FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
of Lanier County, Georgia
Lakeland, Georgia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lanier County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Lanier County Board of Health, which comprise 100% of the assets, net position and revenues of the County's discretely presented component unit. Those financial 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 this component unit, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lanier County, Georgia, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 3, Lanier County, Georgia adopted Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84 "Fiduciary Activities". The new standard requires liabilities and net position to be recorded in the custodial funds, known as agency funds under prior standards. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 – 10 and budgetary comparison information on pages 39 – 41 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. 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.

Other Information

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Lanier County, Georgia's basic financial statements as a whole. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of projects funded

with special sales tax proceeds as required by Official Code of Georgia 48-8-121, the schedule of projects funded by community development block grant, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of projects funded with special sales tax proceeds, the schedule of projects funded by community development block grant, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of projects funded with special sales tax proceeds, the schedule of projects funded by community development block grant, 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 August 26, 2021 on our consideration of Lanier County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Lanier County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Lanier County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

Tifton, Georgia
August 26, 2021

LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Required Supplemental Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

As Management of the Lanier County, Georgia, we offer readers of the County's basic financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the County for the year ending June 30, 2020. We encourage our readers to consider the information presented within this Management's discussion and analysis in conjunction with the basic financial statements. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the County's financial performance as a whole.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for FY2020 are as follows:

The County's total net position increased by $1,103,609.

The County's governmental fund assets exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2020 by $8,918,662 (net position). Of this amount $1,291,100 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund decreased by $266,698, resulting in a fund balance of $1,164,081.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the County as a financial whole or as an entire operating entity. The statements also provide a detailed look at specific financial conditions.

The County's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: the government -wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the County's overall financial status in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the County government, reporting the County's operations in more detail that the government-wide statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the County's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The statement of net position presents information on all of the County's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. The statement of activities presents information showing how the County's net position changed during the current year. These statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting method used by private sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into consideration all of the current year's revenues and expenses, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

The change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for the County as a whole, the financial position of the County has improved or diminished. However, in evaluating the overall position of the County, non-financial information such as changes in the County's tax base and the condition of the County's capital assets will also need to be evaluated.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the County is divided into two kinds of activities:

Governmental Activities - Most of the County's programs and services are reported here, including general government, judicial, public safety, public works, health and human services, culture and recreation and housing and development. These services are funded primarily by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.

Component Unit - The County's financial statements include financial data of the Lanier County, Georgia Board of Health. This component unit is described in the notes to the financial statements. This component unit is separate and may buy, sell, lease, and mortgage property in its own name and can sue or be sued in its own name.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objects. The County, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the County can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the County's major funds. Based on the restriction on the use of moneys, the County has established many funds that account for the multitude of services provided to our residents. The County's major governmental funds are the General Fund and the Capital Projects Public Roads Fund.

Governmental Funds—Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities on the government-wide financial statements. Most of the County's basic services are reported in these funds that focus on how money flows into and out of the funds and the year-end balances available for spending. These funds are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting that measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the County's general government operations and the basic services being provided, along with the financial resources available.

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

The County maintains a multitude of individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately on the governmental fund balance sheet and on the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the major funds, which were identified earlier. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

Fiduciary Funds—Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the County. Fiduciary funds are not reflected on the government-wide financial statements because the resources from those funds are not available to support the County's programs. The accounting method used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for the proprietary funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements—The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided on the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information—In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents combining and individual fund statements and schedules.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position:

	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change
	2019	2020	
Assets			
Current and other assets	$ 3,093,355	$ 3,046,147	-1.53%
Capital assets, net	5,376,617	6,608,173	22.91%
Total Assets	**8,469,972**	**9,654,320**	13.98%
Liabilities			
Current and other liabilities	66,949	311,602	365.43%
Long-term liabilities	587,970	424,056	-27.88%
Total Liabilities	**654,919**	**735,658**	12.33%
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	4,878,530	6,234,911	27.80%
Restricted	1,571,957	1,392,651	-11.41%
Unrestricted	1,364,566	1,291,100	-5.38%
Total Net Position	**$ 7,815,053**	**$ 8,918,662**	14.12%

As noted earlier, the County's net position, when reviewed over time, may serve as a useful indicator of the County's financial position. In the case of the County, assets exceeded liabilities by $8,918,662 as of June 30, 2020. A large portion of the County's net position (70%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land and improvements, buildings and building improvements, improvements other than buildings, machinery and equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the County's net position (15.6%) represents resources that are subject to restrictions on how they can be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted assets (14%) may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The next table shows the changes in net position for the year ending June 30, 2020.

Changes in Lanier County's Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage Change
	2019	2020	
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Charges for services	$ 544,847	$ 611,416	12.22%
Operating grants and contributions	209,499	281,215	34.23%
Capital grants and contributions	283,317	1,347,989	375.79%
Total Program Revenues	1,037,663	2,240,620	115.93%
General Revenues			
Property taxes	2,878,245	3,196,800	11.07%
Sales taxes	1,037,011	886,289	-14.53%
Timber taxes	45,797	19,915	-56.51%
Insurance premium taxes	432,511	463,047	7.06%
Other taxes	90,181	111,391	23.52%
Interest, penalties and costs - taxes	75,302	52,261	-30.60%
Miscellaneous	91,894	43,890	-52.24%
Total General Revenues	4,650,941	4,773,593	2.64%
Total Revenues	**5,688,604**	**7,014,213**	**23.30%**
Expenses			
Governmental Activities:			
General Government			
Legislative and executive	$ 1,443,956	$ 1,484,169	2.78%
Judicial	565,970	549,633	-2.89%
Public safety	2,260,982	2,428,328	7.40%
Public works	944,873	859,025	-9.09%
Health and welfare	131,365	133,616	1.71%
Culture and recreation	306,537	246,206	-19.68%
Housing and development	172,442	190,472	10.46%
Interest on long-term debt	19,471	19,155	-1.62%
Total Expenses	**5,845,596**	**5,910,604**	**1.11%**
Change in Net Position	**(156,992)**	**$ 1,103,609**	**802.97%**
Net Position, Beginning	7,972,045	7,815,053	-1.97%
Net Position, Ending	**$ 7,815,053**	**$ 8,918,662**	**14.12%**

Governmental Activities

The following table provides the total cost of services and the net cost of services for the governmental activities. The statement of activities reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services, and sales, grants, and contributions offsetting these services. The net cost of services identifies the cost of those services supported by tax revenues and unrestricted intergovernmental revenues.

Net Cost of Lanier County's Governmental Activities

Function	Total Cost of Services 2019	Total Cost of Services 2020	Percentage Change 2019-2020	Net Cost of Services 2019	Net Cost of Services 2020	Percentage Change 2019-2020
General Government						
Legislative and executive	$ 1,443,956	$ 1,484,169	2.78%	$ 1,295,191	$ 1,242,832	-4.04%
Judicial	565,970	549,633	-2.89%	191,164	220,585	15.39%
Public safety	2,260,982	2,428,328	7.40%	2,155,019	2,240,129	3.95%
Public works	944,873	859,025	-9.09%	634,570	231,020	-63.59%
Health and welfare	131,365	133,616	1.71%	95,033	(647,010)	-780.83%
Culture and recreation	306,537	246,206	-19.68%	245,043	174,759	-28.68%
Housing and development	172,442	190,472	100.00%	172,442	188,514	9.32%
Interest on long-term debt	19,471	19,155	-1.62%	19,471	19,155	-1.62%
Total	**$ 5,845,596**	**$ 5,910,604**	**1.11%**	**$ 4,807,933**	**$ 3,669,984**	**-23.67%**

Financial Analysis of County Funds

The County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the County's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. In particular, unrestricted fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the County's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

As of June 30, 2020, the County's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of $2,556,732, a decrease of $446,004.

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the County. At the end of June 30, 2020, the unassigned fund balance was $ 1,085,682.

Budgetary Highlights

By State statute, the Board of County Commissioners adopts the annual operating budget for the fiscal year on or before the first day of the fiscal year. Changes were made to the adopted budget in some departments due to greater than expected expenditures and other department expenditures that were lower than originally budgeted including the sundry budget. A large variance was present in the roads department due to the need to acquire two motor graders through capital leases which were not budgeted in the original budget.

Capital Assets

The County's investment in capital assets for governmental as of June 30, 2020, was $6,234,911 (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This investment in capital assets includes land and improvements, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, vehicles and infrastructure.

Major capital asset events during FY2020 included the acquisition of vehicles, equipment, and various paving projects.

Note 8 (Capital Assets) provides additional information about capital asset activity during FY2020.

Debt

At June 30, 2020, the County had total capital lease debt outstanding of $373,262.

In addition to the capital leases, the County's long-term obligations include compensated absences. Notes 9 and 10 provides information regarding this liability.

Economic Factors

Local sales taxes increased 7.79% in FY2020.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the County's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Lanier County Commission, County Clerk, 100 Main Street, Lakeland, Georgia 31635.

Component unit financial statements can be obtained from the South Health District office and should be addressed to the Finance Director, 325 West Savannah Avenue, Valdosta, Georgia 31603.

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2020

	Primary Government		Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Total	Lanier County Board of Health
ASSETS			
Cash	$ 2,264,610	$ 2,264,610	$ 245,283
Prepaid items	78,399	78,399	-
Taxes receivable	206,617	206,617	-
Accounts receivable	129,574	129,574	3,642
Note receivable	38,388	38,388	-
Due from other governments	328,559	328,559	4,494
Nondepreciable capital assets	767,136	767,136	-
Depreciable capital assets, net	5,841,037	5,841,037	3,944
TOTAL ASSETS	9,654,320	9,654,320	257,363
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Proportionate share of collective deferred outflows of resources	-	-	107,128
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	152,309	152,309	-
Due to other governments	47,072	47,072	-
Unearned revenue	112,221	112,221	-
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Due within one year:			
Capital leases payable	106,945	106,945	-
Compensated absences	30,476	30,476	12,174
Due in more than one year:			
Capital leases payable	266,317	266,317	-
Compensated absences	20,318	20,318	8,115
Net OPEB liability	-	-	57,883
Net pension obligation liability	-	-	193,699
TOTAL LIABILITIES	735,658	735,658	271,871
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Proportionate share of collective deferred inflows of resources	-	-	80,124
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-	80,124
COMBINED LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	$ 735,658	$ 735,658	$ 351,995
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	6,234,911	6,234,911	3,944
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	959,162	959,162	-
Economic improvement loans	195,377	195,377	-
Jail operations	18,366	18,366	-
Drug enforcement	177,471	177,471	-
Drug education and treatment	7,241	7,241	-
Victim assistance	2,115	2,115	-
Law library	32,919	32,919	-
Prior year program income	-	-	72,013
Unrestricted	1,291,100	1,291,100	(63,461)
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 8,918,662	$ 8,918,662	$ 12,496

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

LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

FUNCTION/PROGRAM	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants, Contributions, and Interest	Program Revenues: Capital Grants, Contributions, and Interest
Primary Government:				
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
General government				
Legislative	$ 1,484,169	$ 232,439	$ 8,898	$ -
Judicial	549,633	248,914	80,134	-
Public Safety	2,428,328	57,043	131,156	-
Public Works	859,025	10,066	11,632	606,307
Health and Welfare	133,616	-	38,944	741,682
Culture and Recreation	246,206	62,954	8,493	-
Housing and Development	190,472	-	1,958	-
Interest on Long-term Debt	19,155	-	-	-
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	5,910,604	611,416	281,215	1,347,989
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	$ 5,910,604	611,416	281,215	1,347,989
COMPONENTS UNITS				
Lanier County Board of Health	$ 324,706	$ 72,013	$ 252,625	$ -
TOTAL COMPONENT UNITS	$ 324,706	$ 72,013	$ 252,625	$ -

GENERAL REVENUES
Property taxes, levied for general purposes
Timber taxes
Sales taxes
Real estate transfer taxes
Insurance premium taxes
Beer and wine taxes
Energy excise & franchise taxes
Intangible recording taxes
Interest and penalties - delinquent taxes
Other revenues

TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

NET POSITION, BEGINNING

NET POSITION, END OF YEAR

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

Activities		
Primary Government		Component Unit
Governmental Activities	Total	Lanier County Board of Health
$ (1,242,832)	$ (1,242,832)	$ -
(220,585)	(220,585)	-
(2,240,129)	(2,240,129)	-
(231,020)	(231,020)	-
647,010	647,010	-
(174,759)	(174,759)	-
(188,514)	(188,514)	-
(19,155)	(19,155)	-
(3,669,984)	(3,669,984)	-
(3,669,984)	(3,669,984)	-
$ -	$ -	$ (68)
$ -	$ -	$ (68)
3,196,800	3,196,800	-
19,915	19,915	-
886,289	886,289	-
14,233	14,233	-
463,047	463,047	-
33,375	33,375	-
7,080	7,080	-
56,703	56,703	-
52,261	52,261	-
43,890	43,890	-
4,773,593	4,773,593	-
1,103,609	1,103,609	(68)
7,815,053	7,815,053	12,564
$ 8,918,662	$ 8,918,662	$ 12,496

LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	T-SPLOST Fund	CDBG Fund	2017 SPLOST Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
ASSETS						
Cash	$ 732,337	$ 362,757	$ 4,430	$ 662,866	$ 502,218	$ 2,264,608
Prepaid items	78,399	-	-	-	-	78,399
Taxes receivable	206,617	-	-	-	-	206,617
Notes receivable	-	-	-	-	38,388	38,388
Accounts receivable	127,721	-	-	-	1,853	129,574
Due from other governments	250,295	26,184	-	52,080	-	328,559
Interfund receivable	276,877	-	-	-	71,481	348,358
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 1,672,246	$ 388,941	$ 4,430	$ 714,946	$ 613,940	$ 3,394,503
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	146,656	-	4,429	-	1,228	152,313
Due to other governments	-	-	-	47,072	-	47,072
Interfund payable	71,481	-	1	256,853	20,023	348,358
TOTAL LIABILITIES	218,137	-	4,430	303,925	21,251	547,743
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue	290,028	-	-	-	-	290,028
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	290,028	-	-	-	-	290,028
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable for:						
Prepaid items	78,399	-	-	-	-	78,399
Restricted for:						
Capital projects	-	388,941	-	411,021	159,200	959,162
Jail operations	-	-	-	-	18,366	18,366
Economic improvement loans	-	-	-	-	195,377	195,377
Drug enforcement	-	-	-	-	177,471	177,471
Drug education and treatment	-	-	-	-	7,241	7,241
Victim assistance	-	-	-	-	2,115	2,115
Law library	-	-	-	-	32,919	32,919
Unassigned reported in:						
General Fund	1,085,682	-	-	-	-	1,085,682
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,164,081	388,941	-	411,021	592,689	2,556,732
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 1,672,246	$ 388,941	$ 4,430	$ 714,946	$ 613,940	$ 3,394,503

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

LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
June 30, 2020

Total Governmental Fund Balances		$ 2,556,732
Amounts report for governmental activities on the statement of net position are different because of the following:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Governmental capital assets	$ 10,371,828	
Less accumulated depreciation	(3,763,655)	6,608,173
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in governmental activities.		
Capital leases payable	(373,262)	
Accrued compensated absences	(50,794)	(424,056)
Deferred revenue in governmental activities are susceptible to full accrual in the government-wide statement of net position.		
Deferred revenues		177,813
Net Position of Governmental Activities		$ 8,918,662

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	General Fund	T-SPLOST Fund	CDBG Fund	2017 SPLOST Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
REVENUES						
Taxes	$ 3,933,056	$ 296,965	$ -	$ 550,929	$ 308,478	$ 5,089,428
Licenses and permits	75,748	-	-	-	-	75,748
Intergovernmental revenues	179,992	-	741,682	-	-	921,674
Charges for services	482,804	-	-	-	-	482,804
Fines and forfeitures	89,935	-	-	-	42,928	132,863
Investment income	8,899	864	-	2,069	2,092	13,924
Miscellaneous	92,911	-	-	39,316	-	132,227
TOTAL REVENUES	4,863,345	297,829	741,682	592,314	353,498	6,848,668
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General Government						
Legislative and executive	1,510,128	-	-	-	-	1,510,128
Judicial	539,106	-	-	-	8,201	547,307
Public safety	2,045,442	-	-	-	36,311	2,081,753
Public works	225,136	49,425	45,000	297,951	41,115	658,627
Health and welfare	245,514	-	-	-	2,329	247,843
Culture and recreation	229,619	-	-	-	-	229,619
Housing and development	191,591	-	-	-	-	191,591
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	197,083	-	197,083
Capital Outlay	-	72,733	696,682	78,272	610,346	1,458,033
Debt Service						
Principal	124,825	-	-	28,708	-	153,533
Interest	18,682	-	-	473	-	19,155
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,130,043	122,158	741,682	602,487	698,302	7,294,672
EXCESS OF REVENUES (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(266,698)	175,671	-	(10,173)	(344,804)	(446,004)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,430,779	213,270	-	421,194	937,493	3,002,736
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ 1,164,081	$ 388,941	$ -	$ 411,021	$ 592,689	$ 2,556,732

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LANIER 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 June 30, 2020

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		$ (446,004)
Amounts report for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because of the following:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives:		
Expenditures for capital assets	1,123,842	
Net expenditures for construction in progress	466,857	
Current year depreciation expense	(359,141)	1,231,558
Revenues on the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in governmental funds:		
Net change in deferred revenues - property taxes	154,141	154,141
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities that do not require the use of current financial resources are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:		
Compensated absences	39,089	39,089
Repayment of principal on debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of activities:		
Payments on long-term debt		124,825
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		$ 1,103,609

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
June 30, 2020

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash	$ 621,984
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 621,984
NET POSITION	
Net position - held for others	$ 621,984
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 621,984

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION – FIDUCIARY FUNDS
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Taxes	$ 8,143,459
Court fees	724,587
Sheriff fees	73,413
Total Additions	8,941,459
DEDUCTIONS	
Payment of taxes to other agencies	8,140,142
Payment of court fees	708,192
Payment of sheriff fees to other agencies	72,810
Total Deductions	8,921,144
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	20,315
NET POSITION BEGINNING OF YEAR, RESTATED	601,669
NET POSITION END OF YEAR	$ 621,984

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Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The Entity. These financial statements present Lanier County, Georgia (the primary government) which is governed by an elected board and the Lanier County Board of Health, a discreetly presented component unit. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the County's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the County holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the County appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the County is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/ burden on the county
- there is a fiscal dependency by the organization of the County

Lanier County Board of Health. Based on the criteria of GASB 2100, the following entity is considered a component unit of Lanier County, Georgia:

The Lanier County Board of Health is a component unit based on the criteria of the County appointing a voting majority to the board, the County's ability to impose its will and fiscal dependency. The balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for Lanier County Board of Health are presented in these financial statements using the method of discrete presentation. A complete set of financial statements for the Lanier County Board of Health is presented in a separate report and can be obtained from the South Health District office and should be addressed to the Finance Director, 325 West Savannah Avenue, Tifton, Georgia 31603. Lanier County provided $54,524 in funding to the Board of Health for the year ending June 30, 2020.

Joint Ventures. The County, in conjunction with cities and counties in the (16) county Southeast Georgia area are members of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission. Membership in the Regional Commission is automatic for each municipality and county in the state. The official Code Georgia Section 50-8-34 (Georgia Planning Act of 1989) provides for the organizational structure of the Regional Commission's. Each county and municipality in the state is required by law to pay minimum annual dues to the Regional Commission. The County paid annual dues in the amount of $6,516 to the Regional Commission for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Regional Commission Board membership includes the Chief elected official of each county and municipality. The County Board members and municipal Board members from the same county elect one member of the Board who is a resident (but not an elected or appointed official or employee of the County or municipality) to serve as the non-public Board member from the County.

The Georgia Planning Act of 1989 (O.C.G.A. 50-8-34) defines a Regional Commission as "public agencies and instrumentality's of their members". Georgia laws also provide that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of a Regional Commission beyond its resources. (O.C.G. A. 50-8-39.1)

A copy of the financial report can be obtained at the following address:

Southern Georgia Regional Commission
3395 Harris Road
Waycross. Georgia 31503

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of Lanier County have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Following are the more significant of the County's accounting policies.

A. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the County as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the County at year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental program or draws from the general revenues of the County.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the County segregates transactions related to certain County functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the County at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

B. Fund Accounting

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

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

B. Fund Accounting – Continued

Governmental Funds

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

General Fund. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. All general operating revenues which are not restricted or designated as to use by outside sources are recorded in the General Fund.

Capital Projects 2017 Special Purpose Sales Tax Funds – To account for the special purpose local option sales tax that was approved by referendum. The revenue is restricted to the stated purposes of the referendum.

Capital Projects T-SPLOST Fund – To account for the special purpose local option sales tax that is designated for road and transportation construction and equipment by a regional referendum. The revenue is restricted to the stated purposes of the referendum.

Capital Projects CDBG Fund – To account for the grant funds that are designated for a senior center.

The other governmental funds of the County account for other resources whose use is restricted for a particular purpose; the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of debt, and the acquisition or construction of major capital projects.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The County's custodial funds account for assets held by the County's Tax Commissioner, Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, Magistrate Court and Probate Judge for other governments or individuals

C. Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the County are included on the statement of net position.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

C. Measurement Focus - Continued

Fund Financial Statements

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

D. Basis of Accounting

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

Revenues—Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On the modified accrual basis, revenue is recognized in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the County, available means expected to be received within sixty days after year end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the County receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, sales taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the period in which the sales are made. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the County must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the County on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Revenues—Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions - Continued

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered both measurable and available at year end: sales taxes, charges for services, fines and forfeitures, grants, interest, and rent.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources represent 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 unavailable revenue, which arises only under the modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category on the governmental fund balance sheet.

Property taxes for which there was an enforceable legal claim at June 30, 2020, but were levied to finance FY2020 operations, have been recorded as deferred inflows of resources.

On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that were not collected within the available period are recorded as deferred revenue.

Funds donated to the County for recreation capital improvements but which were not used in FY2020 has been recognized as deferred inflows of resources on the statement of net position and governmental fund financial statements.

Expenses/Expenditures

On the accrual basis, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. Prepaid expenditures in governmental funds are recognized during the benefiting period.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

E. Budgetary Process

The County adopts annual budgets for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Special Revenue Funds. The budgets are adopted on a basis substantially consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles with the following exceptions. The County budget may present the use of appropriated beginning fund balances and the proceeds of short-term debt as other financing sources, and the repayment of short-term debt as other financing uses, when such elements are present in the adopted budget.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Continued

E. Budgetary Process - Continued

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

1. Prior to July 1, the Board of Commissioners prepares a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. Notice is given at least ten days in advance by publication in the official organ of Lanier County.

3. The budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.

4. The budget is employed as a management control device during the year. Budgetary control is established at the department level. Management may not make changes without approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Budgeted amounts are presented as amended by the Lanier County Board of Commissioners.

F. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for expenditures of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not utilized in the governmental funds.

G. Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as short-term, highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased, that are readily convertible to know amounts of cash, and so near their maturity that they present insignificant rates of changes in value because of changes in interest rates.

The County's deposit policy limits deposit choices to checking accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposits with local banks. All deposits are to be secured as required by state statutes. The state statute requires the deposits to be secured at an amount equal to the total deposits less FDIC insurance, and then multiplied by 110 percent.

The County is authorized to invest in funds in (1) obligations which constitute direct obligations of, or are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America; (2) certificates of deposit issued by state and national banks located in the state of Georgia when secured by acceptable collateral; (3) obligations of the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank and Federal Bank of Cooperatives; and (4) bonds or other obligations issued by any public housing agency or municipality which are served by a pledge of annual contributors under contract with the United States Government, or project notes secured by a payment agreement with the United States Government.

H. Prepaid Items

Prepaid balances are for payments made by the County in the current year to provide services occurring the subsequent fiscal year.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

I. Inventory

Materials purchased are shown as expenditures when acquired are not inventoried at year end due to a lack of materiality.

J. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset.

K. Capital Assets

General capital assets are capital assets which are associated with and generally arise from governmental activities. They generally result from expenditures in governmental funds. General capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and reductions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market value on the date donated. The County maintains a capitalization threshold of $5,000. The County's infrastructure consists of roads, bridges, and culverts for which the County chose to include all such items regardless of their acquisition date. The County was able to estimate the historical cost of the governmental activities infrastructure for the initial reporting of those assets. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated, except for land and improvements and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the County's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Buildings and Building Improvements	40 - 50 years
Machinery and Equipment	5 - 10 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 10 years
Infrastructure	25 years

Capital assets include public domain (infrastructure) general capital assets consisting of improvements including roads and bridges for which historical cost information was available or could be estimated.

L. Interfund Receivables/Payables

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans or interfund services provided and used are classified as "Interfund Receivables/Payables." Interfund balances within governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide statement of net position.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

M. Compensated Absences

Vacation and sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable the County will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The County records a liability for accumulated unused vacation and sick leave when earned for all employees.

The entire compensated absences liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are not recognized as a liability and expenditure.

N. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

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

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities are recognized as fund liabilities when incurred. However, required pension contributions that are paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Loans and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

O. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities in reporting which utilizes the economic resources measurement focus. Net investment in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The County's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

P. Fund Equity

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

Fund Balance

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

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

P. Fund Equity - Continued

Fund balances are classified as follows:

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

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

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

Assigned: Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the County's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Through resolution, the Board of Commissioners has authorized the County's Finance Director to assign fund balances.

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

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

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

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

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Q. Interfund Transactions

Transfers between governmental activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as Interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in enterprise funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements

R. Management Estimates

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

S. Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

The County has implemented GASB Statement No. 83, Certain Asset Retirement Obligations. The objective of this statement is to provide for the measurement and accounting of legally enforceable liabilities associated with the retirement of tangible capital assets. Management has determined that the effect of adopting GASB Statement No. 83 does not have a material effect on the County's financial statements.

The County has implemented GASB Statement No. 88, Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements. The implementation of this statement did not result in any change in the County's financial statements. GASB Statement No. 88 requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, including unused lines of credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, significant termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses. For notes to the financial statements related to debt, this Statement also requires that existing and additional information be provided for direct borrowings and direct placement of debt separately from other debt. Management has determined that the effect of adopting GASB Statement No. 83 does not have a material effect on the County's financial statements.

The County has implemented GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities. This Statement seeks to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. Additional information on changes of the financial statements related to the implementation of this statement can be found in Note 3.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued statements that will become effective in future years. These statements are as follows:

S. Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements – Continued

In June 2017, the GASB issued Statement No. 87, Leases. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on payment provisions of the contract.

It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

In June 2018, the GASB issued Statement No. 89, Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period. The objectives of this Statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. This Statement requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred for financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020.

In August 2018, the GASB issued Statement No. 90, Majority Equity Interests - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61. The primary objectives of this Statement are to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. It defines a majority equity interest and specifies that a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization should be reported as an investment if a government's holding of the equity interest meets the definition of an investment. A majority equity interest that meets the definition of an investment should be measured using the equity method, unless it is held by a special-purpose government engaged only in fiduciary activities, a fiduciary fund, or an endowment (including permanent and term endowments) or permanent fund. Those governments and funds should measure the majority equity interest at fair value. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The requirements should be applied retroactively, except for the provisions related to (1) reporting a majority equity interest in a component unit and (2) reporting a component unit if the government acquires a 100 percent equity interest. Those provisions should be applied on a prospective basis.

In May 2019, the GASB issued Statement No. 91, Conduit Debt Obligations. The primary objectives of this statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021.

The County is evaluating the requirements of the above statements and the impact on reporting.

Note 3 – Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle and Restatement

In conformity with GAAP, as set forth in Statement No. 84 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, "Fiduciary Activities," 2019 net position has been restated for the effects of recording liabilities and net position in the custodial funds, known as agency funds under prior standards. The restatement affected the beginning net position in the custodial funds as follows:

	TAX COMMISSIONER	PROBATE JUDGE	CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT	OFFICE OF SHERIFF	MAGISTRATE COURT	TOTAL
Net position, June 30, 2019, as previously reported	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Implementation of GASB 84	453,231	28,242	77,855	35,784	6,557	601,669
Net position, June 30, 2019, as restated	$ 453,231	$ 28,242	$ 77,855	$ 35,784	$ 6,557	$ 601,669

Note 4 - Deposits and Investments

The County maintains separate checking and investment accounts for each fund. The County's cash in bank balances represent balances in all accounts including general fund, special revenue funds, capital projects funds, and custodial funds.

At June 30, 2020 all deposits were collateralized by FDIC insurance and pledged securities by the banking entities.

Note 5 – Due from Other Governments

Due from other governments consisted of the following:

General Fund	
Georgia Department of Revenue	$ 250,295
Total - General Fund	$ 250,295
Capital Project Funds	
2017 SPLOST Fund	
Georgia Department of Revenue	$ 52,080
T-SPLOST Fund	
Georgia Department of Transportation	$ 26,184
Total - Due From Other Governments	$ 328,559

Note 6 – Interfund Balances and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2020 is as follows:

	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund		
Jail Fund	$ 20,023	$ -
2017 SPLOST Fund	256,853	-
RLF Fund	-	565
CDBG Fund	1	-
Public Road Fund	-	70,916
	276,877	71,481
Jail Fund		
General Fund	-	20,023
	-	20,023
CDBG Fund		
General Fund	-	1
	-	1
Public Roads Fund		
General Fund	70,916	-
	70,916	-
RLF Fund		
General Fund	565	-
	565	-
2017 SPLOST Fund		
General Fund	-	256,853
	-	256,853
Total Governmental Funds	$ 348,358	$ 348,358

Match funds used for the road maintenance were paid from the Public Roads Fund and are due back from the General Funds. Funds used for prisoner housing are due from the Jail Fund to the General Fund and funds paid from the General Fund are due from the 2017 SPLOST Fund. The General Fund loaned the CDBG Fund the opening bank balance.

Note 7 - Property Taxes

The County sets its property tax millage on the tax levy date each year. Taxes are levied on October 20. The property tax lien attaches to property in existence at January 1 of each year and is payable by December 20 of that year. The County collects taxes on real and personal property including motor vehicles and mobile homes. The Lanier County Tax Commissioner acts as collection agent for the County, Board of Education, and State of Georgia for taxes on real and personal property and for the County of Lakeland for taxes on motor vehicles and mobile homes owned by County residents. Georgia State law does not provide for maximum millage rates that the County may levy.

Deferred Revenue - Delinquent property taxes not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end is recognized as deferred revenue.

Note 8 – Capital Assets

A summary of the changes in general capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2020 is as follows:

	Balance at July 1, 2019	Prior Year Adjustment	Additions	Reductions	Balance at June 30, 2020
Primary Government					
Governmental Activities:					
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:					
Land and improvements	$ 235,428	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 235,428
Construction in progress	64,851	-	531,708	64,851	531,708
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	300,279	-	531,708	64,851	767,136
Depreciable Capital Assets:					
Buildings and building improvements	$ 1,733,184	$ -	$ 865,192	$ -	$ 2,598,376
Infrastructure	2,625,731	914,076	150,199	-	3,690,006
Paving, landscaping and improvements	1,245,866	(914,076)	-	-	331,790
Vehicles	1,459,570	-	31,451	-	1,491,021
Machinery and equipment	1,499,021	-	77,000	82,522	1,493,499
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	8,563,372	-	1,123,842	82,522	9,604,692
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:					
Buildings and building improvements	1,047,566	-	32,787	-	1,080,354
Infrastructure	399,514	-	61,361	-	460,876
Paving, landscaping and improvements	241,134	-	11,163	-	252,297
Vehicles	662,542	-	239,186	82,522	819,206
Machinery and equipment	1,136,278	-	14,644	-	1,150,922
Total Accumulated Depreciation	3,487,034	-	359,141	82,522	3,763,655
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	5,076,338	-	764,701	-	5,841,037
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	$ 5,376,617	$ -	$ 1,296,409	$ 64,851	$ 6,608,173

Depreciation was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General Government	
Legislative and Executive	$ 18,892
Public Safety	180,279
Public Works	136,771
Health and Welfare	6,612
Culture and Recreation	16,587
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	$ 359,141

Note 9 – Compensated Absences

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused leave benefits. Unused leave benefits will be paid to employees upon separation from County services. The General Fund pays for any used compensated absences during a fiscal year.

	Balance at June 30, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Balance at June 30, 2020	Amount Due In One Year
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
Compensated absences	$ 89,883	$ 14,841	$ 53,930	$ 50,794	$ 30,476
Total Primary Government	$ 89,883	$ 14,841	$ 53,930	$ 50,794	$ 30,476

Note 10 - Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of the debt transactions of the County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020:

	Balance at June 30, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Balance at June 30, 2020	Amount Due In One Year
Governmental Activities					
Capital leases	$ 498,087	$ -	$ 124,825	$ 373,262	$ 106,945
Total Governmental Activities	$ 498,087	$ -	$ 124,825	$ 373,262	$ 106,945

The original issue date, interest rate and original issue amount for the County's long-term obligations are as follows:

	Purpose	Original Issue Date	Interest Rate	Original Issue Amount	Maturity Date
Governmental Activities					
Capital Lease	Park Lights	2012	5.45%	$ 150,000	2021
Capital Lease	Motor Grader	2015	2.30%	$ 127,500	2020
Capital Lease	Radio Equipment	2018	3.89%	$ 42,230	2021
Capital Lease	Patrol Vehicles	2019	4.14%	$ 325,000	2025
Capital Lease	Patrol Vehicles and Equipment	2019	3.25%	$ 102,400	2023

Note 10 - Long-Term Debt - Continued

The following is a summary of the County's future annual debt service requirements on long-term obligations:

	Governmental Activities	
	Capital Leases	
Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2021	$ 106,945	$ 14,079
2022	84,535	9,727
2023	87,894	6,330
2024	63,278	3,461
2025	30,610	475
Total	$ 373,262	$ 34,072

The assets acquired through capital leases are as follows:

	Total Governmental Activities
Asset:	
Equipment	$ 494,594
Vehicles	699,953
Less: accumulated depreciation	(594,564)
Total	$ 599,983

The amortization expense of these capital lease assets for FY2020 was $158,070 and is included with the depreciation expense.

Note 11 – Operating Leases

The County leases office space to other governmental agencies under a one-year lease agreement and on a month-to-month basis. Rental income was $7,250 for the year ending June 30, 2020. Beginning July 1, 2009, the County leased the County Annex Building from the Development Authority of Lanier County for a period of 12 months for $60,000 per year. The County has the option to renew the lease agreement for an additional twelve months and shall inform the Development Authority by June 1 of each year. Lease expense for the County Annex Building was $85,500 for the year ending June 30, 2020.

Note 12 – Contingent Liabilities

There was no pending litigation, claims, or assessments against the County at June 30, 2020. In the opinion of County management, there were no unasserted claims or assessments that might have a material effect on the financial condition of the County.

The County receives Federal and State Grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by Federal and State agencies. Such audits could result in a request for reimbursement by the Federal and State Governments for expenditures disallowed under the terms and conditions of the appropriate agency. In the opinion of County management, such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

Note 13 – Retirement Benefits

Defined Contribution Plan:

The County sponsors a Defined Contribution Plan. The plan is an IRC Section 401(a)/457 Match Plan.

Under the plan, all full-time permanent employees are eligible for participation after completing ninety days of service. The plan provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan participants and beneficiaries and, is administered by MetLife. The provisions of the plan may be amended at any time and from time to time by written amendment approved by the County.

The County makes a base contribution to the 401(a)plan equal to three percent (3%) of each participating employee's salary. Participating employees in the deferred compensation program will make a contribution to the 401(a)plan equal to three percent (3%) and can contribute up to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the employee's salary. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the plan members contributed $16,299 and the County contributed $12,939 to the plan.

The Georgia Constitution enables the governing authority of the County, the Board of Commissioners, to establish and amend from time to time, the contribution rate for the County and its plan members.

Deferred Compensation Plan:

The Lanier County Board of Commissioners offers all Lanier County employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, Section 457, as part of the match plan described in Note 7. The assets of the plans were held in trust, (custodial account or annuity contract) as described in IRC Section 457 (g) for the exclusive benefit of the participants (employees) and their beneficiaries. The custodian thereof for the exclusive benefit of the participants holds the custodial account for the beneficiaries of this Section 457 plan, and the assets may not be diverted to any other use. The Administrators are agents of the employer for purposes of providing direction to the custodian of the custodial account from time to time for the investment of the funds held in the account, transfer of assets to or from the account and all other matters. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement 32, plan balances and activities are not reflected in Lanier County, Georgia's financial statements.

A copy of additional financial information can be obtained from MetLife, P.O. Box 10366, Des Moines, IA 50306-0366.

Other Pension Plans:

In addition to the above retirement plan, of which the County is administrator, the following retirement plans are in effect but are not under the direct control of the County:

1) Judges of the Probate Court Retirement Fund of Georgia
2) Clerk of Superior Court Retirement Fund
3) Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia
4) Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Georgia
5) Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia

These plans provide for certain sums from marriage licenses, fees, fines and forfeitures to be remitted directly to the pension plans before the payment of any costs or other claims. GASB #68 valuation reports and schedules can be found on their respective web sites.

Note 14 – Risk Financing Activities

The County may be subject to risk of loss due to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County covers these risks through the purchase of insurance coverage through the ACCG – Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund and the ACCG – Interlocal Risk Management Agency. These are public entity risk pools currently operating as common risk management and insurance programs for member local governments.

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

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

The County also carries commercial insurance for all risks of loss, including employee health, property and liability insurance programs.

Settled claims in the past three years have not exceeded the coverage. There was no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year.

Note 15 – Expenditures in Excess of Appropriations

The following funds' expenditures exceeded appropriations:

	Expenditures Actual	Appropriations	Amount Exceeding Appropriations
General Fund:			
Courthouse / Administration	801,480	613,270	188,210
Elections	191,715	75,993	115,722
Public Defender	53,397	50,000	3,397
Magistrate Court	49,998	49,050	948
Sheriff's Office	1,162,425	1,071,668	90,757
Fire Department	92,128	77,776	14,352
Emergency Management	81,098	56,000	25,098
Office of Coroner	20,344	13,842	6,502
911 Services	151,667	140,000	11,667
Animal Control	29,700	26,400	3,300
Solid Waste & Recycling	34,437	29,500	4,937
Nutrition Department	185,868	52,677	133,191
Public Health Department	56,524	54,665	1,859
Recreation / Park Department	230,373	204,985	25,388
W. L. Miller Library	19,230	17,000	2,230
Building Inspector	21,038	12,500	8,538
Development Authority	85,500	80,763	4,737
Victim Assistance Fund	5,754	5,700	54

Note 16 – Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

In March 2020, the World Health Organization made the assessment that the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) can be characterized as a pandemic. As a result, uncertainties have arisen that may have a significant negative impact on the operating activities and results of the organization. The occurrence and extent of such an impact will depend on future developments, including (i) the duration and spread of the virus, (ii) government quarantine measures, (iii) voluntary and precautionary restrictions on travel or meetings, (iv) the effects on the financial markets, and (v) the effects on the economy overall, all of which are uncertain.

The County has taken several measures to monitor and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 virus, such as safety and health measures for its people (such as social distancing and working from home). The County will continue to follow the various government policies and advice and, in parallel, the County will do its utmost to continue its operations in the best and safest way possible without jeopardizing the health of its people

Note 17 – Subsequent Event

Subsequent events were evaluated through August 26, 2021 which is the date of the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 4,053,602	$ 4,053,602	$ 3,933,056	$ (120,546)
Licenses and permits	52,950	52,950	75,748	22,798
Intergovernmental Revenues	148,942	148,942	179,992	31,050
Charges for services	183,791	183,791	482,804	299,013
Fines and forfeitures	128,058	128,058	89,935	(38,123)
Investment income	8,200	8,200	8,899	699
Miscellaneous	182,260	182,260	92,911	(89,349)
TOTAL REVENUES	**4,757,803**	**4,757,803**	**4,863,345**	**105,542**
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Commissioners' Office	282,480	282,480	182,629	(99,851)
Courthouse / Administration	613,270	613,270	801,480	188,210
Tax Commissioner	194,250	194,250	183,576	(10,674)
Tax Assessors	133,890	133,890	127,056	(6,834)
Public Buildings	58,385	58,385	23,672	(34,713)
Elections	75,993	75,993	191,715	115,722
Total - General Government	**1,358,268**	**1,358,268**	**1,510,128**	**151,860**
JUDICIAL				
Superior Court	159,600	159,600	154,214	(5,386)
Public Defender	50,000	50,000	53,397	3,397
District Attorney	31,000	31,000	28,033	(2,967)
Magistrate Court	49,050	49,050	49,998	948
Probate Court	154,957	154,957	148,741	(6,216)
Juvenile Court	115,280	115,280	104,723	(10,557)
Total - Judicial	**559,887**	**559,887**	**539,106**	**(20,781)**
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Sheriff's Office	1,071,668	1,071,668	1,162,425	90,757
Jail Board	485,000	485,000	468,989	(16,011)
Fire Department	77,776	77,776	92,128	14,352
Patten Detention Work Detail	18,000	18,000	10,917	(7,083)
Emergency Medical Services	122,600	122,600	122,500	(100)
Emergency Management	56,000	56,000	81,098	25,098
Office of the Coroner	13,842	13,842	20,344	6,502
911 Services	140,000	140,000	151,667	11,667
Animal Control	26,400	26,400	29,700	3,300
Total - Public Safety	**2,011,286**	**2,011,286**	**2,139,768**	**128,482**

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
PUBLIC WORKS				
Roads Department	270,000	270,000	219,896	(50,104)
Solid Waste & Recycling	29,500	29,500	34,437	4,937
Total - Public Works	**299,500**	**299,500**	**254,333**	**(45,167)**
HEALTH AND WELFARE				
Nutrition Department	52,677	52,677	185,868	133,191
Public Health Department	54,665	54,665	56,524	1,859
Department of Family and Children Services	6,000	6,000	3,122	(2,878)
Total - Health and Welfare	**113,342**	**113,342**	**245,514**	**132,172**
CULTURE AND RECREATION				
Recreation / Park Department	204,985	204,985	230,373	25,388
W. L. Miller Library	17,000	17,000	19,230	2,230
Total - Culture and Recreation	**221,985**	**221,985**	**249,603**	**27,618**
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT				
Forestry	9,192	9,192	9,192	-
Extension Agency	80,000	80,000	74,741	(5,259)
Building Inspections	12,500	12,500	21,038	8,538
Chamber	5,480	5,480	-	(5,480)
Development Authority	80,763	80,763	85,500	4,737
Board of Equalization	5,600	5,600	1,120	(4,480)
Total - Housing and Development	**193,535**	**193,535**	**191,591**	**(1,944)**
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**4,757,803**	**4,757,803**	**5,130,043**	**372,240**
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	**-**	**-**	**(266,698)**	**(266,698)**
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	**-**	**-**	**1,430,779**	**1,430,779**
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 1,164,081**	**$ 1,164,081**

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 1 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the Budgetary Basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance—Budget and Actual for the general and major special revenue funds are presented on the Budgetary Basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. Beginning fund balances were budgeted under the Budgetary Basis.

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND SCHEDULES

MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND

CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

The Capital Project Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital assets.

Capital Projects 2017 Special Purpose Sales Tax Funds – To account for the special purpose local option sales tax that was approved by referendum. The revenue is restricted to the stated purposes of the referendum.

Capital Projects T-SPLOST Fund – To account for the special purpose local option sales tax that is designated for road and transportation construction and equipment by a regional referendum. The revenue is restricted to the stated purposes of the referendum.

Capital Projects CDBG Fund – To account for the grant funds that are designated for a senior center.

LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
2017 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 570,000	$ 570,000	$ 550,929	$ (19,071)
Investment income	-	-	2,069	2,069
Miscellaneous	-	-	39,316	39,316
TOTAL REVENUES	570,000	570,000	592,314	22,314
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public works	570,000	570,000	297,951	(272,049)
Intergovernmental	-	-	197,083	197,083
Capital outlay	-	-	78,272	78,272
Debt Services				
Principal	-	-	28,708	28,708
Interest	-	-	473	473
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	570,000	570,000	602,487	32,487
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	(10,173)	(10,173)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	421,194	421,194
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ 411,021	$ 411,021

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
T-SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ 296,965	$ 296,965
Investment income	-	-	864	864
TOTAL REVENUES	-	-	297,829	297,829
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public works	-	-	49,425	49,425
Capital outlay	-	-	72,733	72,733
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	122,158	122,158
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	175,671	175,671
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	213,270	213,270
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ 388,941	$ 388,941

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CDBG FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenue	$ -	$ -	$ 741,682	$ 741,682
TOTAL REVENUES	-	-	741,682	741,682
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public works	-	-	45,000	45,000
Capital outlay	-	-	696,682	696,682
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	741,682	741,682
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

The Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted for specific purposes.

Revolving Loan Fund – To account for financing of various projects with economic development impact on the citizens of Lanier County. The fund was established initially through federal and state grants.

Law Library Fund – To account for funds accessed with fines and designated for the maintenance of a law library

Jail Fund – To account for funds accessed with finds and designated for jail operations and prisoner housing.

Victim Assistance Fund – To account for accounts for fine income specified for victim assistance and the revenue is restricted for those purposes.

D.A.T.E. Fund – To account for fine income specified for drug addiction treatment and education

State Drug and State Seizure Fund – To account for funds received through drug seizures in cooperation with state agencies.

Federal Seizure Equitable Sharing Fund – To account for funds received through drug seizures in cooperation with federal agencies.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

Capital Projects Public Roads Fund – To account for the Local Government Improvement Funds (LMIG) used for road improvements.

LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
ALL NONMAJOR FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2020

	Revolving Loan Fund	Law Library Fund	Jail Fund	Victim Assistance Fund	D.A.T.E. Fund	State Drug And State Seizure Fund	Federal Seizure Equitable Sharing	Capital Projects Public Roads Fund	Total
ASSETS									
Cash	$ 156,424	$ 32,503	$ 38,389	$ 2,775	$ 6,372	$ 174,436	$ 3,035	$ 88,284	$ 502,218
Notes receivable	38,388	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,388
Interfund receivable	565	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,916	71,481
Accounts receivable	-	416	-	568	869	-	-	-	1,853
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 195,377	$ 32,919	$ 38,389	$ 3,343	$ 7,241	$ 174,436	$ 3,035	$ 159,200	$ 613,940
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE									
LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable	-	-	-	1,228	-	-	-	-	1,228
Interfund payable	-	-	20,023	-	-	-	-	-	20,023
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	20,023	1,228	-	-	-	-	21,251
FUND BALANCES									
Restricted for:									
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	159,200	159,200
Economic development	195,377	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	195,377
Law library	-	32,919	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,919
Jail operations	-	-	18,366	-	-	-	-	-	18,366
Victim Assistance	-	-	-	2,115	-	-	-	-	2,115
Drug education and treatment	-	-	-	-	7,241	-	-	-	7,241
Drug enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	174,436	3,035	-	177,471
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	195,377	32,919	18,366	2,115	7,241	174,436	3,035	159,200	592,689
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 195,377	$ 32,919	$ 38,389	$ 3,343	$ 7,241	$ 174,436	$ 3,035	$ 159,200	$ 613,940

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Revolving Loan Fund	Law Library Fund	Jail Fund	Victim Assistance Fund	D.A.T.E. Fund	State Drug And State Seizure Fund	Federal Seizure Equitable Sharing	Capital Projects Public Roads Fund	Total
REVENUES									
Fines and forfeitures	$ -	$ 6,629	$ 14,440	$ 5,959	$ 3,515	$ 12,385	$ -	$ -	$ 42,928
Intergovernmental revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	308,478	308,478
Investment income	1,958	134	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,092
TOTAL REVENUES	1,958	6,763	14,440	5,959	3,515	12,385	-	308,478	353,498
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
Judicial	-	2,447	-	5,754	-	-	-	-	8,201
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,115	41,115
Public safety	-	-	23	-	-	36,288	-	-	36,311
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	2,329	-	-	-	2,329
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	610,346	610,346
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	2,447	23	5,754	2,329	36,288	-	651,461	698,302
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,958	4,316	14,417	205	1,186	(23,903)	-	(342,983)	(344,804)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	193,419	28,603	3,949	1,910	6,055	198,339	3,035	502,183	937,493
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ 195,377	$ 32,919	$ 18,366	$ 2,115	$ 7,241	$ 174,436	$ 3,035	$ 159,200	$ 592,689

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
REVOLVING LOAN FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Investment income	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 1,958	$ (542)
TOTAL REVENUES	2,500	2,500	1,958	(542)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Housing and development	2,500	2,500	-	(2,500)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,500	2,500	-	(2,500)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	1,958	1,958
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	193,419	193,419
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ 195,377	$ 195,377

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
LAW LIBRARY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 6,629	$ (8,371)
Investment income	-	-	134	134
TOTAL REVENUES	15,000	15,000	6,763	(8,237)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Judicial	15,000	15,000	2,447	(12,553)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	15,000	15,000	2,447	(12,553)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	4,316	4,316
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	28,603	28,603
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ 32,919	$ 32,919

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
JAIL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 14,440	$ (10,560)
TOTAL REVENUES	25,000	25,000	14,440	(10,560)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety	25,000	25,000	23	(24,977)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,000	25,000	23	(24,977)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	14,417	14,417
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	3,949	3,949
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ 18,366	$ 18,366

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
VICTIM ASSISTANCE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 5,700	$ 5,700	$ 5,959	$ 259
TOTAL REVENUES	5,700	5,700	5,959	259
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Judicial	5,700	5,700	5,754	54
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,700	5,700	5,754	54
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	205	205
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	1,910	1,910
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ 2,115	$ 2,115

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
D.A.T.E. FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$ 3,515	$ (985)
TOTAL REVENUES	4,500	4,500	3,515	(985)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Health and welfare	4,500	4,500	2,329	(2,171)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,500	4,500	2,329	(2,171)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	1,186	1,186
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	6,055	6,055
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ 7,241	$ 7,241

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATE DRUG AND STATE SEIZURE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 12,385	$ (37,615)
TOTAL REVENUES	50,000	50,000	12,385	(37,615)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety	50,000	50,000	36,288	(13,712)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	50,000	50,000	36,288	(13,712)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	(23,903)	(23,903)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	198,339	198,339
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ 174,436	$ 174,436

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FEDERAL SEIZURE EQUITABLE SHARING FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 3,100	$ 3,100	$ -	$ (3,100)
TOTAL REVENUES	3,100	3,100	-	(3,100)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety	3,100	3,100	-	(3,100)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,100	3,100	-	(3,100)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	3,035	3,035
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ 3,035	$ 3,035

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
PUBLIC ROADS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenue	$ 285,000	$ 285,000	$ 308,478	$ 23,478
TOTAL REVENUES	285,000	285,000	308,478	23,478
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public works	-	-	41,115	41,115
Capital outlay	285,000	285,000	610,346	325,346
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	285,000	285,000	651,461	366,461
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	(342,983)	(342,983)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	502,183	502,183
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -	$ 159,200	$ 159,200

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CUSTODIAL FUNDS

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

Tax Commissioner - to account for the collection of property taxes, motor vehicle tax and title fees and mobile home fees, etc. which are disbursed to various taxing units.

Probate Judge - to account for the collection of fees for a probate of wills, administration of estates, issuance of marriage licenses ad maintenance of other vital records which are disbursed to other parties.

Clerk of Superior Court - to account for the collection of various fines, forfeitures, jury fund receipts, real estate transfer taxes, recording of intangibles, fees, civil awards, etc. which are disbursed to other parties.

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

Magistrate Court - to account for the collection of fees in jurisdiction of small claims courts, which are disbursed to other parties.

LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
June 30, 2020

	CUSTODIAL FUNDS					
	TAX COMMISSIONER	PROBATE JUDGE	CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT	OFFICE OF SHERIFF	MAGISTRATE COURT	TOTAL
ASSETS						
Cash	$ 456,548	$ 25,744	$ 97,920	$ 36,387	$ 5,385	$ 621,984
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 456,548	$ 25,744	$ 97,920	$ 36,387	$ 5,385	$ 621,984
NET POSITION						
Net position -held for others	$ 456,548	$ 25,744	$ 97,920	$ 36,387	$ 5,385	$ 621,984
TOTAL POSITION	$ 456,548	$ 25,744	$ 97,920	$ 36,387	$ 5,385	$ 621,984

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
For the year ending June 30, 2020

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Taxes	$ 8,143,459
Court fees	724,587
Sheriff fees	73,413
Total Additions	8,941,459
DEDUCTIONS	
Payment of taxes to other agencies	8,140,142
Payment of court fees	708,192
Payment of sheriff fees to other agencies	72,810
Total Deductions	8,921,144
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	20,315
NET POSITION BEGINNING OF YEAR, RESTATED	601,669
NET POSITION END OF YEAR	$ 621,984

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COMPLIANCE SECTION

LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY SPECIAL PURPOSE SALES TAX PROCEEDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

2017 SPLOST	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	Estimated Percentage of Completion
Roads, streets and bridge purposes	$ 7,493,625	$ 7,493,625	$ 154,712	$ 405,404	$ 560,116	7.47%
Park & Recreation Project	832,625	832,625	-	-	-	0.00%
City of Lakeland	4,173,750	4,173,750	315,678	197,083	512,761	12.29%
Totals	$ 12,500,000	$ 12,500,000	$ 470,390	$ 602,487	$ 1,072,877	

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LANIER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

SOURCE and APPLICATION OF FUNDS SCHEDULE
Community Development Block Grant

Lanier County, Georgia

18p-y-086-1-6010

For the Period Ending: June 30, 2020
Cumulative

I. Total Fiscal Year 2018 CDBG Funds Awarded to Recipient:	$ 741,682
II. Total Amount of Drawdown by Recipient from DCA:	$ 741,682
III. Less: CDBG Funds Expended by Recipient:	$ 741,682
IV. Amount of Fiscal Year 2018 CDBG Funds held by Recipient:	$ -

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
PROJECT COST SCHEDULE

Recipient: Lanier County, Georgia

Grant #: 18p-y-086-1-6010

For the Period Ending: June 30, 2020

Program Activity	CDBG Activity Number	Latest Approved Budget	Accumulative CDBG Expenditures To Date	Accumulative Expenditures To Date (Other Funds)	Grand Total of Expenditures To Date	Questioned Costs
Clearance	P-004-00	$ 20,851	$ 20,851	$ -	$ 20,851	$ -
Senior Center	P-03A-00	$ 438,735	$ 438,735	$ -	$ 438,735	$ -
Head Start Center	P-03M-02	$ 237,096	$ 237,096	$ -	$ 237,096	$ -
Administration	A-21A-00	$ 45,000	$ 45,000	$ -	$ 45,000	$ -
TOTAL		$ 741,682	$ 741,682	$ -	$ 741,682	$ -

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

To the Board of Commissioners
of Lanier County, Georgia
Lakeland, 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 discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lanier County, Georgia as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Lanier County, Georgia's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 26, 2021. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Lanier County Board of Health, as described in our report on Lanier County, Georgia's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Lanier County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Lanier County, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Lanier 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 preceding paragraph 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. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be material weaknesses [2020-001, 2020-002 , 2020-003 and 2020-004].

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Lanier County, Georgia's Response to Findings

Lanier County, Georgia's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Lanier County, Georgia's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

Tifton, Georgia
August 26, 2021

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

To the Board of Commissioners
of Lanier County, Georgia
Lakeland, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Lanier County, Georgia's compliance, with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Lanier County, Georgia's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. Lanier County, Georgia's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Lanier County, Georgia's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Lanier County, Georgia's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Lanier County, Georgia's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Lanier County, Georgia, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Lanier County, Georgia, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Lanier County, Georgia's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Lanier County, Georgia's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as [2020-005], that we consider to be a material weakness.

Lanier County, Georgia's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Lanier County, Georgia's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

Tifton, Georgia
August 26, 2021

Lanier County, Georgia
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title *Pass-through Grantor and Number*	*Federal CFDA Number*	*Pass through Grantor Number*	*Passed through to subrecipients*	*Expenditures*
Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed through the Southern Georgia Regional Commission				
Aging Cluster				
Special Programs for the Aging Title III, Part C, Nutrition Services	93.045	AAA-2020-27	$ -	$ 38,944
Total Aging Cluster			-	38,944
Total Department of Health and Human Services			**$ -**	**$ 38,944**
Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Passed through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs				
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	14.228	18p-y-086-1-6010	$ -	$ 741,682
Total Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii			-	741,682
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development			**$ -**	**$ 741,682**
United States Department of Treasury				
Passed through the State of Georgia Office of Planning and Budget				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	COVID-19; CRF 2020-14667	$ -	$ 224,255
Total COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund			-	224,255
Total United States Department of Treasury			-	**224,255**
Department of Homeland Security				
Passed through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency				
Emergency Management Performance Grants				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMPG-2019-19088	$ -	$ 19,122
Total Emergency Management Peformance Grants			-	19,122
Total United States Department of Homeland Security			-	**19,122**
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			**$ -**	**$ 1,024,003**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Measurement Focus

The determination of when an award is expended is based on when the activity related to the award occurs.

NOTE 2: INDIRECT COST

The County did not elect to use the 10% de Minimis indirect cost rate.

NOTE 3: LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES

The County did not have any loans or loan guarantee programs during the year.

NOTE 4: NONCASH ASSISTANCE

There were no federal awards expended in the form of noncash assistance during the year.

Lanier County, Georgia
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:		*unmodified*
Internal control over financial reporting: Material weakness(es) identified?		X Yes ___ No
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?		___ Yes X None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?		___ Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs: Material weakness(es) identified?		X Yes ___ No
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?		___ Yes X None reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:		*unmodified*
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?		X Yes ___ No
Identification of major programs:		
Name of Federal Program or Cluster Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	CFDA Number 14.228	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	$ 750,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		___ Yes X No

SECTION II FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Material Weaknesses

2020-001 Segregation of Duties

Criteria:

Duties should be segregated between employees so that the responsibility for authorizing transactions, recording transactions, and maintaining custody of assets are assigned to different personnel.

Condition:

Lanier County, Georgia is a small local government and has a limited amount of resources and employees. Therefore, the County does not have an adequate number of employees to provide for the proper segregation of duties.

Cause of Condition:

Since the County is a small local government, it is not financially feasible for the County to hire additional employees to provide for an adequate segregation of duties.

Effect of Condition:

The County's internal control structure does not contain adequate safeguarding controls provided by segregation of duties that would provide for the prevention or timely detection of unauthorized transactions and unauthorized access to assets that could result in losses that are material to the financial statements.

Recommendation:

The Board of Commissioners and elected officials of the constitutional offices should develop a plan to improve the lack of segregation of duties in each office. The assignment of responsibilities should be developed to provide adequate segregation of duties. The manpower resources in each constitutional office, the administrative office, financial office, and other offices could be utilized.

Response of Management:

Management concurs with the finding and is continually working to improve controls to mitigate the risks associated with this condition

SECTION II FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

Material Weaknesses (Continued)

2020-002 Grant Receivables and Revenue

Criteria:

Internal controls should be in place to ensure that grant receivables and revenues are reported accurately.

Condition:

Grant receivables and revenues were not reported accurately at year-end.

Cause of Condition:

Grant receivables and revenues related to CARES Act funding were not reconciled at year-end with grant agreements, grant receipts, and other supporting documentation.

Effect of Condition:

Misstatements of receivables and revenues at year-end were not detected in the reporting of the aforementioned items.

Recommendation:

Management should develop and implement procedures to ensure that grant receivables and revenues are properly reconciled and reported at year-end.

Response of Management:

Management concurs with the finding and will implement policies and controls to ensure grant receivables and revenues are reported accurately.

SECTION II FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

Material Weaknesses (Continued)

2020-003 Payroll Expenditures

Criteria:
Internal controls should be in place to ensure that payroll expenditures are reviewed and approved.

Condition:
Documentation that payroll expenditures were properly reviewed and approved was not available.

Cause of Condition:
Payroll expenditures were not properly reviewed and approved.

Effect of Condition:
Controls were not properly implemented to document and ensure that payroll expenditures were reviewed and approved.

Recommendation:
Management should develop and implement procedures to ensure that payroll expenditures are reviewed and approved.

Response of Management:
Management concurs with the finding and will implement policies and controls to ensure payroll expenditures are reviewed and approved.

2020-004 Completeness of Schedule of Federal Award Expenditures

Criteria:
The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) should properly identify expenditures of all federal awards, federal awards from pass-through entities and the federal portion of multi-funded awards.

Condition:
The SEFA did not identify all expenditures of federal awards from pass-through entities.

Cause of Condition:
Federal award expenditures related to the COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund, CFDA #21.019 were excluded from the SEFA.

Effect of Condition:
The County had to prepare a revised SEFA to include additional federal award expenditures in order to reconcile the SEFA to the underlying accounting records and financial statements.

Recommendation:
The County should develop policies to ensure that all expenditures of federal awards, federal awards from pass-through entities and the federal portion of multi-funded awards are identified and included in the preparation of the SEFA.

SECTION II FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

Material Weaknesses (Continued)

2020-004 Completeness of Schedule of Federal Award Expenditures

Response of Management:
Management concurs with this finding and will develop policies to ensure that all expenditures of federal awards, federal awards from pass-through entities and the federal portion of multi-funded awards are identified and included in the preparation of the SEFA.

SECTION III FINDINGS – FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT

2020-005 Independent verification of wage rate requirement compliance

Type of Finding:	Material Weakness
Compliance Requirements:	Special Tests and Provisions – Wage Rate Requirements
Federal Program Title:	Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii
Federal Catalog Number:	14.228
Federal Agency:	United States Department of Housing and Development
Pass-through Entity:	Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Grant Number:	18p-y-086-1-6010
Award Year:	2018

Criteria:

2 CFR 200.303(a) states that the non-Federal entity must "establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the non-Federal entity is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award." County management or an appropriate official should ensure that contractors complied with the wage rate provisions of 29 CFR 5.5

Condition:

The County does not receive and review the certified payrolls for compliance with wage rate requirements.

Cause of Condition:
Based upon the conditions of an agreement for services, a third party, acting as a consultant, receives the certified payrolls and reviews them for compliance with wage rate requirements.

SECTION III FINDINGS – FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT (CONTINUED)

2020-005 Independent verification of wage rate requirement compliance (Continued)

Effect of Condition:

The County has not ensured that contractors are in compliance with wage rate requirements. The results of audit procedures concluded that the contractors were in compliance with wage rate requirements.

Questioned Costs: None identified

Perspective Information: The finding is not considered to be systemic to federal award programs within the County.

Recommendation:
The County should request that all documentation related to wage rate interviews and the review of certified payrolls for compliance be sent to County officials for additional review prior to official closeout.

Response of Management:
Management concurs with the finding and will implement policies and controls to ensure the County receives and reviews the certified payrolls for compliance and wage requirements.

Lanier County, Georgia
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings

Financial Statement Findings	Status
2019-001	See finding 2020-001
2019-002	Resolved in current year
2019-003	Resolved in current year

Federal Award Findings	Status
n/a	n/a