,366	$ 136,945	$ 297,223	$ 56,226

Special Revenue Funds						Capital Projects Fund	
Insurance Premium Tax Fund	Inmate General Welfare Fund	County Jail Fund	Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	ARPA Fund	Opioid Settlement Fund	Impact Fees Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
$ 7,001,742	$ 582,187	$ 1,745,570	$ -	$ 9,914,794	$ 1,594,185	$ 14,460,670	$ 41,039,639
250	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	1,127,424
-	-	-	163,324	-	-	-	163,324
-	-	2,613	-	-	-	24,484	39,324
324	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,177
$ 7,002,316	$ 582,187	$ 1,748,183	$ 163,324	$ 9,914,794	$ 1,609,185	$ 14,485,154	$ 42,384,888
$ 566,758	$ 4,801	$ -	$ 162,429	$ 710,355	$ -	$ 200,048	$ 1,765,431
-	-	-	-	1,704,046	-	456,727	2,160,773
-	4,940	-	895	-	-	3,957	15,617
-	-	-	-	3,121,630	-	-	3,121,630
566,758	9,741	-	163,324	5,536,031	-	660,732	7,063,451
324	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,177
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,508
-	572,446	1,748,183	-	-	1,609,185	-	5,902,082
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	291,398
-	-	-	-	4,378,763	-	-	4,378,763
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,450,853
6,435,234	-	-	-	-	-	13,824,422	20,259,656
6,435,558	572,446	1,748,183	-	4,378,763	1,609,185	13,824,422	35,321,437
$ 7,002,316	$ 582,187	$ 1,748,183	$ 163,324	$ 9,914,794	$ 1,609,185	$ 14,485,154	$ 42,384,888

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds							
	Victims Rights & Assistance Fund	Drug Abuse Treatment & Education Fund	Emergency 911 Telephone System Fund	Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund	District Attorney Seizure Fund	Law Library Fund	Juvenile Court Fund	Grant Fund
Revenues:								
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	204,003	477,502	-	196,709	4,766	139,235	12,580	-
Licenses and permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	6,598,917	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income	2,759	28,685	135,422	34,507	-	-	-	-
Contributions and donations	-	-	-	54,874	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	2,766	-	-	3,908	-	-
Total revenues	206,762	506,187	6,737,105	286,090	4,766	143,143	12,580	-
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	722,086	-	-	-	218	98,306	-	-
Public safety	-	272,557	6,830,825	270,479	-	-	3,780	-
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	722,086	272,557	6,830,825	270,479	218	98,306	3,780	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(515,324)	233,630	(93,720)	15,611	4,548	44,837	8,800	-
Other financing sources (uses):								
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	-	-	-	44,786	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	498,946	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	498,946	-	-	44,786	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	(16,378)	233,630	(93,720)	60,397	4,548	44,837	8,800	-
Fund balances (deficits), beginning of year	39,886	664,354	4,559,426	821,311	132,397	246,561	46,831	(7,558,727)
Adjustment - change to reporting entity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,558,727
Fund balances, beginning of year, as adjusted	39,886	664,354	4,559,426	821,311	132,397	246,561	46,831	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 23,508	$ 897,984	$ 4,465,706	$ 881,708	$ 136,945	$ 291,398	$ 55,631	$ -

Special Revenue Funds						Capital Projects Fund	
Insurance Premium Tax Fund	Inmate General Welfare Fund	County Jail Fund	Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	ARPA Fund	Opioid Settlement Fund	Impact Fees Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
$ 23,915,281	$ -	$ -	$ 2,256,094	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 26,171,375
498,616	-	-	-	38,090,038	-	-	38,588,654
-	-	440,035	-	-	-	-	1,474,830
43,159	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,159
-	-	-	-	-	283,402	11,186,310	18,068,629
949,022	22,244	65,325	-	1,097,487	-	364,949	2,700,400
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,874
19,471	224,590	-	-	-	-	37,884	288,619
25,425,549	246,834	505,360	2,256,094	39,187,525	283,402	11,589,143	87,390,540
-	-	-	-	-	1,813	-	1,813
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	820,610
-	263,100	328,306	-	-	-	-	7,969,047
15,672,887	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,672,887
-	-	-	1,257,001	-	-	272	1,257,273
1,468,359	-	-	999,093	-	-	3,639,981	6,107,433
17,141,246	263,100	328,306	2,256,094	-	1,813	3,640,253	31,829,063
8,284,303	(16,266)	177,054	-	39,187,525	281,589	7,948,890	55,561,477
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,786
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	498,946
(30,878,744)	-	-	-	(38,090,038)	(21,250)	-	(68,990,032)
(30,878,744)	-	-	-	(38,090,038)	(21,250)	-	(68,446,300)
(22,594,441)	(16,266)	177,054	-	1,097,487	260,339	7,948,890	(12,884,823)
29,029,999	588,712	1,571,129	-	-	1,348,846	5,875,532	37,366,257
-	-	-	-	3,281,276	-	-	10,840,003
29,029,999	588,712	1,571,129	-	3,281,276	1,348,846	5,875,532	48,206,260
$ 6,435,558	$ 572,446	$ 1,748,183	$ -	$ 4,378,763	$ 1,609,185	$ 13,824,422	$ 35,321,437

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
VICTIMS RIGHTS & ASSISTANCE
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 165,000	$ 179,000	$ 204,003	$ 25,003
Interest income	5,000	5,000	2,759	(2,241)
Total revenues	170,000	184,000	206,762	22,762
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	668,946	722,832	722,086	746
Total expenditures	668,946	722,832	722,086	746
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(498,946)	(538,832)	(515,324)	23,508
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	498,946	498,946	498,946	-
Total other financing sources	498,946	498,946	498,946	-
Net changes in fund balances	-	(39,886)	(16,378)	23,508
Fund balances, beginning of year	39,886	39,886	39,886	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 39,886	$ -	$ 23,508	$ 23,508

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT & EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 550,000	$ 550,000	$ 477,502	$ (72,498)
Interest income	13,000	13,000	28,685	15,685
Total revenues	563,000	563,000	506,187	(56,813)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	1,076,771	1,076,771	272,557	804,214
Total expenditures	1,076,771	1,076,771	272,557	804,214
Net changes in fund balances	(513,771)	(513,771)	233,630	747,401
Fund balances, beginning of year	664,354	664,354	664,354	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 150,583	$ 150,583	$ 897,984	$ 747,401

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
EMERGENCY 911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 6,450,000	$ 6,450,000	$ 6,598,917	$ 148,917
Interest income	185,000	185,000	135,422	(49,578)
Miscellaneous revenue	2,000	2,000	2,766	766
Total revenues	6,637,000	6,637,000	6,737,105	100,105
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	7,533,203	7,669,967	6,830,825	839,142
Total expenditures	7,533,203	7,669,967	6,830,825	839,142
Net changes in fund balances	(896,203)	(1,032,967)	(93,720)	939,247
Fund balances, beginning of year	4,559,426	4,559,426	4,559,426	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 3,663,223	$ 3,526,459	$ 4,465,706	$ 939,247

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SHERIFF'S LAW ENFORCEMENT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 235,000	$ 235,000	$ 196,709	$ (38,291)
Interest income	30,000	30,000	34,507	4,507
Contributions	13,755	13,755	54,874	41,119
Total revenues	278,755	278,755	286,090	7,335
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	683,155	699,155	270,479	428,676
Total expenditures	683,155	699,155	270,479	428,676
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(404,400)	(420,400)	15,611	436,011
Other financing sources:				
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	20,000	20,000	44,786	24,786
Total other financing sources	20,000	20,000	44,786	24,786
Net changes in fund balances	(384,400)	(400,400)	60,397	460,797
Fund balances, beginning of year	821,311	821,311	821,311	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 436,911	$ 420,911	$ 881,708	$ 460,797

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
DISTRICT ATTORNEY SEIZURE
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ 4,766	$ 766
Total revenues	4,000	4,000	4,766	766
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	4,000	4,000	218	3,782
Total expenditures	4,000	4,000	218	3,782
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	4,548	4,548
Fund balances, beginning of year	132,397	132,397	132,397	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 132,397	$ 132,397	$ 136,945	$ 4,548

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
LAW LIBRARY
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 112,859	$ 112,859	$ 139,235	$ 26,376
Total revenues	112,859	112,859	143,143	30,284
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	112,859	112,859	98,306	14,553
Total expenditures	112,859	112,859	98,306	14,553
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	44,837	44,837
Fund balances, beginning of year	246,561	246,561	246,561	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 246,561	$ 246,561	$ 291,398	$ 44,837

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
JUVENILE COURT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 7,000	$ 7,000	$ 12,580	$ 5,580
Interest income	150	150	-	(150)
Total revenues	7,150	7,150	12,580	5,430
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	18,610	18,610	3,780	14,830
Total expenditures	18,610	18,610	3,780	14,830
Net changes in fund balances	(11,460)	(11,460)	8,800	20,260
Fund balances, beginning of year	46,831	46,831	46,831	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 35,371	$ 35,371	$ 55,631	$ 20,260

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 20,500,000	$ 20,500,000	$ 23,915,281	$ 3,415,281
Intergovernmental	500,000	500,000	498,616	(1,384)
Licenses and permits	30,000	30,000	43,159	13,159
Interest income	500,000	500,000	949,022	449,022
Miscellaneous	4,000	13,015	19,471	6,456
Total revenues	21,534,000	21,543,015	25,425,549	3,882,534
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public works	16,658,900	17,176,371	15,672,887	1,503,484
Capital outlay	964,271	1,509,050	1,468,359	40,691
Total expenditures	17,623,171	18,685,421	17,141,246	1,544,175
Excess of revenues over expenditures	3,910,829	2,857,594	8,284,303	5,426,709
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	-	(30,878,744)	(30,878,744)	-
Total other financing uses	-	(30,878,744)	(30,878,744)	-
Net changes in fund balances	3,910,829	(28,021,150)	(22,594,441)	5,426,709
Fund balances, beginning of year	29,029,999	29,029,999	29,029,999	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 32,940,828	$ 1,008,849	$ 6,435,558	$ 5,426,709

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
INMATE GENERAL WELFARE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Interest income	$ 31,000	$ 31,000	$ 22,244	$ (8,756)
Miscellaneous	220,000	220,000	224,590	4,590
Total revenues	251,000	251,000	246,834	(4,166)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	631,000	631,000	263,100	367,900
Total expenditures	631,000	631,000	263,100	367,900
Net changes in fund balances	(380,000)	(380,000)	(16,266)	363,734
Fund balances, beginning of year	588,712	588,712	588,712	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 208,712	$ 208,712	$ 572,446	$ 363,734

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COUNTY JAIL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 357,000	$ 357,000	$ 440,035	$ 83,035
Interest income	70,000	70,000	65,325	(4,675)
Total revenues	427,000	427,000	505,360	78,360
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	1,750,000	1,750,000	328,306	1,421,694
Total expenditures	1,750,000	1,750,000	328,306	1,421,694
Net changes in fund balances	(1,323,000)	(1,323,000)	177,054	1,500,054
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,571,129	1,571,129	1,571,129	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 248,129	$ 248,129	$ 1,748,183	$ 1,500,054

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 2,333,556	$ 2,333,556	$ 2,256,094	$ (77,462)
Total revenues	2,333,556	2,333,556	2,256,094	(77,462)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Housing and development	2,333,556	1,334,456	1,257,001	77,455
Capital outlay	-	999,100	999,093	7
Total expenditures	2,333,556	2,333,556	2,256,094	77,462
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
ARPA FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	$ 48,500,000	$ 44,938,619	$ 38,090,038	$ (6,848,581)
Interest income	2,300,000	2,300,000	1,097,487	(1,202,513)
Total revenues	50,800,000	47,238,619	39,187,525	(8,051,094)
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-	-
Excess of revenues over expenditures	50,800,000	47,238,619	39,187,525	(8,051,094)
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	(50,800,000)	(47,238,619)	(38,090,038)	9,148,581
Total other financing uses:	(50,800,000)	(47,238,619)	(38,090,038)	9,148,581
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	1,097,487	1,097,487
Fund balances, beginning of year	3,281,276	3,281,276	3,281,276	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 3,281,276	$ 3,281,276	$ 4,378,763	$ 1,097,487

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 2,220	$ 2,220	$ 283,402	$ 281,182
Total revenues	2,220	2,220	283,402	281,182
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	17,220	17,220	1,813	15,407
Total expenditures	17,220	17,220	1,813	15,407
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(15,000)	(15,000)	281,589	296,589
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	(200,000)	(200,000)	(21,250)	178,750
Total other financing uses	(200,000)	(200,000)	(21,250)	178,750
Net changes in fund balances	(215,000)	(215,000)	260,339	475,339
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,348,846	1,348,846	1,348,846	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 1,133,846	$ 1,133,846	$ 1,609,185	$ 475,339

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 15,357,175	$ 15,357,175	$ 16,060,532	$ 703,357
Investment income	50,000	50,000	830,663	780,663
Total revenues	15,407,175	15,407,175	16,891,195	1,484,020
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	75,000	75,000	42,906	32,094
Debt service:				
Principal	29,510,000	145,735,000	52,150,000	93,585,000
Interest	4,641,944	21,850,757	4,823,596	17,027,161
Total expenditures	34,226,944	167,660,757	57,016,502	110,644,255
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(18,819,769)	(152,253,582)	(40,125,307)	112,128,275
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	19,703,250	130,209,063	19,597,292	(110,611,771)
Total other financing sources	19,703,250	130,209,063	19,597,292	(110,611,771)
Net changes in fund balances	883,481	(22,044,519)	(20,528,015)	1,516,504
Fund balances, beginning of year	20,611,254	20,611,254	20,611,254	-
Fund balances (deficits), end of year	$ 21,494,735	$ (1,433,265)	$ 83,239	$ 1,516,504

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

Project	Estimated Cost		Expenditures		
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
SPLOST VI - 2008 SPLOST					
Road, street, bridges, and sidewalks	$ 108,600,000	$ 105,522,195	$ 103,066,215	$ -	$ 103,066,215
Public safety facilities	17,800,000	13,610,733	13,610,182	(14,248)	13,595,934
Park and recreation facilities	13,500,000	11,137,500	11,126,287	-	11,126,287
Library facilities	7,200,000	5,940,000	5,694,069	-	5,694,069
Cultural facilities	6,000,000	6,877,656	6,877,656	-	6,877,656
Payments to the City of Cumming	6,900,000	6,075,666	6,075,666	-	6,075,666
Total 2008 SPLOST	$ 160,000,000	$ 149,163,750	$ 146,450,075	(14,248)	$ 146,435,827
SPLOST VII - 2013 SPLOST					
Courthouse and jail expansion	$ 100,000,000	$ 100,000,000	$ 92,523,939	$ -	$ 92,523,939
Road, street, bridges, and sidewalks	76,925,025	94,530,000	95,799,181	183,740	95,982,921
Animal shelter	2,999,975	2,999,975	1,802,282	-	1,802,282
Libraries	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,758,336	-	2,758,336
Public safety improvements	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,899,999	-	3,899,999
Emergency water generator	1,000,000	1,184,219	1,184,219	-	1,184,219
Park and recreation facilities	-	2,400,000	2,021,238	-	2,021,238
Administration building	-	2,500,000	1,096,194	-	1,096,194
Payments to the City of Cumming	12,375,000	14,382,889	14,382,888	-	14,382,888
Total 2013 SPLOST	$ 200,000,000	$ 224,697,083	$ 215,468,276	183,740	$ 215,652,016
SPLOST VIII - 2018 SPLOST					
Roads, streets, bridges, and sidewalks	$ 153,000,000	$ 219,227,500	$ 141,559,415	$ 12,032,693	$ 153,592,108
Public safety facilities	32,100,000	33,492,937	19,823,379	4,119,726	23,943,105
Park and recreation facilities	44,000,000	46,607,160	28,682,855	16,491,189	45,174,044
Library facilities	9,700,000	10,209,868	9,874,600	335,268	10,209,868
Animal services	956,000	956,000	329,297	16,543	345,840
Cultural facilities	500,000	500,000	153,446	-	153,446
Water facilities	10,250,000	10,775,637	8,499,593	-	8,499,593
Administration services	9,000,000	9,473,073	9,500,356	-	9,500,356
Payments to the City of Cumming	14,494,000	17,259,000	15,906,710	1,643,175	17,549,885
Total 2018 SPLOST	$ 274,000,000	$ 348,501,175	$ 234,329,651	34,638,594	$ 268,968,245
SPLOST IX - 2025 SPLOST					
Road, street, bridges and sidewalks	$ 113,121,785	$ 113,121,785	$ -	$ 2,302,970	$ 2,302,970
Park and recreation facilities	69,000,000	69,000,000	-	390,374	390,374
Public safety facilities - Sheriff/Fire	80,000,000	80,000,000	-	470,788	470,788
Water facilities	60,000,000	60,000,000	-	-	-
Administration Services	605,680	605,680	-	590,984	590,984
Radio System	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	2,683,398	2,683,398
Payments to the City of Cumming	22,009,621	22,009,621	-	2,084,397	2,084,397
Total 2025 SPLOST	$ 354,737,086	$ 354,737,086	$ -	8,522,911	$ 8,522,911
			Transfers out to Water and Sewer Fund	1,279,823	
			Transfers out to pay for debt service	19,597,292	
			Non-SPLOST expenditures *	1,055,220	
			Total SPLOST Fund expenditures and transfers out	$ 65,263,332	

* Forsyth County, Georgia uses intergovernmental revenues from other parties to expand SPLOST projects. Intergovernmental revenues for SPLOST projects are as follows:

City of Johns Creek	$ 1,055,220

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

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

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

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

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

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

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Risk Management Fund	Employee Health Benefits Fund	Workers' Compensation Fund	Fleet Maintenance Fund	Total
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash	$ -	$ 12,687,795	$ 3,180,198	$ 178,875	$ 16,046,868
Receivables	163,971	6,445	-	2,893	173,309
Inventories	-	-	-	10,071	10,071
Prepaid items	1,203,213	-	-	-	1,203,213
Total current assets	1,367,184	12,694,240	3,180,198	191,839	17,433,461
Noncurrent assets:					
Capital assets:					
Capital assets, being depreciated	145,710	-	-	983,923	1,129,633
Less accumulated depreciation	(137,160)	-	-	(793,132)	(930,292)
Total capital assets, net	8,550	-	-	190,791	199,341
Total assets	1,375,734	12,694,240	3,180,198	382,630	17,632,802
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	229,273	665,756	4,987	214,664	1,114,680
Due to other funds	249,825	-	-	-	249,825
Compensated absences, due within one year	11,474	-	-	94,326	105,800
Claims payable, due within one year	119,990	2,687,500	484,824	-	3,292,314
Total current liabilities	610,562	3,353,256	489,811	308,990	4,762,619
Long-term liabilities:					
Compensated absences, due in more than one year	2,869	-	-	23,581	26,450
Claims payable, long-term	752,797	-	224,710	-	977,507
Total long-term liabilities	755,666	-	224,710	23,581	1,003,957
Total liabilities	1,366,228	3,353,256	714,521	332,571	5,766,576
NET POSITION					
Investment in capital assets	8,550	-	-	190,791	199,341
Unrestricted (deficit)	956	9,340,984	2,465,677	(140,732)	11,666,885
Total net position	$ 9,506	$ 9,340,984	$ 2,465,677	$ 50,059	$ 11,866,226

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Risk Management Fund	Employee Health Benefits Fund	Workers' Compensation Fund	Fleet Maintenance Fund	Total
OPERATING REVENUES					
Charges for services	$ 3,112,801	$ 44,249,685	$ 1,564,861	$ 2,221,333	$ 51,148,680
Insurance recoveries	242,536	-	28,251	-	270,787
Total operating revenues	3,355,337	44,249,685	1,593,112	2,221,333	51,419,467
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries and benefits	350,861	207,435	95,478	1,838,066	2,491,840
Supplies and maintenance	-	-	-	2,161,012	2,161,012
Claims	3,160,376	32,900,075	1,245,395	-	37,305,846
Insurance premiums	35,408	5,166,946	-	-	5,202,354
General and administrative	215,005	1,310,220	19,641	-	1,544,866
Depreciation and amortization expense	-	-	-	65,773	65,773
Total operating expenses	3,761,650	39,584,676	1,360,514	4,064,851	48,771,691
Operating income (loss)	(406,313)	4,665,009	232,598	(1,843,518)	2,647,776
NONOPERATING REVENUES					
Investment earnings	3,872	-	109,244	-	113,116
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	-	-	21,748	21,748
Total nonoperating revenues	3,872	-	109,244	21,748	134,864
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	(402,441)	4,665,009	341,842	(1,821,770)	2,782,640
Transfers in	-	-	-	1,650,059	1,650,059
Transfers out	(9,000)	(1,354,357)	-	-	(1,363,357)
Total transfers	(9,000)	(1,354,357)	-	1,650,059	286,702
Change in net position	(411,441)	3,310,652	341,842	(171,711)	3,069,342
NET POSITION, beginning of year	420,947	6,030,332	2,123,835	221,770	8,796,884
NET POSITION, end of year	$ 9,506	$ 9,340,984	$ 2,465,677	$ 50,059	$ 11,866,226

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Risk Management Fund	Employee Health Benefits Fund	Workers' Compensation Fund	Fleet Maintenance Fund	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Receipts from customers	$ 3,191,454	$ 44,249,685	$ 1,593,112	$ 2,220,386	$ 51,254,637
Payments to suppliers and service providers	(3,154,809)	(39,246,615)	(1,260,233)	(2,009,717)	(45,671,374)
Payments to employees	(357,157)	-	-	(1,823,300)	(2,180,457)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(320,512)	5,003,070	332,879	(1,612,631)	3,402,806
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Interest received	3,872	-	109,244	-	113,116
Net cash provided by investing activities	3,872	-	109,244	-	113,116
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Purchases of capital assets	(8,550)	-	-	(10,301)	(18,851)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	-	21,748	21,748
Principal payments on lease liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	(8,550)	-	-	11,447	2,897
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Transfers in from other funds	-	-	-	1,650,059	1,650,059
Transfers out to other funds	(9,000)	(1,354,357)	-	-	(1,363,357)
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	(9,000)	(1,354,357)	-	1,650,059	286,702
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(334,190)	3,648,713	442,123	48,875	3,805,521
Cash and cash equivalents:					
Beginning of year	334,190	9,039,082	2,738,075	130,000	12,241,347
End of year	$ -	$ 12,687,795	$ 3,180,198	$ 178,875	$ 16,046,868
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Operating income (loss)	$ (406,313)	$ 4,665,009	$ 232,598	$ (1,843,518)	$ 2,647,776
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization	-	-	-	65,773	65,773
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(163,883)	408,076	-	(947)	243,246
Increase in inventory	-	-	-	42,495	42,495
(Increase) decrease in prepaid items	(213,990)	-	-	308	(213,682)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	180,822	33,667	(272)	108,492	322,709
Increase in due to other funds	249,825	-	-	-	249,825
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences	(6,296)	-	-	14,766	8,470
Increase (decrease) in claims payable	39,323	(103,682)	100,553	-	36,194
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	$ (320,512)	$ 5,003,070	$ 332,879	$ (1,612,631)	$ 3,402,806

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

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

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

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

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

Clerk of Superior Court
Probate Court
Magistrate Court
Juvenile Court

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2025

ASSETS	Tax Commissioner	Sheriff	Clerk of Superior Court	Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Juvenile Court	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 8,534,843	$ 448,856	$ 25,363,781	$ 22,413	$ 655,274	$ 1,353	$ 35,026,520
Taxes receivable	12,329,546	-	-	-	-	-	12,329,546
Other receivables	-	270,579	-	-	-	-	270,579
Total assets	20,864,389	719,435	25,363,781	22,413	655,274	1,353	47,626,645
LIABILITIES							
Due to others	8,534,843	111,586	1,092,588	8,936	655,274	1,353	10,404,580
Deposits payable	-	-	-	13,477	-	-	13,477
Uncollected taxes	12,329,546	-	-	-	-	-	12,329,546
Total liabilities	20,864,389	111,586	1,092,588	22,413	655,274	1,353	22,747,603
NET POSITION							
Restricted:							
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	-	607,849	24,271,193	-	-	-	24,879,042
Total net position	$ -	$ 607,849	$ 24,271,193	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 24,879,042

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Tax Commissioner	Sheriff	Clerk of Superior Court	Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Juvenile Court	Total
ADDITIONS							
Taxes	$ 652,848,461	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 652,848,461
Fines and fees	-	5,616,024	15,445,499	930,579	3,068,310	26,676	25,087,088
Criminal and civil bonds	-	-	25,104,970	-	-	-	25,104,970
Interest income	-	-	-	-	-	208	208
Total additions	652,848,461	5,616,024	40,550,469	930,579	3,068,310	26,884	703,040,727
DEDUCTIONS							
Taxes and fees paid to other governments	652,848,461	-	37,577,040	834,899	-	-	691,260,400
Other custodial disbursements	-	5,120,943	3,341,507	95,680	3,068,310	26,884	11,653,324
Total deductions	652,848,461	5,120,943	40,918,547	930,579	3,068,310	26,884	702,913,724
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	-	495,081	(368,078)	-	-	-	127,003
Net position, beginning of year	-	112,768	24,639,271	-	-	-	24,752,039
Net position, end of year	$ -	$ 607,849	$ 24,271,193	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 24,879,042

STATISTICAL SECTION 2025



STATISTICAL SECTION

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

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES										
Net investment in capital assets	$ 961,421	$ 990,472	$ 985,786	$ 1,014,384	$ 1,123,681	$ 1,169,621	$ 1,210,829	$ 1,279,851	$ 1,374,758	$ 1,521,174
Restricted:										
Debt service	15,823	16,713	15,184	14,300	11,622	8,592	9,669	9,035	19,049	-
Capital projects	10,264	34,796	65,260	83,115	85,838	106,487	152,656	151,231	140,651	135,852
Public safety programs	8,484	10,675	11,887	13,277	20,555	24,831	29,042	30,213	31,801	39,099
Judicial programs	94	107	93	124	129	149	155	252	286	315
Grant activities	-	-	-	-	-	24	1,090	7,252	3,281	4,379
Pension benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,634	2,629	5,896
Unrestricted:	30,637	38,289	67,305	73,416	105,907	139,344	154,607	182,391	196,766	163,979
Total governmental activities net position	$ 1,026,723	$ 1,091,052	$ 1,145,515	$ 1,198,616	$ 1,347,732	$ 1,449,048	$ 1,558,048	$ 1,661,859	$ 1,769,221	$ 1,870,694
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES										
Net investment in capital assets	$ 358,440	$ 421,277	$ 471,770	$ 541,438	$ 464,586	$ 559,711	$ 561,393	$ 582,970	$ 623,017	$ 725,213
Restricted	3,939	4,118	4,323	4,483	95,737	4,839	6,064	6,433	7,035	7,238
Unrestricted	91,475	70,928	48,539	2,527	11,927	28,830	46,461	53,045	69,570	103,017
Total business-type activities net position	$ 453,854	$ 496,323	$ 524,632	$ 548,448	$ 572,250	$ 593,380	$ 613,918	$ 642,448	$ 699,622	$ 835,468
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT										
Net investment in capital assets	$ 1,319,861	$ 1,411,749	$ 1,457,556	$ 1,555,822	$ 1,588,267	$ 1,729,332	$ 1,772,222	$ 1,862,821	$ 1,997,775	$ 2,246,387
Restricted	38,604	66,409	96,747	115,299	213,881	144,922	198,676	206,050	204,732	192,779
Unrestricted	122,112	109,217	115,844	75,943	117,834	168,174	201,068	235,436	266,336	266,996
Total primary government net position	$ 1,480,577	$ 1,587,375	$ 1,670,147	$ 1,747,064	$ 1,919,982	$ 2,042,428	$ 2,171,966	$ 2,304,307	$ 2,468,843	$ 2,706,162

From: Statement of Net Position

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
EXPENSES										
Governmental activities:										
General Government	$ 27,992	$ 34,715	$ 37,230	$ 41,890	$ 40,574	$ 40,505	$ 47,452	$ 52,855	$ 62,071	$ 60,707
Judicial	14,827	15,272	15,201	15,996	16,607	17,286	17,814	19,583	21,514	21,768
Public Safety	75,028	77,125	81,256	86,485	90,745	95,784	99,072	119,678	132,287	145,628
Public Works	30,155	26,346	27,178	33,296	38,967	40,603	40,552	45,794	47,453	40,924
Health and Welfare	3,128	3,011	3,473	3,484	8,054	3,799	4,032	4,943	12,741	5,790
Culture and Recreation	17,268	19,255	20,523	21,654	16,745	23,397	25,712	28,355	23,864	33,910
Housing and Development	5,977	6,524	7,481	8,062	8,874	8,877	9,593	10,160	10,334	10,475
Interest and Paying Agent Fees	6,792	5,781	5,678	7,409	5,961	5,279	5,115	6,356	2,563	7,562
Total governmental activities expenses	181,167	188,029	198,020	218,276	226,527	235,530	249,342	287,724	312,827	326,764
Business-type activities:										
Water and Sewer	44,664	47,267	51,122	62,185	63,537	67,398	71,068	72,397	83,734	80,502
Solid Waste	995	888	1,354	1,698	1,917	2,130	2,011	2,208	2,379	2,195
Total business-type activities expenses	45,659	48,155	52,476	63,883	65,454	69,528	73,079	74,605	86,113	82,697
Total primary government expenses	$ 226,826	$ 236,184	$ 250,496	$ 282,159	$ 291,981	$ 305,058	$ 322,421	$ 362,329	$ 398,940	$ 409,461
PROGRAM REVENUES										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
General Government	$ 8,903	$ 11,947	$ 11,036	$ 11,736	$ 13,400	$ 14,503	$ 15,062	$ 15,787	$ 17,400	$ 18,084
Judicial	5,127	5,128	5,240	5,494	5,491	6,259	6,448	6,464	6,997	7,270
Public Safety	4,967	5,107	6,388	7,710	7,640	8,262	8,668	10,118	10,646	10,595
Public Works	6,375	10,618	10,916	6,665	8,713	8,451	6,073	4,068	6,558	11,229
Health and Welfare	74	69	81	79	37	64	608	257	913	476
Culture and Recreation	2,668	2,829	3,030	3,303	1,803	3,857	4,440	5,103	5,452	5,463
Housing and Development	5,822	5,592	5,678	5,864	5,369	5,765	4,212	3,525	3,992	3,984
Total charges for services	33,936	41,290	42,369	40,851	42,453	47,161	45,511	45,322	51,958	57,101
Operating grants and contributions	2,190	1,442	2,035	2,504	19,486	20,491	7,249	6,327	7,250	23,307
Capital grants and contributions	19,743	26,121	10,782	12,617	76,693	8,908	20,611	22,382	28,056	82,811
Total governmental activities program revenues	55,869	68,853	55,186	55,972	138,632	76,560	73,371	74,031	87,264	163,219
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services:										
Water and Sewer	45,704	40,741	47,339	54,072	54,009	58,084	63,653	67,984	75,763	74,785
Solid Waste	2,319	2,431	1,974	2,147	2,403	2,740	2,684	3,015	6,397	5,505
Total charges for services	48,023	43,172	49,313	56,219	56,412	60,824	66,337	70,999	82,160	80,290
Capital grants and contributions	45,429	47,067	29,573	30,233	32,836	30,868	26,649	27,741	40,402	40,585
Total business-type activities program revenues	93,452	90,239	78,886	86,452	89,248	91,692	92,986	98,740	122,562	120,875
Total primary government program revenues	$ 149,321	$ 159,092	$ 134,072	$ 142,424	$ 227,880	$ 168,252	$ 166,357	$ 172,771	$ 209,826	$ 284,094

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Net (expense)/revenue										
Governmental activities	$ (125,298)	$ (119,176)	$ (142,834)	$ (162,304)	$ (87,895)	$ (158,970)	$ (175,971)	$ (213,693)	$ (225,563)	$ (163,545)
Business-type activities	47,793	42,084	26,410	22,569	23,794	22,164	19,907	24,135	36,449	38,178
Total primary government net expense	$ (77,505)	$ (77,092)	$ (116,424)	$ (139,735)	$ (64,101)	$ (136,806)	$ (156,064)	$ (189,558)	$ (189,114)	$ (125,367)
GENERAL REVENUES AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET POSITION										
Governmental activities:										
Taxes										
Property taxes	$ 81,779	$ 86,347	$ 93,248	$ 98,761	$ 107,863	$ 113,291	$ 116,499	$ 130,868	$ 153,027	$ 161,859
Sales taxes	66,721	69,718	74,446	77,490	87,297	100,780	110,592	111,703	117,148	122,730
Insurance premium taxes	9,499	10,173	10,969	11,754	12,477	12,960	19,133	20,031	21,321	23,915
Other taxes	13,028	13,719	15,815	19,423	23,296	28,978	31,781	33,959	32,822	32,075
Total taxes	171,027	179,957	194,478	207,428	230,933	256,009	278,005	296,561	324,318	340,579
Investment earnings	1,091	1,828	4,022	5,469	2,464	950	3,815	17,917	22,193	17,437
Miscellaneous	786	970	1,559	1,758	1,521	2,183	2,102	1,820	2,633	1,544
Gain on disposal of capital assets	-	-	-	-	1,319	-	-	-	-	5
Gain (Loss) on in-substance defeasance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	885	-	(839)
Transfers	733	750	750	750	774	1,146	1,049	321	(16,219)	(93,709)
Total governmental activities	173,637	183,505	200,809	215,405	237,011	260,288	284,971	317,504	332,925	265,017
Business-type activities:										
Investment earnings	518	1,079	1,897	1,565	721	78	1,614	4,650	4,407	3,921
Miscellaneous	-	-	719	11	17	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental revenue	31	33	33	421	33	33	66	65	36	38
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	23	(1)	-	12	-	-	-	62	-
Transfers	(733)	(750)	(750)	(750)	(774)	(1,147)	(1,049)	(321)	16,219	93,709
Total business-type activities	(184)	385	1,898	1,247	9	(1,036)	631	4,394	20,724	97,668
Total primary government	$ 173,453	$ 183,890	$ 202,707	$ 216,652	$ 237,020	$ 259,252	$ 285,602	$ 321,898	$ 353,649	$ 362,685
CHANGE IN NET POSITION										
Governmental activities	$ 48,339	$ 64,329	$ 57,975	$ 53,101	$ 149,116	$ 101,318	$ 109,000	$ 103,811	$ 107,362	$ 101,472
Business-type activities	47,609	42,469	28,308	23,816	23,803	21,128	20,538	28,529	57,173	135,846
Total primary government	$ 95,948	$ 106,798	$ 86,283	$ 76,917	$ 172,919	$ 122,446	$ 129,538	$ 132,340	$ 164,535	$ 237,318

From: Statement of Activities

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
General Fund										
Nonspendable:										
Prepaid items	$ 180	$ 231	$ 246	$ 197	$ 572	$ 185	$ 75	$ 250	$ 1,644	$ 1,373
Inventory	417	610	729	411	358	436	460	423	413	451
Leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	20	57	75
Restricted:										
Capital projects	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed:										
Tree replacement	95	119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned:										
Use of fund balance in subsequent budget	308	388	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional services	76	219	230	103	92	154	118	234	121	509
Capital projects	179	69	1,100	324	186	100	722	373	255	468
Supplies and materials	7	138	201	20	38	338	6	30	3	177
Unassigned	52,865	51,629	54,492	60,453	75,532	86,329	88,571	96,016	110,625	106,915
Total General Fund	54,187	53,403	56,998	61,508	76,778	87,542	89,955	97,346	113,118	109,968

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
All other governmental funds										
Nonspendable:										
Prepaid items	$ 70	$ 99	$ 83	$ 21	$ 31	$ 27	$ 35	$ 31	$ 46	$ 65
Inventory	323	358	355	326	378	359	317	344	373	382
Long-term advances	-	480	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted:										
Judicial services	94	107	93	124	121	148	195	252	286	315
Public safety services	8,001	10,084	11,286	12,749	19,959	24,345	28,530	29,634	31,095	38,259
Grant activities	-	-	-	-	-	24	823	2,953	3,281	4,379
Capital projects	85,584	91,814	112,552	195,410	195,688	182,793	168,906	155,662	142,994	236,572
Debt service	15,735	16,616	15,077	14,198	11,523	11,642	12,332	11,070	20,611	83
Assigned for capital projects	23,351	29,474	23,982	27,554	41,226	60,584	73,993	101,706	100,253	73,351
Unassigned	(1,331)	(386)	-	(366)	(3,983)	(2,038)	(2,168)	(2,162)	(7,575)	(22,006)
Total all other governmental funds	131,827	148,646	163,428	250,016	264,943	277,884	282,963	299,490	291,364	331,400
Total all funds	$ 186,014	$ 202,049	$ 220,426	$ 311,524	$ 341,721	$ 365,426	$ 372,918	$ 396,836	$ 404,482	$ 441,368

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
REVENUES										
Taxes (See Table 5)	$ 170,877	$ 179,885	$ 194,343	$ 207,445	$ 230,853	$ 256,422	$ 277,804	$ 296,542	$ 323,736	$ 340,778
Licenses and permits	6,990	6,867	6,928	7,219	6,527	7,221	5,659	5,055	5,475	5,495
Intergovernmental	5,359	5,284	6,397	5,685	23,293	20,722	15,440	10,900	15,911	64,695
Fines and forfeitures	3,459	3,664	3,818	3,943	3,411	3,945	5,128	5,192	6,236	5,433
Charges for services	23,486	30,760	31,623	29,689	32,515	35,995	34,724	35,076	40,249	46,173
Contributions and donations	91	73	134	232	1,113	598	292	346	124	136
Investment earnings	1,110	1,895	4,462	6,769	3,142	1,083	6,266	24,017	27,901	24,134
Miscellaneous	986	970	2,351	1,758	2,706	2,183	2,102	1,820	2,633	1,784
Total revenues	212,358	229,398	250,056	262,740	303,560	328,169	347,415	378,948	422,265	488,628
EXPENDITURES										
General government	23,242	27,410	28,317	30,273	36,068	37,951	39,323	42,345	48,158	48,019
Judicial	13,580	14,092	14,912	15,747	16,756	17,287	18,355	19,452	20,644	21,584
Public safety	69,413	68,228	74,634	81,514	87,201	90,975	95,807	110,591	121,719	134,871
Public works	17,655	14,404	15,593	17,917	21,579	19,468	18,897	22,145	22,854	20,791
Public health and welfare	2,999	3,005	3,434	3,207	3,299	3,388	3,825	4,260	4,715	5,370
Recreation and culture	14,067	15,637	16,054	17,154	16,908	18,551	20,240	21,970	23,496	25,674
Housing and development	5,784	6,348	7,735	8,286	8,676	8,452	9,098	9,691	9,808	10,353
Intergovernmental	2,532	4,813	6,374	3,677	2,536	2,858	3,293	2,822	3,560	3,728
Capital outlay	73,188	41,326	43,790	71,882	62,128	82,200	99,987	77,440	116,611	130,051
Principal on long-term debt	28,748	9,663	15,644	14,869	10,620	23,885	25,565	38,437	28,261	52,389
Interest and paying agent fees	9,046	8,923	7,089	7,526	11,195	10,815	9,726	8,432	6,688	5,409
Bond issuance costs	-	439	-	574	-	-	-	-	-	591
Total expenditures	260,254	214,288	233,576	272,626	276,966	315,830	344,116	357,585	406,514	458,830
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(47,896)	15,110	16,480	(9,886)	26,594	12,339	3,299	21,363	15,751	29,798

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	$ 2	$ 238	$ 170	$ 151	$ 2,917	$ 657	$ 644	$ 223	$ 6,464	$ 476
Transfers in	36,116	19,239	19,916	22,884	28,333	76,321	67,688	66,734	64,353	70,781
Transfers out	(35,883)	(18,999)	(18,189)	(21,263)	(27,649)	(65,610)	(64,139)	(64,401)	(79,014)	(164,777)
Leases	7,870	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-
Proceeds from bond refunding	-	76,830	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from general obligation bond	-	-	-	85,300	-	-	-	-	-	93,585
Premium on bonds issued	-	7,317	-	13,914	-	-	-	-	-	7,021
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	-	(83,698)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	8,105	927	1,897	100,986	3,601	11,368	4,193	2,556	(8,104)	7,086
Net change in fund balances	$ (39,791)	$ 16,037	$ 18,377	$ 91,100	$ 30,195	$ 23,707	$ 7,492	$ 23,919	$ 7,647	$ 36,884
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	19.3%	20.6%	11.0%	12.4%	11.7%	10.3%	14.6%	14.6%	12.3%	17.9%

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

Fiscal Year	Property Taxes	Sales Taxes	Title Ad Valorem Tax	Insurance Premium Tax	Other Taxes	Total
2016	$ 81,628	$ 66,721	$ 7,994	$ 9,499	$ 5,035	$ 170,877
2017	86,274	69,718	8,696	10,173	5,024	179,885
2018	93,112	74,446	10,771	10,969	5,045	194,343
2019	98,777	77,491	14,252	11,754	5,171	207,445
2020	107,782	87,297	16,474	12,477	6,823	230,853
2021	113,704	100,780	21,808	12,960	7,170	256,422
2022	116,299	110,592	24,450	19,133	7,330	277,804
2023	116,299	110,592	24,451	19,133	7,330	277,804
2024	152,446	117,148	26,247	21,321	6,574	323,736
2025	162,057	122,730	25,689	23,915	6,387	340,778

Note: Other taxes include real estate and recording taxes, franchise taxes, alcoholic beverage taxes and hotel/motel taxes.

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

		Real Property				Personal Property				Less Exemptions:					
Fiscal Year	Tax Year	Residential Property	Agricultural Property (1)	Commercial and Industrial	Public Utilities	Inventory and Equipment (4)	Motor Vehicles	Mobile Homes	Other (2)	Real Property	Personal Property	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Taxable Value (3)	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value
2017	2016	$ 8,350,070	$ 202,673	$ 1,318,592	$ 86,704	$ 686,910	$ 298,089	$ 10,736	$ 54,696	$ 561,201	$ 770,313	$ 9,676,956	8.036	$ 24,192,390	40.00%
2018	2017	9,266,270	231,025	1,441,482	114,416	696,822	217,892	10,766	57,490	566,685	1,021,904	10,447,574	8.036	26,118,935	40.00%
2019	2018	10,272,554	264,017	1,967,296	133,697	804,276	164,739	10,896	132,310	624,877	1,370,707	11,754,201	8.036	29,385,503	40.00%
2020	2019	11,218,653	291,213	2,282,957	145,764	862,348	130,514	10,670	72,941	642,036	1,635,450	12,737,574	7.936	31,843,935	40.00%
2021	2020	11,903,321	355,373	2,298,604	150,356	865,800	107,449	9,810	79,781	634,188	1,803,534	13,332,773	7.896	33,331,932	40.00%
2022	2021	12,679,730	364,703	2,374,389	155,297	912,213	88,157	9,591	95,386	723,678	2,017,791	13,937,997	7.896	34,844,993	40.00%
2023	2022	15,664,378	569,006	2,725,562	164,217	976,522	80,780	9,656	95,436	755,895	3,716,622	15,813,040	7.896	39,532,600	40.00%
2024	2023	19,693,837	708,814	3,272,228	170,422	1,122,148	81,379	9,273	129,345	828,394	6,125,316	18,233,736	7.896	45,584,340	40.00%
2025	2024	21,570,537	754,848	3,363,102	194,197	1,184,474	76,073	9,444	121,373	882,383	6,861,152	19,530,514	7.896	48,826,286	40.00%
2026	2025	23,204,689	907,769	3,914,323	203,034	1,223,547	74,322	9,036	128,973	956,476	7,316,151	21,393,066	7.896	53,482,666	40.00%

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

(1) Includes conservation use and preferential property.
(2) Includes aircraft, boats, miscellaneous personal property, timber, and heavy equipment.

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

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

		Forsyth County				School District			CID - South Forsyth	State	Total
Fiscal Year	Tax Year	Operating Millage	Fire Millage	Debt Service Millage	Total County Millage	Operating Millage	Debt Service Millage	Total School Millage	Operating Millage	Operating Millage	Direct and Overlapping Rates
2017	2016	4.642	1.975	1.419	8.036	17.300	2.418	19.718	0.000	0.000	27.754
2018	2017	4.642	1.975	1.419	8.036	17.300	2.418	19.718	0.000	0.000	27.754
2019	2018	4.642	1.975	1.419	8.036	17.300	2.418	19.718	0.000	0.000	27.754
2020	2019	4.791	2.175	0.970	7.936	17.300	2.418	19.718	4.000	0.000	31.654
2021	2020	4.791	2.175	0.930	7.896	17.300	2.418	19.718	4.000	0.000	31.614
2022	2021	4.791	2.175	0.930	7.896	17.300	2.418	19.718	4.000	0.000	31.614
2023	2022	4.791	2.175	0.930	7.896	17.300	1.418	18.718	4.000	0.000	30.614
2024	2023	4.791	2.175	0.930	7.896	15.300	1.418	16.718	4.000	0.000	28.614
2025	2024	4.791	2.505	0.600	7.896	15.208	1.418	16.626	4.000	0.000	28.522
2026	2025	4.791	2.805	0.300	7.896	15.208	1.418	16.626	4.000	0.000	28.522

Source: State Department of Revenue

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

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TABLE 8
PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO
December 31, 2025
(amounts expressed in thousands)

		2025			2016		
Taxpayer	Type of Business	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value
Sawnee EMC	Electric Power Utility	$ 104,597	1	0.54%	$ 58,498	1	0.51%
Georgia Transmission Corp.	Power Transfer Utility	57,351	2	0.29%	27,141	4	0.24%
Toll Southeast, LP Company, Inc.	Developer	45,254	3	0.23%			
WMCi Atlanta VI-G, LLC	Real Estate Holdings	37,600	4	0.19%			
Comcast Corp.	Communications	37,092	5	0.19%			
The Foundry at Mashburn Village	Real Estate Holdings	34,176	6	0.17%			
Bel Venue, LLC	Real Estate Holdings	40,184	7	0.21%			
CT022 Forsyth, LLC	Developer	33,117	8	0.17%			
Colfin 2015-5, Ind Owner LLC c/o Link Logistics	Real Estate Holdings	32,875	9	0.17%			
Northside Hospital, Inc. c/o Altus Group	Hospital	83,137	10	0.43%			
Forsyth Owner 1, LP	Shopping Complex				46,908	2	0.41%
United Parcel Service	Delivery Service				33,381	3	0.29%
DDR Winter Garden, LLC	Developer				22,737	5	0.20%
Lennar Georgia, Inc.	Developer				22,330	6	0.19%
Mar Windemere, LP	Developer				17,834	7	0.16%
Ryland Group, Inc.	Developer				16,959	8	0.15%
Scientific Games, Inc.	Printed Lottery Tickets				15,188	9	0.13%
Oxford Summit Partners, LLC	Real Estate Holdings				14,842	10	0.13%
Totals		$ 505,382		2.59%	$ 275,818		2.41%

Source: Forsyth County Tax Commissioner

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

Fiscal Year	Tax Year	Tax Due Date	Taxes Levied for the Tax Year (Original Levy)	Adjustments	Interest, Costs, and Penalties	Total Adjusted Levy	Collected within Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date		Uncollected Balance
							Amount	Percentage of Original Levy		Amount	Percentage of Adjusted Levy	
2017	2016	11/15/16	$ 82,227	$ (536)	$ 110	$ 81,801	$ 78,873	95.92%	$ 2,819	$ 81,692	99.87%	$ 109
2018	2017	11/15/17	88,981	(603)	77	88,455	86,403	97.10%	1,952	88,355	99.89%	100
2019	2018	11/15/18	95,299	(1,050)	17	94,266	92,094	96.64%	2,164	94,258	99.99%	8
2020	2019	11/15/19	102,870	(1,307)	129	101,692	98,899	96.14%	2,681	101,580	99.89%	112
2021	2020	11/15/20	107,061	(864)	29	106,226	102,668	95.90%	3,511	106,179	99.96%	47
2022	2021	11/15/21	112,211	(571)	-	111,640	108,342	96.55%	3,265	111,607	99.97%	33
2023	2022	11/15/22	128,582	(1,001)	-	127,581	124,053	96.48%	3,431	127,484	99.92%	97
2024	2023	11/15/23	142,785	5,709	-	148,494	144,198	100.99%	4,218	148,416	99.95%	78
2025	2024	11/15/24	158,468	(919)	-	157,550	153,234	96.70%	3,976	157,210	99.78%	340
2026	2025	11/15/25	171,080	176	-	171,256	163,774	95.73%	-	163,774	95.63%	7,483

Source: Forsyth County Tax Commissioner's Office

Note:
Taxes levied during the calendar year 2024 are recorded as revenues in the financial statements in fiscal year 2025 since they are levied to finance that fiscal year's expenditures.
Taxes levied include real and personal property, motor vehicle, mobile home, timber, and heavy equipment taxes.

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TABLE 9B
TOP 10 WATER CUSTOMERS
December 31, 2025

Customer Name	Business	Gallons Metered	Total Water Billed	% of Total Billings
Forsyth County Schools	School System	76,148,240	$ 644,255	1.70%
A and A Water Company, LLC	Private Water System	35,593,170	174,918	0.46%
Truby, Inc.	Private Water System	27,358,970	132,549	0.35%
TS Big Creek, LLC	Apartments	18,104,800	89,464	0.24%
Toll Brothers	Real Estate Developer	18,021,660	201,645	0.53%
Deerfield Crossing Apartments	Apartments	17,795,760	127,818	0.34%
GT RP Halcyon, LLC	Commercial Developer	16,148,440	134,730	0.35%
CH Realty x Hilltop MF Atlanta Preston Pointe, LLC	Real Estate Developer	15,424,400	83,494	0.22%
Forsyth County Parks and Rec.	Government	14,615,900	138,367	0.36%
Pac Summit Crossing, LLC	Apartments	13,762,080	74,749	0.20%
All other customers			36,199,872	95.26%
Total Billing			$ 38,001,861	

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TABLE 9C
TOP 10 SEWER CUSTOMERS
December 31, 2025

Customer Name	Business	Gallons Metered	Total Sewer Billed	% of Total Billings
Forsyth County Schools	School System	48,775,630	$ 438,013	1.26%
TS Big Creek, LLC	Apartments	18,104,800	153,279	0.44%
Toll Brothers	Real Estate Developer	17,133,200	194,800	0.56%
ERP Operating Limited Partnership	Real Estate Developer	16,307,680	138,705	0.40%
Deerfield Crossings Apartments	Apartments	15,487,700	131,243	0.38%
CH Realty x Hilltop MF Atlanta Preston Pointe, LLC	Real Estate Developer	15,203,600	128,851	0.37%
Pac Summit Crossing, LLC	Apartments	13,527,640	118,053	0.34%
GT RP Halcyon, LLC	Commercial Developer	12,938,140	113,539	0.33%
Bel Venue, LLC	Apartments	11,765,000	99,898	0.29%
Forsyth Owner 1, LP	Commercial Developer	9,770,770	82,967	0.24%
All other customers			33,192,910	95.40%
Total Billing			$ 34,792,258	

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TABLE 9D
WATER SYSTEM RATES, FEES AND CHARGES
December 31, 2025

METER SIZE (1)	TAP FEE EXISTING LINES	MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGES
5/8	2,238	$ 15.27
3/4	2,238	15.27
1	3,805	19.08
1 1/2	7,385	25.44
2	11,862	38.16
3	22,380	114.49
4	37,375	159.05
6	74,526	318.07
8	119,286	572.52

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

Water	$	54.32
Sewer		93.20
Total	$	147.52

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

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TABLE 10
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(amounts expressed in thousands, except per capita amounts)

	Governmental Activities				Business-Type Activities						
Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds	Financed Purchases (2)	Lease Liabilities (3)	Total	Revenue Bonds (2)	Notes Payable	Lease Liabilities (3)	Total	Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income (1)	Per Capita (1)
2016	$ 209,672	$ 15,729	$ -	$ 225,401	$ 201,160	$ 6,434	$ -	$ 207,594	$ 432,995	4.94%	$ 1,959
2017	201,678	13,121	-	214,799	194,371	6,368	-	200,739	415,538	4.52%	1,823
2018	186,217	10,456	-	196,673	187,406	6,243	-	193,649	390,322	4.13%	1,650
2019	270,245	7,777	-	278,022	272,099	5,917	-	278,016	556,038	5.47%	2,276
2020	253,537	7,777	-	261,314	264,284	5,750	-	270,034	531,348	4.68%	2,053
2021	223,709	7,777	1,429	232,915	256,150	5,565	312	262,027	494,942	4.08%	1,895
2022	193,449	7,777	1,028	202,254	251,113	6,763	215	258,091	460,345	3.48%	1,723
2023	152,246	7,777	603	160,626	242,021	16,062	112	258,195	418,821	2.84%	1,535
2024	119,823	7,777	594	128,194	232,901	18,581	227	251,709	379,903	2.42%	1,392
2025	165,211	7,777	257	173,245	223,499	17,775	119	241,393	414,638	2.65%	1,519

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

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

(2) Includes Certificates of Participation.

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

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

Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds	Less: Amounts Restricted to Repaying Principal	Total	Percentage of Estimated Actual Taxable Value of Property (1)	Per Capita (2)
2016	$ 201,678	$ 15,735	$ 185,943	0.77%	$ 878
2017	186,217	16,616	169,601	0.65%	812
2018	270,245	15,077	255,168	0.87%	723
2019	270,245	14,198	256,047	0.80%	1,048
2020	253,537	11,523	242,014	0.73%	935
2021	223,709	11,642	212,067	0.61%	815
2022	193,449	12,332	181,117	0.46%	678
2023	152,246	9,035	143,211	0.31%	517
2024	119,823	19,049	100,774	0.21%	369
2025	165,211	83,239	81,972	0.15%	300

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

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

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

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TABLE 12
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT
as of December 31, 2025
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Governmental Unit	Debt Outstanding	Percentage Applicable to Government	Amount Applicable to Government
Overlapping			
Forsyth County School District	$ 351,700	100.00%	$ 351,700
Forsyth County direct debt	173,245	100.00%	173,245
Total direct and overlapping debt	$ 524,945		$ 524,945

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

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

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

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Assessed value of property	$ 11,008,470	$ 12,036,163	$ 13,749,785	$ 15,015,060	$ 15,770,496	$ 16,679,466	$ 20,285,557	$ 25,187,446	$ 27,274,049	$ 29,665,694
Debt limit (10% of total assessed value)	1,100,847	1,203,616	1,374,979	1,501,506	1,577,050	1,667,947	2,028,556	2,518,745	2,727,405	2,966,569
Amount of Debt applicable to limit:										
General obligation bonds	209,672	201,678	186,217	270,245	253,537	223,709	193,449	152,246	119,823	165,211
Less: Resources restricted to paying principal	(15,735)	(16,616)	(15,077)	(14,198)	(11,523)	(11,642)	(12,332)	(11,070)	(19,049)	(83,239)
Total net debt applicable to limit	193,937	185,062	171,140	256,047	242,014	212,067	181,117	141,176	100,774	81,972
Legal debt margin	$ 906,910	$ 1,018,554	$ 1,203,839	$ 1,245,459	$ 1,335,036	$ 1,455,880	$ 1,847,439	$ 2,377,569	$ 2,626,631	$ 2,884,597
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	17.62%	15.38%	12.45%	17.05%	15.35%	12.71%	8.93%	5.61%	3.69%	2.76%

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TABLE 14
PLEDGED-REVENUE COVERAGE
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Income (loss) of the System (1)	$ 1,627,371	$ (5,440,848)	$ (2,075,010)	$ (6,457,321)	$ (9,391,264)	$ (9,475,421)	$ (6,374,845)	$ (44,051)	$ (3,507,279)	$ (2,412,149)
Plus:										
Interest on debt	5,072,477	4,048,005	6,390,645	7,449,371	8,513,353	8,511,816	7,305,709	7,159,496	6,828,333	6,501,540
Depreciation and amortization	11,561,154	14,025,321	14,633,880	15,871,628	16,804,464	18,067,135	19,617,511	19,366,748	20,754,355	21,794,119
	18,261,002	12,632,478	18,949,515	16,863,678	15,926,553	17,103,530	20,548,375	26,482,193	24,075,409	25,883,510
Connection fees accounted for as capital contributions (2)	15,312,240	14,810,270	14,083,395	13,702,780	15,007,494	17,394,836	12,109,347	6,877,331	13,008,616	11,810,070
Cash flow available for debt service	33,573,242	27,442,748	33,032,910	30,566,458	30,934,047	34,498,366	32,657,722	33,359,524	37,084,025	37,693,580
Annual debt service requirements	12,237,077	12,819,339	13,150,296	14,187,357	15,136,540	16,489,672	11,707,892	15,895,666	15,914,778	16,819,541
Debt-service coverage ratio	2.74	2.14	2.51	2.15	2.04	2.09	2.79	2.10	2.33	2.24

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

Source: Applicable year's annual comprehensive financial report.

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TABLE 15
DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Population	Personal Income (amounts expressed in thousands) (1)	Per Capita Personal Income	Median Age	Education Level as a Percent of Population 25 yrs and Over		School Enrollment	Unemployment Rate
					High School or Higher	Bachelor's Degree or Higher		
2016	221,009	$ 8,760,500	$ 39,639	38	92.0%	45.6%	46,238	4.50%
2017	227,967	9,184,200	40,287	38	94.4%	48.3%	47,732	3.40%
2018	236,612	9,439,872	39,896	38	92.5%	50.2%	49,657	3.10%
2019	244,252	10,157,219	41,585	38	92.5%	51.7%	51,000	2.20%
2020	258,770	11,342,407	43,832	38	93.0%	53.1%	51,152	4.60%
2021	260,206	12,091,773	46,470	39	93.4%	54.8%	53,501	2.10%
2022	267,237	13,229,835	49,506	39	93.6%	55.9%	54,180	2.60%
2023	272,887	14,736,444	54,002	39	93.6%	56.2%	54,393	2.30%
2024	280,096	15,667,450	55,936	39	94.1%	56.6%	54,864	2.80%
2025	282,805	16,473,108	58,249	40	94.4%	57.1%	54,984	2.70%

Data sources:

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

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

(1) Personal income statistics provided by BEA.

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TABLE 16
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
Current Year and Nine Years Ago

	2025			2016		
Employer	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
Forsyth County School System	8,000	1	5.97%	4,654	1	5.75%
Northside Hospital - Forsyth	3,100	2	2.31%	2,400	2	2.96%
Forsyth County Government	1,516	3	1.13%	1,297	4	1.60%
Tyson Foods, Inc.	1,100	4	0.82%	1,100	6	1.36%
Koch Foods	1,000	5	0.75%	1,400	3	1.73%
Scientific Games International, Inc.	1,000	6	0.75%	1,100	5	1.36%
Sawnee EMC	650	7	0.49%			
Solvay Specialty Polymers, LLC	450	8	0.34%			
Hansgrohe, Inc.	250	9	0.19%			
Beaver Toyota	247	10	0.18%			
Siemens Industry, Inc.				1,000	7	1.23%
Walmart Supercenter				400	8	0.49%
L3 Communications				400	9	0.49%
American Boa				281	10	0.35%
All other employers	116,687		87.08%	66,966		82.68%
Total	134,000		100.00%	80,998		100.00%

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

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

	Full-Time Equivalent Employees as of December 31									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Function										
General Government (1)	200	215	207	191	239	239	245	262	272	254
Judicial	125	138	143	150	151	150	152	152	155	159
Public Health and Welfare	35	47	37	58	43	42	42	45	45	48
Public Safety										
Police	395	436	425	438	450	444	478	482	482	526
Officers	332	398	349	357	365	366	390	392	392	405
Civilians	63	38	76	81	85	78	88	90	90	121
Fire	192	196	180	205	210	211	223	228	262	268
Firefighters and Officers	184	187	156	186	175	175	193	198	229	234
Civilians	8	9	24	19	35	36	30	30	33	34
E-911 and Coroner's Office	40	48	43	52	47	45	43	46	47	50
Public Works	80	84	102	109	117	113	113	100	119	113
Recreation and Culture	71	74	76	77	80	85	86	90	95	93
Housing and Development	51	61	59	75	64	65	69	65	69	73
Solid Waste	9	9	11	11	12	11	12	11	12	13
Water and Sewer	99	110	106	113	122	123	128	126	131	130
Total	1,297	1,418	1,389	1,479	1,535	1,528	1,591	1,607	1,689	1,727

Source: Forsyth County's Personnel Services Department

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

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

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TABLE 18
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Sheriff										
Physical arrests	6,727	5,678	6,037	6,102	4,404	4,880	5,669	6,213	6,171	5,063
Traffic violations	(1)	18,720	20,963	22,258	26,561	30,233	23,207	27,044	34,862	32,139
Fire										
Number of calls answered	13,873	14,993	14,441	14,771	15,081	17,152	17,878	17,594	17,927	17,046
Inspections	7,608	6,422	7,060	10,015	7,516	8,520	10,599	11,365	11,682	10,575
Highways and streets										
Street resurfacing (miles)	65	63	53	56	42	50	50	33	51	41
Potholes repaired	389	525	801	2,307	250	500	732	765	855	966
Sanitation										
Refuse collected (tons/day)	6	7	7	7	10	8	8	12	10	9
Recyclables collected (tons/day)	5	6	8	7	10	7	8	11	9	8
Water										
New connections	2,282	2,143	2,009	1,408	1,844	1,880	1,086	822	1,235	1,206
Water mains breaks	91	86	59	61	46	69	81	52	59	64
Average daily consumption (thousands of gallons)	15,210	14,241	14,784	15,797	14,365	15,154	16,312	15,569	17,409	15,167
Wastewater										
Average daily sewage treatment (thousands of gallons)	3,222	3,372	3,881	4,897	5,611	6,388	6,576	6,674	6,755	6,956

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

(1) Information is not available for 2016.

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TABLE 19
CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Public safety										
Sheriff:										
Precincts	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Number of vehicles	391	345	349	353	345	434	434	376	420	446
Fire:										
Stations	12	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14
Number of vehicles	95	95	90	86	92	89	89	86	91	99
Highways and streets										
Streets (miles)	1,169	1,165	1,158	1,186	1,191	1,204	1,204	1,204	1,223	1,265
Streetlights	66	72	72	73	69	76	76	76	76	76
Traffic signals	71	71	73	71	73	75	77	78	78	80
Culture and recreation										
Parks acreage	3,250	3,250	3,250	2,820	2,820	2,820	2,833	2,934	2,900	3,002
Parks	25	25	25	25	25	25	27	28	30	30
Baseball/Softball fields	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	57	56	54
Tennis courts	36	36	36	36	42	42	42	46	45	44
Pickleball courts										32
Soccer/Football fields	28	32	32	32	32	33	38	36	36	37
Playgrounds	21	21	21	21	21	22	22	23	23	25
Community centers	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Water										
Water mains (miles)	1,009	1,051	1,065	1,088	1,005	1,112	1,126	1,141	1,153	1,173
Fire hydrants	9,481	9,677	8,254	11,062	11,250	11,268	11,300	11,649	12,010	12,165
Sewer										
Sanitary sewers (miles)	562	601	613	651	534	672	683	697	708	732

Sources: Various county departments.
Note: No capital asset indicators are available for the general government function.

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TABLE 20
WATER SYSTEM STATISTICS
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Average Daily Demand (1)	Maximum Daily Demand (1)	Water System Accounts (2)	Sewer System Accounts (2)
2016	15.21	24.17	57,419	29,136
2017	14.24	20.01	59,365	30,867
2018	14.78	19.95	61,632	32,533
2019	15.80	23.08	62,880	33,708
2020	14.37	21.90	64,828	35,253
2021	15.15	29.23	66,572	37,265
2022	16.31	26.29	67,567	38,108
2023	15.57	24.60	68,332	38,648
2024	17.41	27.50	69,459	39,593
2025	15.17	22.41	70,535	40,594

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

(2) Number at year end.

COMPLIANCE SECTION 2025



MAULDIN & JENKINS
CPAs & ADVISORS

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

Board of Commissioners
of Forsyth County, Georgia
Cumming, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Forsyth County, Georgia (the "County"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2026. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Forsyth County Health Department, as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditor's testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Item 2025-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is included in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as Item 2025-002.

Forsyth County, Georgia's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of This Report

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

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
June 25, 2026

MAULDIN & JENKINS
CPAs & ADVISORS

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

Board of Commissioners
of Forsyth County, Georgia
Cumming, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Forsyth County, Georgia's (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2025. The County's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
June 25, 2026

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Contract or Project Number	Total Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE			
Passed Through the Office of the State Treasurer of Georgia:			
Payments in Lieu of Taxes - Flood Lands	12.112	2025	$ 498,616
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR			
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	15.226	2025	84,417
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
Passed Through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council:			
VOCA Victims Assistance Grant (Sheriff)	16.575	C23-8-239	31,225
VOCA Victims Assistance Grant (Sheriff)	16.575	AW-VOCA-25-080-139	25,521
VOCA Victims Assistance Grant (District Attorney)	16.575	C23-8-249	44,585
VOCA Victims Assistance Grant (District Attorney)	16.575	AW-VOCA-25-071-012	40,243
			141,574
Passed Through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council:			
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)	16.593	R21-8-005	67,999
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)	16.593	R22-8-003	138,262
			206,261
Equitable Sharing Program	16.922	GA-0580000	205,495
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	15PBJA-23-GG-03315-JAGX	11,335
Byrne Crisis Intervention Program	16.738	B75-8-010	43,084
			54,419
Passed Through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council:			
Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program	16.838	15PBGA-23-GG-02380	14,462
Total U.S. Department of Justice			622,211
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
Passed Through the Georgia Department of Transportation:			
Formula Grants for Rural Areas	20.509	GA-2025 (5307)	1,689,132
Passed Through the Georgia Department of Transportation:			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	19797	213,600
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	16975	60,232
			273,832
Passed Through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety:			
Highway Enforcement Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.)	20.600	GA-2025-ForsythSO-044	115,719
Highway Enforcement Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.)	20.600	GA-2026-ForsythSO-028	24,675
Total Highway Safety Cluster			140,394
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			2,103,358
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY			
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	1505-0271	38,090,038
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	GA-0008846	25,990,478
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	GA-0013851	280,334
			64,360,850
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			64,360,850

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FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Contract or Project Number	Total Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
Passed Through the Legacy Link, Inc.:			
Special Programs for the Aging: Title III, Part B	93.044	427-93-07070254-99	$ 22,404
Transportation - SSBG-HCBS and OAA Title IIIB	93.044	427-93-07070254-99	6,809
Special Programs for the Aging: Title III, Part C	93.045	427-93-07070254-99	281,598
Nutrition Services Incentive	93.053	427-93-07070254-99	10,058
Total Aging Cluster			320,869
Passed Through the Legacy Link, Inc.:			
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	427-93-07070254-99	30,820
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			351,689
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
Passed Through Georgia Emergency Management Agency:			
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	OEM22-060	50,000
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	#39	19,892
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	#49	1,845
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	#6	836
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.137	#52	163,240
			185,813
Passed Through Georgia Emergency Management Agency:			
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant	97.083	EMW-2023-FF-01470	692,249
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			928,062
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			$ 68,949,203

See accompanying notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Accounting

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

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

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

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

The County did not utilize the 15% de minimus indirect cost rate permitted by the Uniform Guidance.

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

SECTION I
SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:	Unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weaknesses identified?	____ yes	X no
Significant deficiencies identified?	X yes	____ none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	X yes	____ no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major program:		
Material weaknesses identified?	____ yes	X no
Significant deficiencies identified?	____ yes	X none reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major program:	Unmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	____ yes	X no

Identification of major programs:

Name of Federal Program or Cluster	Federal Assistance Listing Number
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs	$2,068,476	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	____ yes	X no

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

2025-001 Financial Close and Reporting

Criteria: In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, governmental activities financial statements must be presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, which requires interest on long-term debt to be accrued and recognized when incurred. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) are considered expenditure-driven grants. Revenue should be recognized when all eligibility requirements (including incurring allowable expenditures) have been met. Advance allocations must be recorded as unearned revenue until allowable costs are incurred, and intergovernmental revenue should not be recognized in excess of expenditures incurred in a given reporting period.

Condition and Context: During the year ended December 31, 2025, the following items were noted:

- The County inaccurately calculated accrued interest for long-term debt within governmental activities. This required an audit adjustment of $649,896 to correct accrued interest payable and the related interest expense.

- The County failed to adjust its intergovernmental revenue and unearned revenue balances to reflect eligible expenditures incurred during the fiscal year for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program. This required an audit adjustment of $679,896 to decrease revenue and increase unearned revenue.

Cause: The County's internal control review process did not catch these errors. The review process failed to identify errors in the calculation of accrued interest. Additionally, there was no reconciliation process in place to verify that revenues in the ARPA Fund were not recognized in excess of expenditures.

Effects: Without these audit adjustments, the County's governmental activities liabilities were understated by $649,896, intergovernmental revenues were overstated by $679,896, and unearned revenue was understated by the same amount. Incomplete financial statements hinder management's ability to make accurate budgetary decisions and increase the risk that material misstatements could go undetected by management.

Recommendation: We recommend that accrued interest calculations be subject to an additional level of review prior to recording final amounts in the general ledger. We also recommend the County develop a standardized, comprehensive grant reconciliation schedule for all federal awards (including SLFRF) that ties expenditures directly to recognized revenue and unearned balances, with consideration continuing through the annual close process to address the effects of any post-closing entries recorded by the County.

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

2025-001 Financial Close and Reporting (Continued)

Auditee's Response: We concur with the finding. The Finance Department has implemented a supplementary review to examine all accrued interest calculations prior to recording in the general ledger. Along with that change, the Finance Department has also implemented a grant reconciliation that will add an additional layer of review to the annual close process concentrated on revenue recognition.

2025-002 Governmental Fund Budgets

Criteria: State of Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3) states:

a. Each unit of local government shall adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget for the General Fund, each special revenue fund, and each debt service fund in use by the local government. The annual balanced budget shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution and administered in accordance with this article; and

b. A budget ordinance or resolution is balanced when the sum of estimated revenues and appropriated fund balances is equal to appropriations.

Condition: State law requires local governments to adopt annual appropriated balanced budgets for all governmental funds. For the year ended December 31, 2025, management did not adopt a balanced budget for the Grant Fund and the Debt Service Fund.

Context/Cause: For the year ended December 31, 2025, the County failed to adopt a balanced budget for its Debt Service Fund. The final budgeted decrease in fund balance of $22,044,519 was more than the Debt Service Fund's available beginning fund balance of $20,611,254.

Additionally, we noted that the Grant Fund's original and final budgeted fund balances are in a deficit position of ($7,558,727) due to the Grant Fund having unavailable revenue in the prior year.

Effects: The County is out of compliance with State law.

Recommendation: We recommend the County timely adopt and operate under balanced budgets for all governmental funds, as required by State law. When final available fund balance for the prior year is not known at the time the initial budget is approved by the County Commission, we recommend that the County amend its budget to increase revenues in order to prevent the final budgeted amounts from creating a budget deficit.

Management's Response: We concur with the finding. The Finance Department has implemented a required review of all major budgetary variances. If it is determined during this review that a budget resolution is necessary, the department will actively seek approval from the Board of Commissioners to amend the current year's budget.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

SECTION III
FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported

FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

2024-001 Construction in Progress

Condition and Context: During the year ended December 31, 2024, the County incurred capital outlay expenditures in its governmental funds relating to Water and Sewerage Authority projects. The County failed to identify these expenditures as capital-related and were omitted from both the governmental activities' construction-in-progress subledger and the Water and Sewerage Authority's (proprietary) subledger. As a result, overall expenses of governmental activities were overstated and the Water and Sewerage Authority's capital assets were understated by $15,727,528.

Status: Resolved.

2024-002 SPLOST Expenditures

Condition and Context: During the year ended December 31, 2024, the County recognized expenditures, for payments to another government, relating to the December 2023 SPLOST collections. This expenditure, and a corresponding liability, should have been recorded as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Status: Resolved.

Forsyth County Finance Department
BRIAN CLARK, Chief Financial Officer

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

2025-001 Financial Close and Reporting

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

Corrective Action Plan: Additional steps within the existing process have been put in place. The Finance Department has implemented a supplementary review to examine all accrued interest calculations prior to recording in the general ledger. Along with that change, the Finance Department has also implemented a grant reconciliation that will add an additional layer of review to the annual close process concentrated on revenue recognition.

Anticipated Completion Date: Implemented as of June 30, 2026

2025-002 Governmental Fund Budgets

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

Corrective Action Plan: Additional steps within the existing process have been put in place. The Finance Department has implemented a required review of all major budgetary variances. If it is determined during this review that a budget resolution is necessary, the department will actively seek approval from the Board of Commissioners to amend the current year's budget.

Anticipated Completion Date: Implemented as of June 30, 2026



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