GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Annual Financial Report

For the year ended December 31, 2021

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
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Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable Board of Commissioners
Gilmer County, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gilmer County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Gilmer County, Georgia's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gilmer County, Georgia, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in the financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the respective budgetary comparisons of the General Fund and American Rescue Plan Act Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Gilmer County Health Department, a discretely presented component unit of Gilmer County, Georgia, for the year ended December 31, 2021. 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 Gilmer County Health Department, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Gilmer County, Georgia and to meet our 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 opinion.

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 Gilmer County, Georgia's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Gilmer County, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Gilmer County, Georgia's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 8 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 Gilmer County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules and the schedule of projects financed with special purpose local option sales tax are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of projects financed with special purpose local option sales tax, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2022, on our consideration of Gilmer County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Gilmer County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Gainesville, Georgia
October 28, 2022

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
December 31, 2021

Our discussion and analysis of Gilmer County's financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

USING THE DECEMBER 31, 2021 AUDIT

The audit of Gilmer County, Georgia for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (pages 9-11) provide information about the activities of the County as a whole. The Fund financial statements begin on page 12. These statements provide a more detailed view of the governmental activities of the County and explain how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

REPORTING THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities include all the County's assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. All the fiscal year revenue and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

For purposes of implementing GASB 34, Gilmer County is considered a phase II government. The County retroactively added infrastructure, such as roads, rights of way, bridges and other similar type items in the December 31, 2006 financial statements.

REPORTING THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

The Fund Financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds. Some funds are required to be established by State law or by bond covenants. The County establishes and maintains many other funds to help control and manage money for particular purposes, or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money.

THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

Condensed Statement of Net Position

Table 1 below presents the County's condensed Statement of Net Position as of December 31, 2021 as it compares to the previous fiscal year. On August 1, 2013, the County began operating the Whitepath Golf Course as a business type activity. The net position of the golf course is also presented below.

Table 1: Condensed Statement of Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Current assets	$ 32,791,034	$ 25,732,152	$ 176,840	$ (1,594)	$ 32,967,874	$ 25,730,558
Capital assets	75,474,611	73,666,150	703,309	719,036	76,177,920	74,385,186
Total assets	108,265,645	99,398,302	880,149	717,442	109,145,794	100,115,744
Deferred inflows of resources						
Deferred charges on refunding	932,093	1,045,041	0	0	932,093	1,045,041
Current liabilities	8,171,263	5,967,429	23,639	26,300	8,194,902	5,993,729
Noncurrent liabilities	32,260,707	35,597,522	0	0	32,260,707	35,597,522
Total liabilities	40,431,970	41,564,951	23,639	26,300	40,455,609	41,591,251
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	40,882,279	35,511,656	703,309	719,036	41,585,588	36,230,692
Restricted	13,578,149	12,498,933	0	0	13,578,149	12,498,933
Unrestricted	14,305,340	10,867,803	153,201	(27,894)	14,458,541	10,839,909
Total net position	$ 68,765,768	$ 58,878,392	$ 856,510	$ 691,142	$ 69,622,278	$ 59,569,534

The County uses its capital assets to provide services to the citizens and businesses in the County; consequently, this net position is not available for future spending.

Restricted net position is resources that are restricted in their use. The majority of restricted assets represent funds to construct capital projects outlined in the County's General Obligation Bond Capital Improvement Plan.

Condensed Statement of Activities

Table 2 below presents the County's condensed Statement of Activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 compared to the previous year.

Table 2: Condensed Statement of Activities

Revenues	Governmental Activities 2021	Governmental Activities 2020	Business-Type Activities 2021	Business-Type Activities 2020	Total 2021	Total 2020
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	$ 4,673,599	$ 4,221,847	$ 646,159	$ 527,875	$ 5,319,758	$ 4,749,722
Operating grants and contributions	2,672,869	2,392,479	0	0	2,672,869	2,392,479
Capital grants and contributions	1,526,670	747,047	0	0	1,526,670	747,047
General revenues:						
Property taxes	14,868,758	14,168,989	0	0	14,868,758	14,168,989
Sales tax	12,521,135	11,023,210	0	0	12,521,135	11,023,210
Hotel/Motel	2,146,924	1,190,866	0	0	2,146,924	1,190,866
Insurance Premium	2,005,044	1,919,080	0	0	2,005,044	1,919,080
Other taxes	1,449,895	1,146,529	0	0	1,449,895	1,146,529
Other revenue	504,176	530,129	2,220	1,682	506,396	531,811
Total revenues	42,369,070	37,340,176	648,379	529,557	43,017,449	37,869,733
Expenses						
General Government	4,264,397	3,985,431	0	0	4,264,397	3,985,431
Judicial	2,878,702	2,527,948	0	0	2,878,702	2,527,948
Public Safety	14,067,374	12,916,218	0	0	14,067,374	12,916,218
Public Works	6,049,146	4,807,453	0	0	6,049,146	4,807,453
Health and Welfare	358,198	297,973	0	0	358,198	297,973
Culture and Recreation	2,757,628	1,999,913	0	0	2,757,628	1,999,913
Housing and Development	901,675	848,447	0	0	901,675	848,447
Interest on long-term debt	999,449	1,122,200	0	0	999,449	1,122,200
White Path Golf Course	0	0	688,136	554,344	688,136	554,344
Total expenses	32,276,569	28,505,583	688,136	554,344	32,964,705	29,059,927
Increase (decrease) in net position before transfers	10,092,501	8,834,593	(39,757)	(24,787)	10,052,744	8,809,806
Transfers	(205,125)	(31,575)	205,125	31,575	0	0
Increase (decrease) in net position	9,887,376	8,803,018	165,368	6,788	10,052,744	8,809,806
Net position-beginning (original)	58,878,392	50,066,455	691,142	684,354	59,569,534	50,750,809
Prior period adjustments	0	8,919	0	0	0	8,919
Net position-beginning (restated)	58,878,392	50,075,374	691,142	684,354	59,569,534	50,759,728
Net position-ending	$ 68,765,768	$ 58,878,392	$ 856,510	$ 691,142	$ 69,622,278	$ 59,569,534

During the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, the net position of Gilmer County's governmental activities increased $9,887,376. Revenues increased $5,028,894 from the previous fiscal year and expenditures increased $3,770,986 compared to FY 2020.

Approximately 35% of the County's revenue came from property taxes, 44% came from other taxes and revenues, and the balance of 21% came from charges for services, grants and other sources.

The County's expenses cover a wide range of services with 44% allotted to public safety, 19% to public works, 13% to general government services, and the remaining 24% to judicial, health and welfare, parks and recreation and other programs.

THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

The governmental funds statements provide information on inflows, outflows and ending fund balance resources available for spending. This information is useful in determining the County's financing requirements. The unassigned fund balance serves as a useful measure of the County's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of December 31, 2021, the County's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of $28,257,891, of which $13,833,491 is unassigned fund balance, $13,931,481 is restricted or assigned for specific purposes, and $492,919 is nonspendable fund balance.

The General Fund – the operating fund of the County – had a net increase in unassigned fund balance of $5,242,826 compared to FY 2020.

CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY

At December 31, 2021, Gilmer County reported $75,474,611 in capital assets for governmental activities. Additional information on Gilmer County's capital assets can be found in Note 9 to the Financial Statements on pages 44-45 of this report.

At December 31, 2021, long-term debt was $32,260,707 for governmental activities compared to $35,597,522 at December 31, 2020. This long-term debt amount includes:

a) Repayment of capital lease through the Gilmer County Building Authority for the construction of a new Courthouse and Library

b) Repayment of $30 million General Obligation bonds for infrastructure and capital improvements

c) Repayment of $7.5 million to complete Phase II of the Courthouse, construct parking areas, and renovate the facility previously housing the Gilmer County Library for use as a satellite campus of Dalton State College.

d) Other capital leases for vehicles and equipment.

Additional information on Gilmer County's long-term debt can be found in Notes 11 and 12 to the Financial Statements on pages 47-50 of this report.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The original budget for the General Fund was amended by various appropriations approved after the beginning of the fiscal year. Budgeted expenditures in total increased from original to final budgets. Revenue budgets were expected to remain at or slightly above 2020 levels.

ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

Gilmer County has fared relatively well under the uncertain economy that we've experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Several factors were considered during preparation of the budget for fiscal year 2022, including the following:

a) Possible increases or decreases in revenues, particularly property, sales, and hotel/motel taxes.

b) Fluctuations in the price of fuel due to market instability.

c) Unforeseen natural disasters, such as tornadoes, storms, etc.

d) Capital outlay requirements for vehicles, equipment and program expansions to improve public services to the community.

CONCLUSION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the County's financial condition and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions concerning this report or need additional financial information, please contact Gilmer County Board of Commissioners at 1 Broad Street, Suite 106, Ellijay, Georgia 30540.

Separately issued financial statements may be obtained for the Gilmer County Department of Public Health which is shown as a component unit of Gilmer County at the following address:

Georgia Department of Human Resources
Northwest Health District
111 Bryant Crossing, Suite AA
Dalton, Georgia 30720

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2021

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 26,982,692	$ 194,781	$ 27,177,473	$ 1,176,666
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,199,014	0	2,199,014	0
Receivables (net)				
Accounts	312,089	0	312,089	0
Intergovernmental	118,752	0	118,752	161,661
Taxes	2,667,627	0	2,667,627	0
Prepaids	471,526	0	471,526	0
Inventories	21,393	0	21,393	410
Internal balances	17,941	(17,941)	0	0
Total current assets	32,791,034	176,840	32,967,874	1,338,737
Noncurrent assets				
Capital assets				
Non-depreciable	16,502,991	310,632	16,813,623	0
Depreciable (net)	58,971,620	392,677	59,364,297	15,990
Net OPEB asset	0	0	0	62,845
Total noncurrent assets	75,474,611	703,309	76,177,920	78,835
Total assets	108,265,645	880,149	109,145,794	1,417,572
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred charges on refunding	932,093	0	932,093	0
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	0	0	0	131,584
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	0	0	0	57,838
Total deferred outflows of resources	932,093	0	932,093	189,422
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Payables				
Accounts	1,567,467	5,432	1,572,899	972
Intergovernmental	54,630	0	54,630	0
Interest	277,065	0	277,065	0
Accrued salaries and payroll liabilities	256,557	1,202	257,759	0
Compensated absences	570,585	17,005	587,590	23,962
Unearned revenue	2,103,272	0	2,103,272	0
Capital leases payable	222,998	0	222,998	0
Bonds payable	3,089,022	0	3,089,022	0
Post-closure care costs	29,667	0	29,667	0
Total current liabilities	8,171,263	23,639	8,194,902	24,934
Noncurrent liabilities				
Compensated absences	0	0	0	23,962
Net pension liability	0	0	0	733,487
Net OPEB liability	0	0	0	175,630
Capital leases payable	544,319	0	544,319	0
Bonds payable	31,569,042	0	31,569,042	0
Post-closure care costs	147,346	0	147,346	0
Total noncurrent liabilities	32,260,707	0	32,260,707	933,079
Total liabilities	40,431,970	23,639	40,455,609	958,013

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

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2021

	Primary Government			
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Component Unit
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 1,092
Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	0	0	0	182,020
Total deferred inflows of resources	0	0	0	183,112
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	40,882,279	703,309	41,585,588	15,990
Restricted for:				
Judicial	492,649	0	492,649	0
Public safety	1,651,748	0	1,651,748	0
Public works	661,057	0	661,057	0
Capital outlay	7,937,978	0	7,937,978	0
Debt service	2,834,716	0	2,834,716	0
Prior year program income	0	0	0	497,337
Unrestricted	14,305,341	153,201	14,458,542	(47,458)
Total net position	$ 68,765,768	$ 856,510	$ 69,622,278	$ 465,869

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

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2021

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue
Primary government					
Governmental activities					
General Government	$ 4,279,397	$ 597,923	$ 0	$ 0	$ (3,681,474)
Judicial	2,878,702	582,067	83,753	0	(2,212,882)
Public Safety	14,067,374	2,042,107	2,038,600	0	(9,986,667)
Public Works	6,049,146	1,321,481	541,355	1,526,670	(2,659,640)
Health and Welfare	358,198	0	0	0	(358,198)
Culture and Recreation	2,757,628	130,021	9,161	0	(2,618,446)
Housing and Development	886,675	0	0	0	(886,675)
Interest on long-term debt	999,449	0	0	0	(999,449)
Total governmental activities	32,276,569	4,673,599	2,672,869	1,526,670	(23,403,431)
Business-type activities					
White Path Golf Course	688,136	646,159	0	0	(41,977)
Total primary government	32,964,705	5,319,758	2,672,869	1,526,670	(23,445,408)
Component Unit					
Gilmer County Health Department					
Health and Welfare	947,381	731,640	901,308	0	685,567

	Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Primary Government: Business-Type Activities	Primary Government: Total	Component Unit
Change in net position				
Net (expense) revenue	$ (23,403,431)	$ (41,977)	$ (23,445,408)	$ 685,567
General revenues				
Taxes				
Property	14,868,758	0	14,868,758	0
Sales	12,521,135	0	12,521,135	0
Insurance premium	2,005,044	0	2,005,044	0
Franchise	285,296	0	285,296	0
Intangible	988,902	0	988,902	0
Occupational	72,756	0	72,756	0
Hotel/Motel	2,146,924	0	2,146,924	0
Other	102,941	0	102,941	0
Interest and investment earnings	66,582	2,220	68,802	117
Other	437,594	0	437,594	0
Transfers	(205,125)	205,125	0	0
Total general revenues and transfers	33,290,807	207,345	33,498,152	117
Change in net position	9,887,376	165,368	10,052,744	685,684
Net position - beginning	58,878,392	691,142	59,569,534	(219,815)
Net position - ending	$ 68,765,768	$ 856,510	$ 69,622,278	$ 465,869

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2021

	General	American Rescue Plan Act	Debt Service SPLOST
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 14,267,203	$ 2,098,834	$ 2,744,074
Receivables (net)			
Accounts	253,437	0	7,617
Intergovernmental	31,668	0	0
Taxes	1,572,813	0	159,751
Prepaids	471,526	0	0
Inventories	21,393	0	0
Due from other funds	31,830	0	0
Restricted assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2,139,725	0	355
Total assets	$ 18,789,595	$ 2,098,834	$ 2,911,797
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities			
Payables			
Accounts	$ 774,319	$ 0	$ 0
Intergovernmental	0	0	0
Accrued salaries and payroll liabilities	256,557	0	0
Unearned revenue	0	2,097,885	0
Due to other funds	345,130	949	0
Total liabilities	1,376,006	2,098,834	0
Deferred inflows of resources			
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	474,136	0	77,081
Fund balances			
Nonspendable:			
Prepaids	471,526	0	0
Inventories	21,393	0	0
Restricted for:			
Judicial	474,983	0	0
Public safety	1,651,748	0	0
Public works	486,311	0	0
Capital outlay	0	0	0
Debt service	0	0	2,834,716
Assigned for:			
Public safety	0	0	0
Unassigned	13,833,492	0	0
Total fund balances	16,939,453	0	2,834,716
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 18,789,595	$ 2,098,834	$ 2,911,797

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SPLOST	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals
$ 7,417,103	$ 455,478	$ 26,982,692
0	51,035	312,089
87,084	0	118,752
682,878	252,185	2,667,627
0	0	471,526
0	0	21,393
6,757	338,373	376,960
0	58,934	2,199,014
$ 8,193,822	$ 1,156,005	$ 33,150,053

$ 459,659	$ 333,489	$ 1,567,467
54,630	0	54,630
0	0	256,557
0	5,387	2,103,272
3,461	9,479	359,019
517,750	348,355	4,340,945
0	0	551,217
0	0	471,526
0	0	21,393
0	17,666	492,649
0	0	1,651,748
0	174,746	661,057
7,676,072	261,906	7,937,978
0	0	2,834,716
0	353,332	353,332
0	0	13,833,492
7,676,072	807,650	28,257,891
$ 8,193,822	$ 1,156,005	$ 33,150,053

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2021

Total fund balance - total governmental funds			$ 28,257,891
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Some assets are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These are:			
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation			75,474,611
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are reported as unavailable revenues in the funds. These are:			
Property taxes			551,217
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. These are:			
Bonds payable	$ (34,658,064)		
Deferred charges on bond refunding	932,093		
Accrued interest	(277,065)		
Compensated absences	(570,585)		
Capital leases payable	(767,317)		
Post-closure care costs	(177,013)		(35,517,951)
Net position of governmental activities			$ 68,765,768

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	General	American Rescue Plan Act	Debt Service SPLOST
REVENUES			
Taxes	$ 21,842,484	$ 0	$ 1,690,786
Licenses and permits	362,307	0	0
Fines, fees and forfeitures	810,040	0	0
Charges for services	2,583,701	0	106,638
Intergovernmental	1,250,252	948,646	0
Interest	64,775	0	11,854
Contributions	1,191,023	0	0
Other	430,060	0	0
Total revenues	28,534,642	948,646	1,809,278
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government	3,567,257	13,846	0
Judicial	2,837,582	0	0
Public Safety	11,884,318	0	0
Public Works	3,919,974	0	0
Health and Welfare	333,360	0	0
Culture and Recreation	995,822	0	0
Housing and Development	589,825	0	0
Capital outlay	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	0	0	0
Debt service	7,724	0	3,924,818
Total expenditures	24,135,862	13,846	3,924,818
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	4,398,780	934,800	(2,115,540)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in	1,662,116	0	1,885,107
Transfers out	(818,070)	(934,800)	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	844,046	(934,800)	1,885,107
Net change in fund balance	5,242,826	0	(230,433)
Fund balances, January 1	11,696,627	0	3,065,149
Fund balances, December 31	$ 16,939,453	0	$ 2,834,716

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SPLOST	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals
$ 7,154,962	$ 2,146,924	$ 32,835,156
0	0	362,307
0	15,781	825,821
0	620,135	3,310,474
221,684	707,005	3,127,587
44,076	1,807	122,512
0	0	1,191,023
0	7,534	437,594
7,420,722	3,499,186	42,212,474
0	0	3,581,103
0	16,080	2,853,662
0	1,122,032	13,006,350
0	776,337	4,696,311
0	0	333,360
0	7,604	1,003,426
0	1,484,259	2,074,084
5,287,442	0	5,287,442
572,397	0	572,397
0	0	3,932,542
5,859,839	3,406,312	37,340,677
1,560,883	92,874	4,871,797
0	714,907	4,262,130
(2,051,720)	(662,665)	(4,467,255)
(2,051,720)	52,242	(205,125)
(490,837)	145,116	4,666,672
8,166,909	662,534	23,591,219
$ 7,676,072	$ 807,650	$ 28,257,891

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GILMER 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, 2021

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds			$ 4,666,672
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:			
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.			
Capital outlays	$	4,537,253	
Depreciation		(2,728,792)	1,808,461
The proceeds of debt issuance, net of premiums, discounts and issuance costs provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized in the governmental funds until due, but is recognized in the statement of activities as it accrues.			
Bond principal payments	$	2,810,000	
Net change in deferred bond refunding		(112,949)	
Capital lease payments		266,561	
Amortization of bond premiums		189,022	
Net change in interest payable		66,827	
Landfill closure/postclosure retirement		29,668	3,249,129
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. These include:			
Unavailable revenue-property taxes			156,599
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This includes the net change in compensated absences.			6,515
Change in net position of governmental activities			$ 9,887,376

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 18,961,000	$ 19,961,000	$ 21,842,484	$ 1,881,484
Licenses and permits	230,000	230,000	362,307	132,307
Fines, fees and forfeitures	605,000	653,000	810,040	157,040
Charges for services	2,844,600	2,860,600	2,583,701	(276,899)
Intergovernmental	1,208,775	1,208,775	1,250,252	41,477
Interest	24,000	24,000	64,775	40,775
Contributions	43,500	1,043,500	1,191,023	147,523
Other	377,658	415,253	430,060	14,807
Total revenues	24,294,533	26,396,128	28,534,642	2,138,514
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General Government				
Board of Commissioners	827,523	819,523	975,234	(155,711)
County Administration	93,629	93,629	88,524	5,105
Elections/Registrar	225,790	225,790	213,932	11,858
Tax Commissioner	561,464	561,464	578,872	(17,408)
Tax Assessor	950,515	950,515	973,883	(23,368)
Facility Management	790,390	790,390	725,105	65,285
Board of Equalization	26,548	26,548	11,707	14,841
Judicial				
Superior Court	424,444	424,444	409,868	14,576
Clerk of Superior Court	629,897	677,897	712,168	(34,271)
District Attorney	488,287	488,287	417,762	70,525
Magistrate Court	301,448	301,448	300,672	776
Probate Court	422,507	422,507	443,877	(21,370)
Juvenile Court	304,363	304,363	301,904	2,459
Public Defender	276,026	276,026	251,331	24,695
Public Safety				
Sheriff	3,953,480	3,980,350	4,451,397	(471,047)
Detention Center	2,366,811	2,396,811	2,600,744	(203,933)
Probation	122,796	122,796	119,755	3,041
Fire	3,937,989	4,774,575	3,974,980	799,595
Coroner	86,573	86,573	86,492	81
Emergency Management	207,788	216,788	238,861	(22,073)
Animal Control	366,318	1,366,318	412,089	954,229
Public Works				
Road Department	3,019,453	3,019,453	2,473,363	546,090
Landfill	1,136,941	1,136,941	1,079,931	57,010
Maintenance Shop	209,781	209,781	189,409	20,372
Airport	126,087	179,087	177,271	1,816
Health and Welfare				
Health Department	167,147	167,147	162,174	4,973
Bus Transportation	100,800	100,800	51,662	49,138
DFACS	36,000	36,000	36,000	0
Family Connection	77,358	77,358	83,524	(6,166)
Culture and Recreation				
Parks and Recreation	703,586	703,586	628,896	74,690
Libraries	364,367	364,367	364,308	59
Civic Center	19,300	19,405	2,618	16,787

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
EXPENDITURES (continued)				
Current				
Housing and Development				
Planning and Zoning	$ 381,052	$ 381,052	$ 366,021	$ 15,031
Code Enforcement	100,561	100,561	87,557	13,004
County Agent	54,671	54,671	46,247	8,424
Joint Development Authority	90,000	90,000	90,000	0
Debt service				
General Government				
Board of Commissioners	25,000	25,000	7,724	17,276
Total expenditures	23,976,690	25,972,251	24,135,862	1,836,389
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	317,843	423,877	4,398,780	(3,974,903)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	270,000	270,000	1,662,116	1,392,116
Transfers out	(587,549)	(587,549)	(818,070)	(230,521)
Contingency	(294)	(106,328)	0	106,328
Total other financing sources (uses)	(317,843)	(423,877)	844,046	1,267,923
Net change in fund balance	0	0	5,242,826	5,242,826
Fund balances, January 1	0	0	11,696,627	11,696,627
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 0	$ 16,939,453	$ 16,939,453

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	$ 0	$ 3,046,530	$ 948,646	$ (2,097,884)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government	0	967,814	13,846	953,968
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	0	2,078,716	934,800	3,013,516
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers out	0	0	(934,800)	(934,800)
Contingency	0	(2,078,716)	0	2,078,716
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	(2,078,716)	(934,800)	1,143,916
Net change in fund balance	0	0	0	0
Fund balances, January 1	0	0	0	0
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
December 31, 2021

	White Path Golf Course
ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 194,781
Due from other funds	3,461
Total current assets	198,242
Noncurrent assets	
Capital assets	
Non-depreciable	310,632
Depreciable, net	392,677
Total noncurrent assets	703,309
Total assets	901,551
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	5,432
Accrued salaries and other payroll liabilities	1,202
Compensated absences	17,005
Due to other funds	21,402
Total liabilities	45,041
NET POSITION	
Investment in capital assets	703,309
Unrestricted	153,201
Total net position	$ 856,510

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	White Path Golf Course
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for sales and services	$ 646,159
Total operating revenues	646,159
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Costs of sales and services	251,484
Personal services	383,406
Depreciation	53,246
Total operating expenses	688,136
Operating income (loss)	(41,977)
Non-operating revenues (expenses)	
Interest revenue	2,220
Net income (loss) before transfers	(39,757)
Transfers in (out)	
Transfers in	205,125
Change in net position	165,368
Net position, January 1	691,142
Net position, December 31	$ 856,510

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	White Path Golf Course
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Receipts from customers	$ 646,538
Payments to suppliers	(256,241)
Payments to employees	(381,310)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	8,987
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
Receipts from other funds	167,606
Payments to other funds	(167,901)
Net cash provided (uses) by non-capital financing activities	(295)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Receipts from other funds	37,519
Acquisition of capital assets	(37,519)
Net cash provided (uses) by capital and related financing activities	0
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest received	2,220
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	10,912
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	183,869
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	$ 194,781
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Operating income (loss)	$ (41,977)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	53,246
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	379
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(4,757)
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll liabilities	2,096
Total adjustments	50,964
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	$ 8,987

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
December 31, 2021

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,318,023
Taxes receivable, net	2,316,940
Total assets	4,634,963
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	3,431,530
NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	$ 1,203,433

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GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Taxes collected for other agencies	$ 25,596,285
Court fees collected for other agencies	1,475,196
Court individual cases	434,965
Sheriff fees collected	513,084
Sheriff seizures	1,936
Sheriff inmate account deposits	332,469
Total additions	28,353,935
DEDUCTIONS	
Taxes distributed to other agencies	25,498,996
Court fees distributed to other agencies	1,475,196
Payments to others	30,673
Sheriff fees distributed to other agencies	695,145
Payments from inmates to others	281,492
Total deductions	27,981,502
Change in net position	372,433
Net position, January 1 (original)	445,626
Prior period adjustments	385,374
Net position, January 1 (restated)	831,000
Net position, December 31	$ 1,203,433

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1. Description of Government Unit

Gilmer County, Georgia (the County) is located in the foothills of the North Georgia Mountains about eighty miles northeast of Atlanta.

The County provides a full range of governmental services, including public safety, health and welfare services, recreational programs, and solid waste services.

The government is governed by an elected Chairman and two elected Commissioners.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of Gilmer County, Georgia have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (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 government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Description of Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

B. Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of Gilmer County (the primary government) and material component units. The component units discussed below are included in the County’s reporting entity because of the significance of its operational and financial relationship with the County.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Reporting Entity, continued

In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by Statement No. 61, the financial statements of component units have been included either as blended or discretely presented component units.

Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements. The Gilmer County Health Department and Gilmer County Building Authority are shown as discretely presented component units when there is activity. Discretely presented component units are shown in a separate column on the combined financial statements to emphasize legal separation from the County.

Discretely Presented Component Units – Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize it is legally separate from the government.

Gilmer County Building Authority – The Gilmer County Building Authority (Building Authority) is a legally separate entity. The Building Authority consists of a three member board, all of which are appointed by the County. The purpose of the Building Authority is authorized to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate certain projects, including buildings and facilities for use by Gilmer County for its governmental, proprietary, and administrative functions; and for other purposes. The Building Authority's year end is December 31. This entity was inactive during 2021.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Reporting Entity, continued

Gilmer County Health Department – The Gilmer County Health Department is charged with determining the health needs and resources of its jurisdiction, developing programs, activities, and facilities responsive to those needs, and enforcing all laws related to health matters unless they fall under the jurisdiction of other agencies. The County provides monthly supplements and pays a portion of operating costs directly. During the Health Department's fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Health Department received $147,092 from the County Board of Commissioners to subsidize annual operations. The Health Department's fiscal year end is June 30. A copy of the Gilmer County Health Department's financial statements can be obtained from 100 W. Walnut Avenue, Suite 92, Dalton, Georgia 30720.

C. Basis of Presentation – Government-wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds, while business-type activities incorporate data from the government's enterprise funds. 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.

As discussed earlier, the government has three discretely presented component units. While they are not considered to be major component units, they are nevertheless aggregated and shown in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Presentation - Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the government's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category—governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary—are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Major individual governmental and enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements, with composite columns for non-major funds.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

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

American Rescue Plan Act Fund – This fund accounts for the activities of the amounts received from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Debt Service SPLOST Fund – This fund accounts for the special purpose sales tax revenues which are collected for the purpose of payment of debt service and allocations to cities for capital projects. This fund was previously named Debt Service SPLOST 2009 and the County changed the name in 2015.

SPLOST Fund – This fund accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition of capital assets financed by the passage of the special purpose local option sales tax.

The County reports the following major proprietary fund:

White Path Golf Course Fund – This fund accounts for the operations of the County owned golf facility.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements, continued

Governmental Fund Types

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds – accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally or donor restricted to be expended for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Funds – This fund type is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of capital assets.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Custodial Funds – Custodial Funds are custodial in nature and are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. These funds are used to account for assets that are held for others.

During the course of operations, the government has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due to/from other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities (i.e., the governmental funds) are eliminated.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of 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 governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting, continued

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest 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. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

F. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

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. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating 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. Operating expenses for enterprise funds and internal services funds 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 non-operating revenues and expenses.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

G. Budgetary Information

The County follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

In the summer (August to September or earlier) of each year, all agencies of the government submit requests for appropriation to the Accounting and Budget Manager so that a budget may be prepared. The budget is prepared by fund, function and department, and line item and includes information on the past year, current year estimates and requested appropriations for the next fiscal year. Before December 1, the proposed budget is presented to the County's Board of Commissioners for review and adoption. The County's Board of Commissioners holds public hearings and may add to, subtract from, or change appropriations.

The Finance Officer may amend the line item budget within a department's appropriation as long as the total appropriation for that department is not changed. However, expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the department level without a resolution of the Board of Commissioners. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) at the legal level of budgetary control, which is the department level.

During the year, the Board of Commissioners authorized amendments to include appropriations and revenues that were not originally budgeted and to reclassify certain expenditures.

H. Cash and Investments

Cash and equivalents, as reported in the statement of cash flows, includes amounts in demand deposits, amounts with fiscal agents, and investments with an original maturity at three months or less. Investments are reported at fair value with accrued interest shown under a separate caption on the balance sheet. Reinvested interest on certain debt service and capital projects investments is included in the investment accounts.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

I. Intergovernmental Receivables

Receivables from state, federal, and local governments are recorded as revenue for the period of the allocation or as earned based on expenditures made for which reimbursement is due.

J. Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost on the first-in, first-out method. The costs of governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

K. Prepaids

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the current year are recorded as prepaids. The costs of governmental fund-type prepaids are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

L. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (i.e., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 34 required the County to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets effective with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, underground pipe (other than related to utilities), traffic signals, etc. These infrastructure assets are among the largest asset classes of the County. Neither their historical costs nor related depreciation has historically been reported in the financial statements

All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their acquisition value on the date donated.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

L. Capital Assets, continued

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets ranging as follows:

	Useful Life in Years	Capitalization Threshhold
Land	N/A	$ 5,000
Intangibles	N/A	5,000
Buildings	50	5,000
Land improvements	6 - 50	5,000
Infrastructure	30	5,000
Machinery and equipment	3 - 20	5,000
Vehicles	2 - 15	5,000

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add value or materiality extend the life of the asset are charged to operations as incurred. Costs of major additions and improvements are capitalized.

M. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has only one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

N. Net Position Flow Assumption

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

O. Fund Balance Flow Assumption

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

P. Restricted Assets and Restricted Net Position

Restricted assets of the Enterprise Funds represent certain resources set aside for the repayment of revenue bonds because they are maintained in a separate bank account and their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

Restricted net position is equal to the excess of the restricted assets funded from operations over the liabilities to be paid with restricted assets which are due in one year or less. Restricted assets exclude bond proceeds for calculation of reserve.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Q. Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

Gilmer County implemented GASB No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, in 2012. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the following classifications of fund balance:

Nonspendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. All amounts reported as nonspendable at year end by the County are nonspendable in form. The County has not reported any amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – includes amounts restricted by external sources (creditors, laws of other governments, etc.) or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Committed – includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes. Committed fund balance is reported pursuant to resolutions passed by the Board of Commissioners, the County's highest level of decision making authority, which include the language "committed for the purpose of". Commitments may be modified or rescinded only through adoption of a subsequent resolution, which shall refer to the original resolution by its number.

Assigned - consists of amounts that are intended to be used by the County for a specific purpose, but do not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance. Intent can only be expressed by the Board of Commissioners or their designee. Assigned Fund Balance differs from Committed Fund Balance in that assignments do not require a resolution. An assignment of fund balance requires the majority vote of the Board; however, the Board has authorized the County Manager or the Finance Officer to automatically assign fund balance in the following situations.

a. If upon passage of a budget resolution, any fund balance used to balance a future budget, the amount used will be automatically recorded as Assigned Fund Balance.
b. If any unspent funds for an ongoing capital project or donations for a specific purpose remain at fiscal year-end, these funds will be automatically recorded as Assigned Fund Balance until the project is complete or the donation has been spent for its intended purpose.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Q. Fund Balances – Governmental Funds, continued

c. Equity amounts reported in special revenue funds, capital project funds, debt service funds, or permanent funds not otherwise classified as nonspendable, restricted, or committed shall constitute assignments of fund balance.

Unassigned – includes amounts that do not fall into one of the above four categories. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The General Fund is the only fund that should report this category of fund balance.

For the purposes of fund balance classification, the County considers restricted amounts spent first when an expenditure is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. Furthermore, when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted classifications of fund balance can be used, then committed amounts are spent first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

R. Compensation for Future Absences

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate up to 240 hours of earned but unused vacation benefits. The County pays unused vacation benefits to employees who leave employment in good standing and provide proper notice upon resignation. Accumulated unpaid vacation pay amounts are accrued when incurred by the County in the government-wide financial statements. In governmental fund types, a liability is recorded only if the benefit has matured and is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The County does not pay unused sick pay benefits to employees.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

S. 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 straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements of the governmental fund types, bond premiums and discounts are recognized during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as another financing source. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financial sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, even if withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

T. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

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

U. Capital Contributions

Federal, state and local government assistance in the form of grants that are permanent in nature and restricted for the construction or acquisition of specific property and equipment is recorded as an asset and as non-operating revenue.

3. Deposit and Investment Risk

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the County's deposits may not be returned. The County has no formal policy, but follows the State of Georgia requirement that all deposits be federally insured or fully collateralized.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates may adversely affect an investment's fair value. Since the price of a bond fluctuates with market interest rates, the risk that an investor faces is that the price of a bond held in a portfolio will decline if market interest rates rise. Gilmer County does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

State of Georgia law limits investments to include certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, direct and agency obligations of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, obligations of the State of Georgia or other states, obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia, and pooled investment programs of the State of Georgia. The County has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The County has no formal policy on the amount the County may invest in any one issuer.

Foreign currency risk

The County has no investments denominated in a foreign currency.

4. Accounts Receivable

Net accounts receivable at December 31, 2021 consist of the following:

Primary Government:		
Major Funds		
General Fund	$ 2,147,707	
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	(1,894,270)	$ 253,437
Debt Service SPLOST Fund		7,617
Nonmajor Funds		
Emergency 911 Telephone Services Fund		51,035
Total primary government		$ 312,089

5. Intergovernmental Receivables

Intergovernmental receivables are considered fully collectible and are stated at gross amounts receivable.

Intergovernmental receivables at December 31, 2021 consist of the following:

Primary Government:	
Major Funds	
General	$ 31,668
SPLOST	87,084
	$ 118,752
Component Units	
Gilmer County Department of Public Health	$ 161,661

6. Property Taxes

Property tax rates are set by the Board of Commissioners each year and are limited by statutory or constitutional provision. Property values are assessed as of January 1st each year. Property taxes for digest year 2021, based upon the assessments as of January 1, 2021, were levied on August 12, 2021, billed on September 2, 2021, and due on November 22, 2021. Tax liens may be issued 90 days after the due date.

7. Interfund Receivables and Payables

A summary of interfund receivables and payables as of December 31, 2021 is as follows:

Due To:	Due From:	Amount
General	American Rescue Plan Act	$ 949
	Nonmajor Governmental	9,479
	White Path Golf Course	21,402
SPLOST	General	6,757
White Path Golf Course	SPLOST	3,461
Nonmajor Governmental	General	338,373
		$ 380,421

The balances reported as Due to/Due from represent loans between the borrower funds and the General Fund. These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that transactions are recorded in the accounting system and payments between the funds are made.

Amounts due to the General Fund are primarily for reimbursements for operating purposes.

Amounts due to the SPLOST Fund from the General Fund are due to deposits at year end being deposited into the incorrect fund and not being transferred by year end.

8. Interfund Transfers

A summary of interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2021 is as follows:

Transfers in:	Transfers out:	Amount
General	Nonmajor Governmental	$ 662,665
	SPLOST	64,651
	American Rescue Plan Act	934,800
White Path Golf Course	SPLOST	94,411
	General	110,714
Debt Service SPLOST	SPLOST	1,885,107
Nonmajor Governmental	General	707,356
	SPLOST	7,551
		$ 4,467,255

Interfund transfers are used to 1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires collecting them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and 2) use unrestricted revenues collected to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Transfers are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements. The transfer from the SPLOST Fund to the General Fund and Nonmajor Governmental Funds was to cover combined debt service payments and capital purchases that qualify under SPLOST referendum. The transfer from the SPLOST Fund to the White Path Golf Course Fund was to cover purchases of capital that qualify under the SPLOST referendum.

9. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the primary government for the year ended December 31, 2021 was as follows:

	Balance 12/31/2020	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/2021
Governmental activities				
Nondepreciable assets				
Land	$ 14,186,692	$ 0	$ 0	$ 14,186,692
Construction in progress	2,534,159	202,568	(420,428)	2,316,299
Total non-depreciable assets	16,720,851	202,568	(420,428)	16,502,991
Depreciable assets				
Buildings	51,900,265	26,761	0	51,927,026
Land improvements	3,082,172	0	0	3,082,172
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	22,327,332	1,256,430	0	23,583,762
Infrastructure	23,890,823	3,471,922	0	27,362,745
Total depreciable assets	101,200,592	4,755,113	0	105,955,705
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(17,253,965)	(1,174,700)	0	(18,428,665)
Land improvements	(1,495,135)	(85,158)	0	(1,580,293)
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	(18,994,147)	(817,044)	0	(19,811,191)
Infrastructure	(6,512,046)	(651,890)	0	(7,163,936)
Total accumulated depreciation	(44,255,293)	(2,728,792)	0	(46,984,085)
Total depreciable assets, net	56,945,299	2,026,321	0	58,971,620
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 73,666,150	$ 2,228,889	$ (420,428)	$ 75,474,611
Business-type activities				
Nondepreciable assets				
Land	$ 310,632	$ 0	$ 0	$ 310,632
Construction in progress	80,715	0	(80,715)	0
Total non-depreciable assets	391,347	0	(80,715)	310,632
Depreciable assets				
Buildings and improvements	352,177	80,715	0	432,892
Land improvements	55,522	0	0	55,522
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	484,886	37,519	0	522,405
Infrastructure	52,418	0	0	52,418
Total depreciable assets	945,003	118,234	0	1,063,237
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(162,655)	(21,645)	0	(184,300)
Land improvements	(31,008)	(1,252)	0	(32,260)
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	(396,131)	(27,729)	0	(423,860)
Infrastructure	(27,520)	(2,620)	0	(30,140)
Total accumulated depreciation	(617,314)	(53,246)	0	(670,560)
Total depreciable assets, net	327,689	64,988	0	392,677
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 719,036	$ 64,988	$ (80,715)	$ 703,309

9. Capital Assets (continued)

Activity for the discretely presented component units for the year ended June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	Balance 6/30/2020	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/2021
Gilmer County Department of Public Health				
Depreciable assets				
Computer equipment	$ 7,188	$ 0	$ 0	$ 7,188
Office equipment	23,190	8,335	0	31,525
Vehicles	17,518	0	0	17,518
Leasehold Improvements	6,885	0	0	6,885
Total Depreciable Assets	54,781	8,335	0	63,116
Less accumulated depreciation				
Computer equipment	(7,188)	0	0	(7,188)
Office equipment	(16,511)	(2,810)	0	(19,321)
Vehicles	(17,518)	0	0	(17,518)
Leasehold Improvements	(2,410)	(689)	0	(3,099)
Total accumulated depreciation	(43,627)	(3,499)	0	(47,126)
Total Health Department depreciable assets, net	$ 11,154	$ 4,836	$ 0	$ 15,990

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

Primary Government	
Governmental activities	
General Government	$ 650,624
Judicial	9,962
Public Safety	832,180
Public Works	827,303
Health and Welfare	23,733
Culture and Recreation	252,773
Housing and Development	132,217
Total depreciation expense for governmental activities	$ 2,728,792
Business-type activities	
White Path Golf Course	$ 53,246
Discretely presented component unit	
Gilmer County Department of Public Health	$ 3,499

10. Capital and Operating Lease Agreements

The County has entered into agreements for the lease of certain facilities and equipment. The terms of the agreements meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risk of ownership to the lessee. The balances of these leases at December 31, 2021 total $767,317 for governmental activities. The machinery and equipment has a 10-year useful life and the vehicles have a 5-year useful life. This year $202,398 was included in depreciation expense. Total assets leased under capital leases are $1,344,541 for governmental activities, consisting of:

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	$ 1,344,541	$ 506,373

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2021:

Year Ending December 31,	Governmental activities
2022	$ 240,186
2023	192,202
2024	189,325
2025	186,447
Total minimum lease payments	808,160
Less amounts representing interest	(40,843)
Present value of minimum lease payments	$ 767,317

The County's lease agreements, other than such agreements described above, are relatively minor commitments and are in compliance with state law.

11. Long-Term Debt

Governmental Activities

Bonds from Direct Placements

Building Authority Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2014 - In 2014, the County issued refunding revenue bonds in the amount of $16,565,000. The bonds are issued as term bonds with interest rates from 3.09% maturing April 1, 2030. The purpose of the bonds was to refund the Building Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2005. The bonds are secured by sales tax proceeds and then from the levy of property tax. In an event of default, any outstanding principal and interest on the bonds may become immediately due and payable. These bonds were refunded with the Series 2019 Refunding Revenue Bonds.

General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2015 - On June 12, 2015, the County issued $22,900,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, with interest rates of 2.37%. The Series 2015 bonds were issued to advance refund $24,770,000 of outstanding Series 2007 Bonds with an average interest rate of 4.65%. Net proceeds of $22,399,417 ($22,900,000 less $500,583 in underwriting fees and other costs of issuance) were applied to the $22,399,417 deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent. Principal and interest payments will be made based on the Series 2007 pay down schedule and the Series 2007 bonds will be called for redemption at 100% of the outstanding principal plus interest accrued to the redemption date. The bonds are secured by sales tax proceeds and then from the levy of property tax. In an event of default, any outstanding principal and interest on the bonds may become immediately due and payable. As of December 31, 2021, the bonds had an outstanding balance of $15,480,000.

Building Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 A - In 2016, the County issued refunding revenue bonds in the amount of $4,515,000. The bonds are issued as term bonds with interest rates from 3.09% maturing April 1, 2029. The purpose of the bonds was to refund the Building Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 A. The bonds are secured by sales tax proceeds and then from the levy of property tax. In an event of default, any outstanding principal and interest on the bonds may become immediately due and payable. As of December 31, 2021, the bonds had an outstanding balance of $3,340,000.

11. Long-Term Debt (continued)

Governmental Activities, continued

Bonds from Direct Placements, continued

Building Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 B - In 2016, the County issued refunding revenue bonds in the amount of $1,145,000. The bonds are issued as term bonds with interest rates from 1.85% maturing April 1, 2029. The purpose of the bonds was to refund the Building Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 B. The bonds are secured by sales tax proceeds and then from the levy of property tax. In an event of default, any outstanding principal and interest on the bonds may become immediately due and payable. As of December 31, 2021, the bonds had an outstanding balance of $865,000.

General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2017 - On April 26, 2017, the County issued $3,750,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, with interest rates of 4.00%. The Series 2017 bonds were issued to advance refund $3,990,000 of outstanding Series 2007 Bonds with an average interest rate of 5.00%. Net proceeds of $4,003,854 ($3,750,000 add $380,677 in premiums less $126,823 in underwriting fees and other costs of issuance) were applied to the $4,003,854 deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent. Principal and interest payments will be made based on the Series 2007 pay down schedule and the Series 2007 bonds will be called for redemption at 100% of the outstanding principal plus interest accrued to the redemption date. The bonds are secured by sales tax proceeds and then from the levy of property tax. In an event of default, any outstanding principal and interest on the bonds may become immediately due and payable. As of December 31, 2021, the bonds had an outstanding balance of $3,750,000.

Building Authority Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2019 - In 2019, the County issued refunding revenue bonds in the amount of $11,190,000. The bonds are issued as term bonds with interest rates from 5.00% maturing April 1, 2030. The purpose of the bonds was to refund the Building Authority Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2014. The bonds are secured by sales tax proceeds and then from the levy of property tax. In an event of default, any outstanding principal and interest on the bonds may become immediately due and payable. As of December 31, 2021, the bonds had an outstanding balance of $9,545,000.

11. Long-Term Debt (continued)

Governmental Activities, continued

Bonds from Direct Placements, continued

The annual requirements to amortize bonds from direct placements as of December 31, 2021 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	$ 2,900,000	$ 1,027,466	$ 3,927,466
2023	2,985,000	936,974	3,921,974
2024	3,090,000	843,087	3,933,087
2025	3,190,000	745,639	3,935,639
2026	3,295,000	644,564	3,939,564
2027-2031	15,610,000	1,604,738	17,214,738
2032	1,910,000	38,200	1,948,200
Totals	$ 32,980,000	$ 5,840,668	$ 38,820,668

12. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities of the County for the year ending December 31, 2021:

	Balance 12/31/2020	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2021	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities					
Bonds from direct placements	$ 35,790,000	$ 0	$ 2,810,000	$ 32,980,000	$ 2,900,000
Unamortized bond premium	1,867,086	0	189,022	1,678,064	189,022
Capital leases payable	1,033,878	0	266,561	767,317	222,998
Compensated absences	577,100	570,585	577,100	570,585	570,585
Total governmental activities	$ 39,268,064	$ 570,585	$ 3,842,683	$ 35,995,966	$ 3,882,605
Business-type activities					
Compensated absences	$ 13,382	$ 17,005	$ 13,382	$ 17,005	$ 17,005

Revenue bond discounts/premiums are amortized over the life of the related debt using the straight-line method. In prior years, long-term liabilities, such as compensated absences of the governmental activities were liquidated in the General Fund. The landfill post-closure care costs are paid for by the General Fund. The total interest incurred and charged to expense for the year ended December 31, 2021 was $999,449 for the governmental activities.

12. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities (continued)

Long-term liability activity for the Gilmer County Department of Public Health Component Unit for the year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/2020	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/2021	Due Within One Year
Health Department					
Compensated absences	$ 36,520	$ 29,664	$ 18,260	$ 47,924	$ 23,962

13. Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Care Costs

State and Federal laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on a landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for up to thirty years after closure. Although closure and post closure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the County reports an estimated portion of these closure and post closure care costs as a current operating expenditure in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date. The estimated costs are subject to adjustment due to changes in inflation or deflation, technology, or applicable laws or regulations. The current amount of post closure care costs remaining as of December 31, 2021 is $177,013 which is recognized in the government-wide financial statements. The landfill was officially closed April 8, 1994.

14. Restricted, Committed, and Assigned Fund Balances

The following is a summary of restricted, committed, and assigned fund balances of the governmental funds for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021:

	General	Debt Service SPLOST	SPLOST	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Restricted for:					
Judicial					
Drug Treatment	$ 97,066	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 97,066
Crime victims assistance	14,935	0	0	0	14,935
Juvenile court	94,426	0	0	0	94,426
Clerk of court equipment	268,556	0	0	0	268,556
Law Library	0	0	0	17,666	17,666
Public Safety					
Detention center	82,946	0	0	0	82,946
Animal Control Project	1,568,802	0	0	0	1,568,802
Public Works					
Capital projects	486,311	0	0	174,746	661,057
Capital projects	0	0	7,676,072	261,906	7,937,978
Debt service	0	2,834,716	0	0	2,834,716
Assigned fo:					
Public Safety					
E911 facilities and equipment	0	0	0	353,332	353,332
	$ 2,613,042	$ 2,834,716	$ 7,676,072	$ 807,650	$ 13,931,480

15. Retirement Plans

Defined Contribution Plan

Plan Description: Gilmer County sponsors two Section 457 deferred compensation plans and a 401(k) plan. These plans are named collectively as the Gilmer County Board of Commissioners Retirement Plan (the Plan) and are defined contribution pension plans. The plans are administered by the Hartford Life Insurance Company and AIG-Valic. Changes to plan benefits or contribution levels may be requested by the County but must be approved by the respective administrator. The plans cover all employees upon date of hire. Employees may defer up to the Section 502(g) limit and are 100% vested in such deferral amounts. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the County contributed $64,317 and plan member voluntary contributions were $318,461.

15. Retirement Plans (continued)

Defined Contribution Plan, continued

Other Plans. In addition to the plan above, various County employees are covered under the following plans: Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, Georgia State Employees' Retirement System (ERS), Magistrates' Retirement Fund of Georgia, Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Georgia, Probate Judges' Retirement Fund of Georgia, Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, and Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund of Georgia. Further information regarding these plans can be obtained from the plans' annual reports. These plans are immaterial to the financial statements.

16. Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax

The County levies a 5% lodging tax. A summary of the transactions for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 follows:

Lodging Tax Receipts	$ 2,146,924	
Disbursements for trade and tourism	$ 1,484,259	69% of tax receipts

17. Joint Ventures

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the northwest Georgia area, is a member of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission (NWGRC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. Membership in an RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34, which provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official in each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC. A copy of the NWGRC financial statements can be obtained from NWGRC, 1 Jackson Hill Drive, Rome, Georgia 30162.

17. Joint Ventures (continued)

Gilmer County also entered into an agreement creating a multijurisdictional drug task force known as the Appalachian Drug Task Force (ADTF). This task force was established to cover the counties of Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens. The Board of Directors include the District Attorney, the Sheriff of the three counties and a Georgia State Trooper. A copy of the ADTF financial statements can be obtained from the Pickens County Sheriff's Office, 2985 Camp Road, Jasper, Georgia 30143.

Gilmer County also entered into an agreement creating the Joint Development Authority of Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay. This Authority was established to promote development within Gilmer County and the cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay. The Board of Directors are appointed equally by the County and Cities. A copy of the Authority's financial statements can be obtained from the Authority's Office, 696 First Ave., East Ellijay, Georgia 30540.

18. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks in terms of losses related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County has not decreased any of its insurance coverage from the prior year, and there have been no claims in excess of insurance coverage over the past three years.

Other

The County joined the Georgia Interlock Risk Management Agency (GIRMA). The County management, based on anticipated needs, selects insurance coverage and deductible options for property, casualty and crime under the policy. The County is required to pay all premiums, applicable deductibles and assessments billed by GIRMA, as well as following loss reductions and prevention procedures established by GIRMA. GIRMA's responsibility includes paying claims, and representing the County in defense and settlement of claims. GIRMA's basis for estimating the liabilities for unpaid claims in "IBNR" is established by an actuary. The County has not completed a record of the claims paid up to the applicable deductible for the prior year or the current fiscal year. The County is unaware of any claims that the County is liable (up to the applicable deductible) which were outstanding and unpaid at December 31, 2021. No provisions have been made in the financial statements for the twelve months ended December 31, 2021 or any estimate of potential unpaid claims.

18. Risk Management (continued)

Other, continued

The County participates in the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund (GSIWCF), a self-insured pool cooperative arrangement among its members to finance workers' compensation coverage. The fund is owned by its members and is managed by a seven member Board of Trustees made up of representatives from participating counties. Losses are paid by the fund.

Excess losses, if any, are covered by reinsurance and would be paid by the reinsurer. The members of the Fund are assessable if the losses that the Fund must pay exceed the assets of the pool. At December 31, 2021, there was no need for such an assessment. Therefore, no liability for this has been included in these financial statements.

As part of these risk pools (GIRMA & GSIWCF), the County is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments to cooperate with the pools' agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by funds, and to report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents that could require the funds to pay any type of loss. The County is also to allow all pools' agents and attorneys to represent the County in investigations, settlement discussions, and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the County.

Workers' Compensation

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

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

19. Contingencies

The County is involved in civil lawsuits filed in the normal course of its activities. The majority of these claims are considered minimal with a favorable outcome expected. The County's position is to vigorously defend its position or seek an out of court settlement. These particular cases are covered by the County's liability insurance less the applicable deductible amount of $15,000 for each case.

20. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 28, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

21. Material Noncompliance

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in Individual Governmental Funds for which Budgets are Adopted

During the fiscal year, the County incurred material expenditures which were in excess of the amounts appropriated:

	Budget	Actual	Variance
General Fund			
Current			
Board of Commissioners	$ 819,523	$ 975,234	$ (155,711)
Tax Commissioner	561,464	578,872	(17,408)
Tax Assessor	950,515	973,883	(23,368)
Clerk of Superior Court	677,897	712,168	(34,271)
Probate Court	422,507	443,877	(21,370)
Sheriff Department	3,980,350	4,451,397	(471,047)
Detention Center	2,396,811	2,600,744	(203,933)
Emergency Management	216,788	238,861	(22,073)
Family Connection	78,558	83,524	(4,966)
Emergency 911 Telephone Services	1,071,077	1,122,032	(50,955)
Hotel/Motel Tax	630,000	1,484,259	(854,259)

Management concurs with this finding. Management will ensure that the budget to actual comparisons are performed periodically and recommend any necessary budget revisions to the Board of Commissioners. This action was implemented immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

22. Changes in Beginning Balances

Fiduciary Funds

A prior period adjustment has been made to correct the beginning balance of Due to Others in the Tax Commissioner Custodial Fund. This adjustment increased beginning net position in the Tax Commissioner Custodial Fund by $385,374.

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COMBINING STATEMENTS

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2021

	Special Revenue			
	Emergency 911 Telephone Services	Hotel/ Motel Tax	FEMA Grant	Multiple Grants
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 314,602	$ 0	$ 118,817	$ 4,393
Receivables				
Accounts	51,035	0	0	0
Taxes	0	252,185	0	0
Due from other funds	0	71,076	0	5,391
Restricted cash and equivalents	0	0	0	58,934
Total assets	$ 365,637	$ 323,261	$ 118,817	$ 68,718
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	$ 10,228	$ 323,261	$ 0	$ 0
Unearned revenue	0	0	0	5,387
Due to other funds	2,077	0	712	6,690
Total liabilities	12,305	323,261	712	12,077
Fund balances				
Restricted for:				
Judicial	0	0	0	0
Public works	0	0	118,105	56,641
Capital outlay	0	0	0	0
Assigned for:				
Public safety	353,332	0	0	0
Total fund balances	353,332	0	118,105	56,641
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 365,637	$ 323,261	$ 118,817	$ 68,718

Special Revenue		Capital Projects	
Law Library	CDBG Grant	Capital Projects	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
$ 17,666	$ 0	$ 0	$ 455,478
0	0	0	51,035
0	0	0	252,185
0	0	261,906	338,373
0	0	0	58,934
$ 17,666	$ 0	$ 261,906	$ 1,156,005
$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 333,489
0	0	0	5,387
0	0	0	9,479
0	0	0	348,355
17,666	0	0	17,666
0	0	0	174,746
0	0	261,906	261,906
0	0	0	353,332
17,666	0	261,906	807,650
$ 17,666	$ 0	$ 261,906	$ 1,156,005

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Special Revenue			
REVENUES	**Emergency 911 Telephone Services**	**Hotel/ Motel Tax**	**FEMA Grant**	**Multiple Grant**
Taxes	$ 0	$ 2,146,924	$ 0	$ 0
Fines, fees, and forfeitures	0	0	0	0
Charges for services	620,135	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	0	0	119,213	58,984
Interest	1,349	0	414	28
Other	0	0	7,534	0
Total revenues	621,484	2,146,924	127,161	59,012
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Judicial	0	0	0	0
Public Safety	1,122,032	0	0	0
Public Works	0	0	47,507	0
Culture and Recreation	0	0	0	7,604
Housing and Development	0	1,484,259	0	0
Total expenditures	1,122,032	1,484,259	47,507	7,604
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(500,548)	662,665	79,654	51,408
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	707,323	0	0	7,554
Transfers out	0	(662,665)	0	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	707,323	(662,665)	0	7,554
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	206,775	0	79,654	58,962
Fund balances, January 1	146,557	0	38,451	(2,321)
Fund balances, December 31	$ 353,332	$ 0	$ 118,105	$ 56,641

Special Revenue		Capital Projects	
Law Library	CDBG Grant	Capital Projects	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 2,146,924
15,781	0	0	15,781
0	0	0	620,135
0	528,808	0	707,005
0	0	16	1,807
0	0	0	7,534
15,781	528,808	16	3,499,186
16,080	0	0	16,080
0	0	0	1,122,032
0	528,838	199,992	776,337
0	0	0	7,604
0	0	0	1,484,259
16,080	528,838	199,992	3,406,312
(299)	(30)	(199,976)	92,874
0	30	0	714,907
0	0	0	(662,665)
0	30	0	52,242
(299)	0	(199,976)	145,116
17,965	0	461,882	662,534
$ 17,666	$ 0	$ 261,906	$ 807,650

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GENERAL FUND

The general operating fund of the County is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 14,267,203	$ 9,961,468
Receivables (net)		
Accounts	253,437	177,271
Intergovernmental	31,668	53,236
Taxes	1,572,813	1,472,069
Due from other funds	31,830	191,296
Prepaids	471,526	493,344
Inventories	21,393	15,506
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	2,139,725	948,553
Total assets	$ 18,789,595	$ 13,312,743
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 774,319	$ 780,341
Accrued salaries and payroll liabilities	256,557	194,937
Due to other funds	345,130	308,954
Total liabilities	1,376,006	1,284,232
Deferred inflows of resources		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	474,136	331,884
Fund balances		
Nonspendable:		
Prepaids	471,526	493,344
Inventories	21,393	15,506
Restricted for:		
Judicial	474,983	431,619
Public Safety	1,651,748	111,942
Public Works	486,311	404,992
Unassigned	13,833,492	10,239,224
Total fund balances	16,939,453	11,696,627
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 18,789,595	$ 13,312,743

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

REVENUES	**2021**	**2020**
Taxes	$ 21,842,484	$ 19,992,603
Licenses and permits	362,307	240,689
Fines, fees and forfeitures	810,040	672,869
Charges for services	2,583,701	2,496,764
Intergovernmental	1,250,252	2,005,760
Interest	64,775	25,284
Contributions	1,191,023	435,008
Other	430,060	293,165
Total revenues	28,534,642	26,162,142
EXPENDITURES		
Current		
General Government	3,567,257	3,324,449
Judicial	2,837,582	2,523,965
Public Safety	11,884,318	11,528,012
Public Works	3,919,974	3,221,552
Health and Welfare	333,360	273,036
Culture and Recreation	995,822	856,442
Housing and Development	589,825	554,153
Total Current	24,128,138	22,281,609
Debt Service		
General Government	7,724	13,097
Total expenditures	24,135,862	22,294,706
Excess of revenues over expenditures	4,398,780	3,867,436
Other financing sources (uses)		
Transfers in	1,662,116	501,786
Transfers out	(818,070)	(210,499)
Sale of capital assets	0	430,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	844,046	721,287
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	5,242,826	4,588,723
Fund balances, January 1	11,696,627	7,107,904
Fund balances, December 31	$ 16,939,453	$ 11,696,627

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
REVENUES				
Taxes				
General property taxes				
Real and personal tax	$ 10,020,000	$ 10,155,208	$ 135,208	$ 9,792,942
Motor vehicle tax	1,920,000	2,569,667	649,667	2,140,593
Mobile home tax	60,000	36,313	(23,687)	37,746
Timber tax	2,000	8,974	6,974	1,932
Cost, penalties and interest	215,000	251,213	36,213	231,562
Total general property taxes	12,217,000	13,021,375	804,375	12,204,775
Local option sales tax	5,000,000	5,366,171	366,171	4,722,220
Insurance premium tax	2,000,000	1,994,404	(5,596)	1,919,080
Franchise tax	270,000	285,296	15,296	275,102
Intangibles tax	200,000	664,821	464,821	517,214
Real estate transfer tax	100,000	324,080	224,080	166,938
Beer and wine tax	70,000	92,005	22,005	80,373
Railroad equipment tax	7,500	10,640	3,140	0
Occupational tax	92,000	72,756	(19,244)	96,948
Other tax	4,500	10,936	6,436	9,953
Total taxes	19,961,000	21,842,484	1,881,484	19,992,603
Licenses and permits				
Building permits	225,000	355,307	130,307	231,189
Alcohol licenses	5,000	7,000	2,000	9,500
Total licenses and permits	230,000	362,307	132,307	240,689
Fines, fees and forfeitures	653,000	810,040	157,040	672,869
Charges for Services				
Emergency services	1,210,000	838,486	(371,514)	1,041,357
Sheriff services	130,500	129,834	(666)	146,908
Probation fees	30,000	37,350	7,350	21,815
Recreation fees	132,000	130,021	(1,979)	64,351
Landfill fees	807,000	892,874	85,874	670,832
Airport fees	71,000	73,300	2,300	65,522
Collection commissions	450,000	446,291	(3,709)	445,779
Other charges for services	30,100	35,545	5,445	40,200
Total charges for services	2,860,600	2,583,701	(276,899)	2,496,764

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Intergovernmental	$ 1,208,775	$ 1,250,252	$ 41,477	$ 2,005,760
Interest	24,000	64,775	40,775	25,284
Contributions	1,043,500	1,191,023	147,523	435,008
Other				
Rental income	45,600	25,884	(19,716)	19,351
Miscellaneous	369,653	404,176	34,523	273,814
Total other	415,253	430,060	14,807	293,165
Total revenues	$ 26,396,128	$ 28,534,642	$ 2,138,514	$ 26,162,142

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General Government				
Board of Commissioners				
Personal services	$ 591,723	$ 649,283	$ (57,560)	$ 541,802
Contract services	203,500	303,998	(100,498)	239,977
Materials and supplies	24,300	21,953	2,347	22,978
Total Board of Commissioners	819,523	975,234	(155,711)	804,757
County Administration				
Personal services	49,129	53,163	(4,034)	25,324
Contract services	43,500	33,861	9,639	39,838
Payment to others	1,000	1,500	(500)	1,000
Total County Administration	93,629	88,524	5,105	66,162
Elections/Registrar				
Personal services	127,979	158,616	(30,637)	301,449
Contract services	89,311	47,404	41,907	43,362
Materials and supplies	8,500	7,912	588	8,290
Total Elections/Registrar	225,790	213,932	11,858	353,101
Tax Commissioner				
Personal services	425,288	444,351	(19,063)	376,884
Contract services	110,926	120,332	(9,406)	87,762
Materials and supplies	25,250	14,189	11,061	15,086
Total Tax Commissioner	561,464	578,872	(17,408)	479,732
Tax Assessor				
Personal services	776,696	797,914	(21,218)	717,659
Contract services	152,219	155,060	(2,841)	138,257
Materials and supplies	21,600	20,909	691	17,619
Total Tax Assessor	950,515	973,883	(23,368)	873,535
Facility Management				
Personal services	305,904	274,215	31,689	293,028
Contract services	288,986	256,308	32,678	242,496
Materials and supplies	195,500	194,582	918	198,402
Total Facility Management	790,390	725,105	65,285	733,926
Board of Equalization				
Personal services	16,148	8,112	8,036	7,316
Contract services	9,900	3,209	6,691	5,920
Materials and supplies	500	386	114	0
Total Board of Equalization	26,548	11,707	14,841	13,236
Total General Government	3,467,859	3,567,257	(99,398)	3,324,449

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Judicial				
Superior Court				
Personal services	$ 132,416	$ 144,267	$ (11,851)	$ 118,633
Contract services	256,488	226,809	29,679	173,691
Materials and supplies	35,540	38,792	(3,252)	39,356
Total Superior Court	424,444	409,868	14,576	331,680
Clerk of Superior Court				
Personal services	481,703	561,444	(79,741)	478,599
Contract services	87,694	82,104	5,590	55,822
Materials and supplies	108,500	68,620	39,880	61,359
Total Clerk of Superior Court	677,897	712,168	(34,271)	595,780
District Attorney				
Personal services	43,505	78,501	(34,996)	357,217
Contract services	5,815	5,794	21	5,479
Materials and supplies	40,600	40,481	119	45,494
Payment to others	398,367	292,986	105,381	0
Total District Attorney	488,287	417,762	70,525	408,190
Magistrate Court				
Personal services	273,298	274,171	(873)	235,152
Contract services	14,550	13,924	626	12,130
Materials and supplies	13,600	12,577	1,023	7,909
Total Magistrate Court	301,448	300,672	776	255,191
Probate Court				
Personal services	348,781	369,953	(21,172)	314,635
Contract services	46,476	46,858	(382)	39,154
Materials and supplies	27,250	27,066	184	32,250
Total Probate Court	422,507	443,877	(21,370)	386,039
Juvenile Court				
Personal services	217,708	228,373	(10,665)	219,480
Contract services	71,865	55,990	15,875	53,933
Materials and supplies	14,790	17,541	(2,751)	18,083
Total Juvenile Court	304,363	301,904	2,459	291,496
Public Defender				
Contract services	51,100	40,154	10,946	40,154
Materials and supplies	7,400	6,246	1,154	6,585
Payments to other agencies	217,526	204,931	12,595	208,850
Total Public Defender	276,026	251,331	24,695	255,589
Total Judicial	2,894,972	2,837,582	57,390	2,523,965

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Public Safety				
Sheriff				
Personal services	$ 3,235,502	$ 3,606,627	$ (371,125)	$ 3,281,916
Contract services	442,848	538,578	(95,730)	474,697
Materials and supplies	302,000	303,692	(1,692)	269,881
Payment to others	0	2,500	(2,500)	0
Total Sheriff	3,980,350	4,451,397	(471,047)	4,026,494
Detention Center				
Personal services	1,586,485	1,713,176	(126,691)	1,600,450
Contract services	467,326	507,593	(40,267)	467,217
Materials and supplies	343,000	379,975	(36,975)	319,856
Total Detention Center	2,396,811	2,600,744	(203,933)	2,387,523
Probation				
Personal services	116,102	110,821	5,281	109,994
Contract services	6,094	8,485	(2,391)	7,820
Materials and supplies	600	449	151	398
Total Probation	122,796	119,755	3,041	118,212
Fire				
Personal services	3,135,675	3,055,522	80,153	3,081,150
Contract services	440,573	490,220	(49,647)	417,553
Materials and supplies	341,841	373,341	(31,500)	364,201
Capital Outlay	836,586	31,527	805,059	567,719
Payments to others	19,900	24,370	(4,470)	25,806
Total Fire	4,774,575	3,974,980	799,595	4,456,429
Coroner				
Personal services	71,538	65,314	6,224	58,059
Contract services	12,535	14,094	(1,559)	14,691
Materials and supplies	2,500	7,084	(4,584)	4,137
Total Coroner	86,573	86,492	81	76,887
Emergency Management				
Personal services	160,588	168,745	(8,157)	108,688
Contract services	11,600	9,869	1,731	11,854
Materials and supplies	44,600	60,247	(15,647)	37,732
Total Emergency Management	216,788	238,861	(22,073)	158,274
Animal Control				
Personal services	252,862	259,515	(6,653)	214,102
Contract services	40,956	38,941	2,015	30,067
Materials and supplies	72,500	69,372	3,128	60,024
Capital outlay	1,000,000	44,261	955,739	0
Total Animal Control	1,366,318	412,089	954,229	304,193
Total Public Safety	12,944,211	11,884,318	1,059,893	11,528,012

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Public Works				
Road Department				
Personal services	$ 1,297,549	$ 1,357,931	$ (60,382)	$ 1,156,978
Contract services	278,746	516,432	(237,686)	261,884
Materials and supplies	583,500	596,027	(12,527)	473,529
Capital outlay	859,658	0	859,658	0
Payments to others	0	2,973	(2,973)	0
Total Road Department	3,019,453	2,473,363	546,090	1,892,391
Landfill				
Personal services	473,919	465,955	7,964	410,355
Contract services	663,022	613,976	49,046	591,295
Total Landfill	1,136,941	1,079,931	57,010	1,001,650
Maintenance Shop				
Personal services	152,781	139,311	13,470	127,362
Contract services	7,500	5,233	2,267	7,492
Materials and supplies	49,500	44,865	4,635	41,182
Total Maintenance Shop	209,781	189,409	20,372	176,036
Airport				
Personal services	75,287	71,254	4,033	63,002
Contract services	26,100	38,897	(12,797)	32,389
Materials and supplies	56,700	54,465	2,235	56,084
Capital outlay	21,000	12,655	8,345	0
Total Airport	179,087	177,271	1,816	151,475
Total Public Works	4,545,262	3,919,974	625,288	3,221,552
Health and Welfare				
Health Department				
Contract services	7,655	4,507	3,148	4,812
Materials and supplies	12,400	10,575	1,825	9,829
Payments to others	147,092	147,092	0	147,092
Total Health Department	167,147	162,174	4,973	161,733
Bus Transportation				
Contract services	100,800	51,662	49,138	17,653
DFACS				
Payments to others	36,000	36,000	0	18,000
Family Connection				
Personal services	76,163	81,453	(5,290)	68,887
Contract services	1,195	1,155	40	1,119
Supplies	1,200	916	284	5,644
Total Family Connection	78,558	83,524	(4,966)	75,650
Total Health and Welfare	382,505	333,360	49,145	273,036

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Culture and Recreation				
Parks and Recreation				
Personal services	$ 400,196	$ 354,128	$ 46,068	$ 294,677
Contract services	103,890	91,768	12,122	76,131
Materials and supplies	199,500	183,000	16,500	126,954
Total Parks and Recreation	703,586	628,896	74,690	497,762
Libraries				
Contract services	3,000	5,221	(2,221)	3,092
Materials and supplies	38,500	36,220	2,280	38,956
Payments to others	322,867	322,867	0	307,850
Total Libraries	364,367	364,308	59	349,898
Civic Center				
Contract services	3,405	1,105	2,300	1,232
Materials and supplies	16,000	1,513	14,487	7,550
Total Civic Center	19,405	2,618	16,787	8,782
Total Culture and Recreation	1,087,358	995,822	91,536	856,442
Housing and Development				
Planning and Zoning				
Personal services	314,665	307,707	6,958	273,183
Contract services	52,887	48,093	4,794	45,488
Materials and supplies	13,500	10,221	3,279	10,110
Total Planning and Zoning	381,052	366,021	15,031	328,781
Code Enforcement				
Personal services	87,611	80,822	6,789	79,230
Contract services	10,150	4,359	5,791	9,322
Materials and supplies	2,800	2,376	424	1,745
Total Code Enforcement	100,561	87,557	13,004	90,297
County Agent				
Personal services	40,869	34,930	5,939	36,420
Contract services	10,002	7,925	2,077	5,530
Materials and supplies	3,800	3,392	408	3,125
Total County Agent	54,671	46,247	8,424	45,075
Joint Development Authority				
Payments to others	90,000	90,000	0	90,000
Total Housing and Development	626,284	589,825	36,459	554,153
Total Current	25,948,451	24,128,138	1,820,313	22,281,609
Debt Service				
General Government				
Board of Commissioners	25,000	7,724	17,276	13,097
Total Expenditures	$ 25,973,451	$ 24,135,862	$ 1,837,589	$ 22,294,706

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally or donor restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

Emergency 911 Telephone Services Fund – This fund is used to account for the County's share of telephone fees for the operation of the 911 emergency system.

Hotel/Motel Tax Fund – This fund is used to account for Hotel/Motel tax collections which are used to support tourism in Gilmer County.

Multiple Grant Fund – This fund is used to account for grants received restricted for special purposes.

FEMA Grant Fund – This fund is used to account for FEMA grants received restricted for special purposes.

Law Library Fund – This fund is used to account for the fines and forfeitures received that are restricted for providing a County Law Library.

American Rescue Plan Act Fund – This fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures of the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

CDBG Grant Fund – This fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures of the CDBG Grant.

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
EMERGENCY 911 TELEPHONE SERVICES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	**2021**	**2020**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 314,602	$ 114,694
Accounts receivable	51,035	49,166
Due from other funds	0	35
Total assets	$ 365,637	$ 163,895
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 10,228	$ 11,148
Accrued salaries and payroll liabilities	0	6,155
Due to other funds	2,077	35
Total liabilities	12,305	17,338
Fund balances		
Assigned for Public Safety	353,332	146,557
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 365,637	$ 163,895

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
EMERGENCY 911 TELEPHONE SERVICES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(With comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
REVENUES				
Charges for services	$ 575,200	$ 620,135	$ 44,935	$ 603,606
Interest	1,700	1,349	(351)	1,810
Total revenues	576,900	621,484	44,584	605,416
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Public Safety				
Personal services	930,396	937,353	(6,957)	782,060
Contract services	126,181	157,987	(31,806)	120,047
Supplies	14,500	26,692	(12,192)	11,039
Total expenditures	1,071,077	1,122,032	(50,955)	913,146
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(494,177)	(500,548)	(6,371)	(307,730)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	494,177	707,323	213,146	203,934
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	0	206,775	206,775	(103,796)
Fund balance, January 1	0	146,557	146,557	250,353
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 353,332	$ 353,332	$ 146,557

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	**2021**	**2020**
Taxes receivable	$ 252,185	$ 156,273
Due from other funds	71,076	47,048
Total assets	$ 323,261	$ 203,321
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 323,261	$ 203,321

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(With comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
REVENUES				
Hotel/motel taxes	$ 900,000	$ 2,146,924	$ 1,246,924	$ 1,190,866
Total revenues	900,000	2,146,924	1,246,924	1,190,866
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Housing and Development				
Payments to others	630,000	1,484,259	(854,259)	833,446
Total expenditures	630,000	1,484,259	(854,259)	833,446
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	270,000	662,665	392,665	357,420
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers out	(270,000)	(662,665)	(392,665)	(357,420)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	0	0	0	0
Fund balance, January 1	0	0	0	0
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
MULTIPLE GRANT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	**2021**	**2020**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 4,393	$ 4,365
Due from other funds	5,391	0
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	58,934	0
Total assets	$ 68,718	$ 4,365
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities		
Unearned revenue	$ 5,387	$ 5,387
Due to other funds	6,690	1,299
Total liabilities	12,077	6,686
Fund balances		
Restricted for Public Works	56,641	0
Unassigned	0	(2,321)
Total fund balances	56,641	(2,321)
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 68,718	$ 4,365

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
MULTIPLE GRANT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(With comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	$ 58,932	$ 58,984	$ 52	$ 52,691
Interest	0	28	28	159
Total revenues	58,932	59,012	80	52,850
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Culture and Recreation				
Contract services	6,605	7,604	(999)	52,690
Capital outlay	1,000	0	1,000	0
Total expenditures	7,605	7,604	1	52,690
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	51,327	51,408	81	160
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	0	7,554	7,554	0
Transfers out	0	0	0	(102,452)
Contingency	(51,327)	0	51,327	0
Total other financings sources (uses)	(51,327)	7,554	58,881	(102,452)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	0	58,962	58,962	(102,292)
Fund balance, January 1	0	(2,321)	(2,321)	99,971
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 56,641	$ 56,641	$ (2,321)

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FEMA GRANT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	**2021**	**2020**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 118,817	$ 40,219
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 0	$ 1,768
Due to other funds	712	0
Total liabilities	712	1,768
Fund balances		
Restricted for Public Works	118,105	38,451
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 118,817	$ 40,219

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FEMA GRANT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(With comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	$ 119,000	$ 119,213	$ 213	$ 32,020
Interest	400	414	14	305
Other	7,500	7,534	34	936
Total revenues	126,900	127,161	261	33,261
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Public Works				
Contract services	6,350	6,432	(82)	13,003
Supplies	108,485	28,744	79,741	2,286
Recreation				
Contract services	11,365	11,619	(254)	0
Supplies	700	712	(12)	0
Total expenditures	126,900	47,507	79,393	15,289
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	79,654	79,654	17,972
Fund balance, January 1	0	38,451	38,451	20,479
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 118,105	$ 118,105	$ 38,451

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
LAW LIBRARY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	**2021**	**2020**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 17,666	$ 17,965
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Fund balances		
Restricted for Judicial	$ 17,666	$ 17,965

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
LAW LIBRARY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(With comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
REVENUES				
Fines, fees, and forfeitures	$ 17,000	$ 15,781	$ (1,219)	$ 13,982
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Judicial				
Personal services	3,000	0	3,000	2,584
Materials and supplies	14,000	16,080	(2,080)	2,352
Total expenditures	17,000	16,080	920	4,936
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	(299)	(299)	9,046
Fund balances, January 1	0	17,965	17,965	8,919
Fund balances, June 30	$ 0	$ 17,666	$ 17,666	$ 17,965

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2021

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,098,834
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities	
Unearned revenue	$ 2,097,885
Due to other funds	949
Total liabilities	$ 2,098,834

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	$ 3,046,530	$ 948,646	$ (2,097,884)
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government			
Personal services	953,967	0	953,967
Supplies	13,847	13,846	1
Total expenditures	967,814	13,846	953,968
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,078,716	934,800	(1,143,916)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)			
Transfers out	0	(934,800)	934,800
Contingency	(2,078,716)	0	(2,078,716)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,078,716)	(934,800)	(1,143,916)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	0	0	0
Fund balance, January 1	0	0	0
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CDBG GRANT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2021

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 0
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Fund balances	
Restricted for capital outlay	$ 0

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CDBG GRANT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	$ 550,000	$ 528,808	$ (21,192)
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Public works			
Supplies and materials	0	41	(41)
Payments to other agencies	550,000	528,797	21,203
Total expenditures	550,000	528,838	21,162
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	(30)	(30)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfer out to General Fund	0	30	(30)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	0	0	0
Fund balance, January 1	0	0	0
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0

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DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

Debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources and payment of general government long-term debt principal and interest from governmental resources.

Debt Service SPLOST Fund – This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources and payment of general government long-term debt principal and interest financed by special purpose local option sales taxes.

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEBT SERVICE SPLOST FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	**2021**	**2020**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,744,074	$ 2,943,048
Accounts receivable	7,617	5,078
Taxes receivable, net	159,751	179,448
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	355	310
Total assets	$ 2,911,797	$ 2,911,797
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES		
Deferred inflows of resources		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	$ 77,081	$ 62,735
Fund balances		
Restricted for debt service	2,834,716	3,065,149
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 2,911,797	$ 2,911,797

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEBT SERVICE SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(With comparative actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 1,800,000	$ 1,690,786	$ (109,214)	$ 1,903,141
Charges for services	60,986	106,638	45,652	60,936
Interest	14,000	11,854	(2,146)	12,697
Total revenues	1,874,986	1,809,278	(65,708)	1,976,774
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service	3,942,653	3,924,818	17,835	3,966,760
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,067,667)	(2,115,540)	(47,873)	(1,989,986)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	2,067,717	1,885,107	(182,610)	1,917,124
Contingency	(50)	0	50	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,067,667	1,885,107	(182,560)	1,917,124
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	0	(230,433)	(230,433)	(72,862)
Fund balances, January 1	0	3,065,149	3,065,149	3,138,011
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 2,834,716	$ 2,834,716	$ 3,065,149

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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital Project Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of specifically planned projects (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax 2003 Fund – This fund is used to account for long-term projects financed by the 2003 passage of a special purpose local option sales tax.

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Fund – This fund is used to account for long-term projects financed by the 2014 and 2020 passage of a special purpose local option sales tax.

Capital Projects Fund – This fund is used to account for general purpose long-term capital projects financed from various revenue sources.

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX 2003
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	**2021**	**2020**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 0	$ 0
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Fund balances		
Restricted for capital outlay	$ 0	$ 0

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX 2003
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

REVENUES	**2021**	**2020**
Interest	$ 0	$ 9
EXPENDITURES		
Debt Service		
Public Works		
Road Department	0	0
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	9
Other financing sources (uses)		
Transfers out	0	(7,443)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	0	(7,434)
Fund balances, January 1	0	7,434
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	0

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	**2021**	**2020**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 7,417,103	$ 8,104,097
Taxes receivable, net	682,878	590,203
Intergovernmental receivable	87,084	20,021
Due from other funds	6,757	0
Total assets	$ 8,193,822	$ 8,714,321
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 459,659	$ 440,038
Retainages payable	0	56,003
Intergovernmental payable	54,630	47,216
Due to other funds	3,461	4,155
Total liabilities	517,750	547,412
Fund balances		
Restricted for capital outlay	7,676,072	8,166,909
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 8,193,822	$ 8,714,321

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
REVENUES		
Taxes	$ 7,154,962	$ 6,300,992
Intergovernmental	221,684	702,338
Interest	44,076	32,236
Total revenues	7,420,722	7,035,566
EXPENDITURES		
Capital Outlay		
General Government	58,936	55,478
Judicial	20,400	12,060
Public Safety	843,194	1,186,140
Public Works	3,999,753	914,407
Culture and Recreation	77,182	137,728
Housing and Development	1,609	2,216
Debt Service		
General Government	19,064	11,967
Public Safety	253,047	123,980
Housing and Development	14,257	14,257
Intergovernmental	572,397	488,405
Total expenditures	5,859,839	2,946,638
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,560,883	4,088,928
Other financing sources (uses)		
Transfers in	0	102,452
Transfers out	(2,051,720)	(2,079,058)
Proceeds from capital leases	0	695,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,051,720)	(1,281,606)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing source over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(490,837)	2,807,322
Fund balances, January 1	8,166,909	5,359,587
Fund balances, December 31	$ 7,676,072	$ 8,166,909

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS	**2021**	**2020**
Prepaids	$ 0	$ 199,976
Due from other funds	261,906	261,906
Total assets	$ 261,906	$ 461,882
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Fund balances		
Nonspendable prepaids	$ 0	$ 199,976
Restricted for capital outlay	261,906	261,906
Total fund balances	$ 261,906	$ 461,882

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
REVENUES		
Interest	$ 16	$ 677
EXPENDITURES		
Capital Outlay		
Public Works		
Road Department	199,992	0
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(199,976)	677
Fund balances, January 1	461,882	461,205
Fund balances, December 31	$ 261,906	$ 461,882

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ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The funds are self-supporting in nature where the costs, including depreciation, of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

White Path Golf Course Fund - Used to account for activities connected with the development, operation and maintenance of golf course services in Gilmer County.

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
WHITE PATH GOLF COURSE ENTERPRISE FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 194,781	$ 183,869
Accounts receivable	0	379
Due from other funds	3,461	0
Total current assets	198,242	184,248
Capital assets		
Land	310,632	310,632
Construction in progress	0	80,715
Land improvements	55,522	55,522
Infrastructure	52,418	52,418
Buildings	432,892	352,177
Machinery and equipment	522,405	484,886
Accumulated depreciation	(670,560)	(617,314)
Total capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	703,309	719,036
Total assets	901,551	903,284
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	5,432	10,189
Accrued salaries and other payroll liabilities	1,202	2,729
Compensated absences	17,005	13,382
Due to other funds	21,402	185,842
Total liabilities	45,041	212,142
NET POSITION		
Investment in capital assets	703,309	719,036
Unrestricted	153,201	(27,894)
Total net position	$ 856,510	$ 691,142

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
WHITE PATH GOLF COURSE ENTERPRISE FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

OPERATING REVENUES	**2021**	**2020**
Charges for sales and services	$ 646,159	$ 527,875
Total operating revenues	646,159	527,875
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Costs of sales and services	251,484	198,863
Personal services	383,406	310,163
Depreciation	53,246	45,318
Total operating expenses	688,136	554,344
Operating income (loss)	(41,977)	(26,469)
Non-operating revenues (expenses)		
Interest revenue	2,220	1,682
Net income (loss) before transfers	(39,757)	(24,787)
Transfers in (out)		
Transfers in	205,125	175,667
Transfers out	0	(144,092)
Total transfers in (out)	205,125	31,575
Change in net position	165,368	6,788
Net position, January 1	691,142	684,354
Net position, December 31	$ 856,510	$ 691,142

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
WHITE PATH GOLF COURSE ENTERPRISE FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	$ 646,538	$ 528,225
Payments to suppliers	(256,241)	(201,533)
Payments to employees	(381,310)	(320,215)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	8,987	6,477
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:		
Receipts from other funds	167,606	20,078
Payments to other funds	(167,901)	(137,527)
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	(295)	(117,449)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Receipts from other funds	37,519	169,102
Acquisition of capital assets	(37,519)	(131,933)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	0	37,169
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	2,220	1,682
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	10,912	(72,121)
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	183,869	255,990
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	$ 194,781	$ 183,869
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	$ (41,977)	$ (26,469)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	53,246	45,318
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	379	350
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(4,757)	(2,670)
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll liabilities	2,096	(10,052)
Total adjustments	50,964	32,946
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	$ 8,987	$ 6,477

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

These funds are used to account for assets held by the County as an agent to be expended in accordance with the conditions of its agency capacity.

Tax Commissioner - This fund accounts for assets and related liabilities for the collection of taxes and tag and title fees.

Magistrate Court, Probate Court, and Clerk of Court - These funds account for assets and related liabilities for the collection of court related fees.

Inmate Escrow - This fund accounts for deposits held for incarcerated inmates.

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
December 31, 2021

	Tax Commissioner	Sheriff	Clerk of Courts
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,366,524	$ 96,709	$ 800,133
Taxes receivable, net	2,316,940	0	0
Total assets	3,683,464	96,709	800,133
LIABILITIES			
Due to others	3,200,801	2,218	190,217
NET POSITION			
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	$ 482,663	$ 94,491	$ 609,916

Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Total Custodial Funds
$ 43,072	$ 11,585	$ 2,318,023
0	0	2,316,940
43,072	11,585	4,634,963
26,709	11,585	3,431,530
$ 16,363	$ 0	$ 1,203,433

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Tax Commissioner	Sheriff	Clerk of Courts
ADDITIONS			
Taxes collected for other agencies	$ 25,596,285	$ 0	$ 0
Court fees collected for other agencies	0	0	1,266,968
Court individual cases	0	0	408,753
Sheriff fees collected	0	513,084	0
Sheriff seizures	0	1,936	0
Sheriff inmate account deposits	0	332,469	0
Total additions	25,596,285	847,489	1,675,721
DEDUCTIONS			
Taxes distributed to other agencies	25,498,996	0	0
Court fees distributed to other agencies	0	0	1,266,968
Payments to others	0	0	0
Sheriff fees distributed to other agencies	0	523,225	171,920
Payments from inmates to others	0	281,492	0
Total deductions	25,498,996	804,717	1,438,888
Change in net position	97,289	42,772	236,833
Net position, January 1 (original)	0	51,719	373,083
Prior period adjustments	385,374	0	0
Net position, January 1 (restated)	385,374	51,719	373,083
Net position, December 31	$ 482,663	$ 94,491	$ 609,916

Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Total Custodial Funds
$ 0	$ 0	$ 25,596,285
76,991	131,237	1,475,196
26,212	0	434,965
0	0	513,084
0	0	1,936
0	0	332,469
103,203	131,237	28,353,935
0	0	25,498,996
76,991	131,237	1,475,196
30,673	0	30,673
0	0	695,145
0	0	281,492
107,664	131,237	27,981,502
(4,461)	0	372,433
20,824	0	445,626
0	0	385,374
20,824	0	831,000
$ 16,363	$ 0	$ 1,203,433

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OTHER REPORTING SECTION

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SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

This section contains reports required by Uniform Guidance and grantor agencies.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Honorable Board of Commissioners
Gilmer County, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gilmer County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Gilmer County, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2022. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Gilmer County Health Department, as described in our report on Gilmer County, Georgia's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that were 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 Gilmer County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Gilmer County, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Gilmer County, Georgia's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2021-001 through 2021-003 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Gilmer County, Georgia's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards,* described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2021-004 to 2021-005.

Gilmer County, Georgia's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Gilmer County, Georgia'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.

Rushton, LLC

Gainesville, Georgia
October 28, 2022

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Honorable Board of Commissioners
Gilmer County, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Gilmer County, Georgia's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Gilmer County, Georgia's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2021. Gilmer County, Georgia's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Gilmer County, Georgia complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2021.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Gilmer County, Georgia's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

- Obtain an understanding of Gilmer County, Georgia's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Gilmer County, Georgia's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Rushton, LLC

Gainesville, Georgia
October 28, 2022

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the year ended December 31, 2021

Federal Grant/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Number	Expenditures
Department of Agriculture			
Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster			
Schools and Roads - Grants to States	10.665	N/A	$ 36,750
Department of the Housing and Urban Development			
CDBG - Entitlement Grants Cluster			
Passed through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs:			
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218	19p-y-061-1-6064	528,797
Department of the Interior			
Passed through the Office of the State Treasurer:			
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	15.226	FY2021	138,543
Department of Transportation			
Passed through the Georgia Department of Transportation:			
COVID-19 Airport Improvement Program	20.106	AP021-9046-19(123)	13,975
		AP022-9052-21(123)	69,841
		AP019-9036-17(123)	112,795
Total Department of Transportation			196,611
Department of Homeland Security			
Passed through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA):			
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	FEMA-4579-DR-GA	105,188
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	2021 PPA	19,263
Total Department of Homeland Security			124,451
Total Federal Awards			$ 1,025,152

See accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
December 31, 2021

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Gilmer County, Georgia, under programs for the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2021. 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* (Uniform Guidance). Because this schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the County.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in in Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,* wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

3. De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate

Gilmer County, Georgia has elected not to use the 10-percent *de minimis* indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

4. Payments to Subrecipients

For the current year, Gilmer County, Georgia passed federal funds through to the following subrecipients.

Ellijay Gilmer County Water & Sewer Authority
14.218 Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants $528,797

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the year ended December 31, 2021

1. Summary of the Auditor's Results

A. Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	None reported
Significant deficiencies identified not considered material weaknesses?	Yes
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes

B. Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	None reported
Significant deficiencies identified not considered material weaknesses?	None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance?	None reported

Identification of major programs:

14.218 Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants

Dollar threshold used to distinguish Between Type A and Type B programs:	$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	Yes

2. Financial Statement Findings and Responses

A. Current Year Audit Findings

Comment 2021-001

Condition: County personnel may require additional training in the application of generally accepted accounting principles and the preparation of financial statements. Currently, the County relies on the external auditors for technical assistance in applying generally accepted accounting principles and the preparation of the financial statements. This is common for governments of similar size and structure to the County. Under current auditing standards, providing technical assistance does not impair the independence of the external auditor. However, future changes to auditing standards by standards setting boards could state that providing technical assistance would impair the independence of the external auditor. This does not indicate that the County Finance Officer is not trained to perform the daily accounting functions, but that the County has elected as a cost benefit to outsource this expertise to their auditors. As required, we have indicated this as a significant deficiency in our report on Internal Control and Compliance.

Criteria: Effective internal control requires that the County accept responsibility and understanding of the audited financial report.

Effect: Failure to understand the vast amount of requirements for reporting in financial statements may lead to material misstatements.

Cause: County staff does not have proper training in generally accepted accounting principles to implement them or prepare financial statements.

Recommendation: County personnel should continue to receive training in the identification and application of generally accepted accounting principles and the preparation of the County's financial statements.

Management Response: Management agrees with the finding and understands the requirement of auditing standards to issue this statement as a significant deficiency. All employees of the Board of Commissioners Finance Office will seek training in the application of generally accepted accounting principles and in the preparation of the County's financial statements. Until such time it is financially feasible for the County finance staff to prepare the County's financial statements, the Finance Office will continue to rely on an independent auditor to prepare them.

Comment 2021-002

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Law Library, we noted the bank account is not reconciled on a monthly basis.

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that cash accounts be reconciled to the general ledger in a timely manner, usually monthly.

Effect: Failure to reconcile cash accounts exposes the County to greater risk of loss and may lead to management decisions based on incorrect information.

Cause: Law Library staff is not reconciling the bank account monthly.

Recommendation: Bank reconciliations should be completed for all bank accounts on a monthly basis.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. Management has provided a copy of this finding to the Clerk of Court and they concur with this finding. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

2. Financial Statement Findings and Responses (continued)

A. Current Year Audit Findings, continued

Comment 2021-003

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Probate Court, we noted instances where deposits were not made timely. Receipts were held for seven or more days before depositing.

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that cash receipts be deposited and transactions recorded in a timely manner.

Effect: Failure to deposit cash receipts in a timely manner exposes the County to a greater risk of loss due to fraud.

Cause: Probate Court staff is not delivering deposits to the bank at a minimum weekly.

Recommendation: At a minimum, deposits should be made weekly.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. Management will advise the appropriate Elected Officials to implement the recommendation. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

Comment 2021-004

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Clerk of Superior Court's office, we noted unexplained or unremitted monies were held at fiscal year-end.

Criteria: State of Georgia Code requires the Clerk of Superior Court to properly record and remit civil and criminal fees and fines based upon distribution breakdowns provided by State Law.

Effect: Failure to make required pay-outs of monies being held will place the Clerk of Superior Court's office in violation of state law.

Cause: Clerk of Court personnel are not performing a reconciliation of the monthly receipts to monthly payouts.

Recommendation: As required by the State of Georgia, the Clerk of Superior Court should be reconciling, on a monthly basis, all accounts subject to remittance and remitting the necessary payouts to the correct agencies.

Management Response: Management has provided a copy of this finding to the appropriate Elected Official and they concur with this finding. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

Comment 2021-005

Condition: The County experienced a material excess of expenditures over appropriations in the General Fund, Emergency 911 Telephone Services, and Hotel/Motel Special Revenue Fund.

Criteria: OCGA Code Section 36-81-3 requires local governments to operate under an approved annual budget for the General Fund, special revenue funds, and debt service funds.

Effect: Failure to maintain expenditures within the balanced budget will place the County in violation of state law.

2. Financial Statement Findings and Responses (continued)

A. Current Year Audit Findings, continued

Cause: The County did not appropriate expenditures in compliance with the adopted budget in the General Fund, Emergency 911 Telephone Services, and Hotel/Motel Special Revenue Fund.

Recommendation: Management should ensure that budget to actual comparisons are performed periodically and budgets should be amended as needed to ensure that the County remains in compliance with state law. This will assist management with budgetary decisions throughout the fiscal year.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. Management will ensure that the budget to actual comparisons are performed periodically and recommend any necessary budget revisions to the Board of Commissioners. This action was implemented immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

B. Prior Year Audit Findings Follow-Ups

Comment 2020-001

Condition: County personnel may require additional training in the application of generally accepted accounting principles and the preparation of financial statements. Currently, the County relies on the external auditors for technical assistance in applying generally accepted accounting principles and the preparation of the financial statements. This is common for governments of similar size and structure to the County. Under current auditing standards, providing technical assistance does not impair the independence of the external auditor. However, future changes to auditing standards by standards setting boards could state that providing technical assistance would impair the independence of the external auditor. This does not indicate that the County Finance Officer is not trained to perform the daily accounting functions, but that the County has elected as a cost benefit to outsource this expertise to their auditors. As required, we have indicated this as a significant deficiency in our report on Internal Control and Compliance.

Not corrected

Comment 2020-002

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Law Library, we noted the bank account is not reconciled on a monthly basis.

Not corrected

Comment 2020-003

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Magistrate Court, we noted instances where deposits were not made timely. Receipts were held for seven or more days before depositing.

Corrected

Comment 2020-004

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Probate Court, we noted instances where deposits were not made timely. Receipts were held for seven or more days before depositing.

Not corrected

2. Financial Statement Findings and Responses (continued)

B. Prior Year Audit Findings Follow-Ups, continued

Comment 2020-005

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Board of Commissioners Office, we noted instances where hotel/motel tax deposits were not made timely. Receipts were held for seven or more days before depositing.

Corrected

Comment 2020-006

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Clerk of Court, we noted instances where deposits were not made timely and payouts of intangible tax were made incorrectly. Receipts were held for seven or more days before depositing and intangible taxes were remitted several weeks after year-end.

Corrected

Comment 2020-007

Condition: The County experienced a material excess of expenditures over appropriations in the General Fund and Hotel/Motel Special Revenue Fund.

Not corrected

3. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The audit of our basic financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards disclosed no audit findings or questioned costs which are required to be reported under Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.

STATE REPORTING SECTION

This section contains additional reports required by the State of Georgia.

GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FINANCED WITH SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
For the year ended December 31, 2021

Project	Estimated Cost		Expenditures		
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
2009 Referendum					
Gilmer County					
Debt Service - Series 2005 A & B Bonds and Series 2007 Bonds	$ 24,315,180	$ 24,315,180	$ 24,052,116	$ 0	$ 24,052,116
Public Safety	0	203,117	203,117	0	203,117
Roads and Bridges	6,966,370	6,763,253	157,191	0	157,191
Recreational Facilities	300,000	300,000	50,118	0	50,118
City of Ellijay	2,363,550	2,363,550	1,543,037	0	1,543,037
City of East Ellijay	1,054,900	1,054,900	684,178	0	684,178
	$ 35,000,000	$ 35,000,000	$ 26,689,757	$ 0	$ 26,689,757
Current year expenditures for 2009 Referendum				$ 0	
Expenditures financed through other revenues and transfers from other funds for Debt Service				3,924,818	
Total expenditures of the Debt Service SPLOST Fund				$ 3,924,818	

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	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
2014 Referendum					
Gilmer County					
Debt Service - Series 2005A Bonds, Series 2007 Bonds and Series 2008 A & B Bonds and acquisition, construction, and equipping of capital outlay for road, street, and bridge purposes, to include sidewalks, bicycle paths, and capital equipment for solid waste handling equipment and disposal facilities, public safety facilities and equipment, parks and recreational facilities, water and sewer expansion, and vehicles and equipment for various County departments and other County infrastructure	$ 20,778,750	$ 20,778,750	$ 17,557,630	$ 5,318,007	$ 22,875,637
City of Ellijay	1,287,000	1,287,000	1,463,129	0	1,463,129
City of East Ellijay	434,250	434,250	493,867	0	493,867
	$ 22,500,000	$ 22,500,000	$ 19,514,626	$ 5,318,007	$ 24,832,633

Current year expenditures for 2014 Referendum	$ 5,318,007
Expenditures financed by other revenue sources and capital lease proceeds for vehicles and equipment for various County departments and other County infrastructure.	221,684
Total expenditures and transfers out of the SPLOST Fund	$ 5,539,691

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	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
2020 Referendum					
Gilmer County					
Debt Service - Series 2014 Bonds, Series 2015 Bonds, Series 2016A Bonds, Series 2016B Bonds, and the Series 2017 Bonds and acquisition, construction, and equipping of capital outlay for road, street, and bridge purposes, to include sidewalks, bicycle paths, and capital equipment, solid waste handling equipment and disposal facilities, public safety facilities and equipment, parks and recreational facilities and capital equipment, water and sewer expansion, and vehicles and equipment for various County departments and other County infrastructure	$ 25,760,000	$ 25,760,000	$ 0	$ 1,799,471	$ 1,799,471
City of Ellijay	1,680,000	1,680,000	109,356	429,298	538,654
City of East Ellijay	560,000	560,000	36,456	143,099	179,555
	$ 28,000,000	$ 28,000,000	$ 145,812	$ 2,371,868	$ 2,517,680