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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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NEWTON COUNTY

Board of Commissioners

Marcello Banes
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District 1

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District 2

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District 3

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District 4

Ronnie Cowan
District 5

Lloyd Kerr
County Manager

Jackie Smith
County Clerk

January 27, 2022

To the Honorable Chairman, Distinguished Members of the Board of Commissioners,
and the Citizens of Newton County, Georgia:

We are honored to present Newton County's (the "County") Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR"). The report is as of June 30, 2021. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the County. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, the County has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government's assets form loss, theft, or misuse and to complete sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the County's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the objective is to present reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and are reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds, account groups and component units of the County. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the County's financial activities has been included.

The County's financial statements have been audited by Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accountants, LLC. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the County are free of material misstatement. Our auditors have issued an unmodified opinion of the County's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021. The independent auditor's report is located at the front of the financial section of the report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the County was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements; with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of federal awards. These reports are presented in a separate Single Audit report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") immediately follows the independent auditor's report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the Government

The County was created in 1821 from parts of Henry, Jasper, and Walton Counties. Georgia's 53rd county was renamed for Revolutionary War hero, John Newton. There are six cities located either partially or entirely within the County: Mansfield, Newborn, Oxford, Porterdale, Social Circle, and Covington, the County Seat. Newton County, Georgia is located on the I-20 corridor, approximately 40 miles southeast of Atlanta and has a land area of 276.4 square miles and serves a population of approximately 106,999.

The governing authority of the County is a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members elected by the district and a Chairman elected at large. The commissioners serve on a part-time basis and are elected to staggered terms of four years. The commissioners are responsible for, among other things, passing ordinances, adopting the budget, establishing tax rates, appointing committees, appointing the County's Attorney and Clerk, and hiring the County's Manager. The County Manager is responsible for the administration of all the affairs of the County over which he or she has jurisdiction, including hiring heads of various departments.

The County provides a full range of services, including law enforcement and a detention facility; fire protection in incorporated and unincorporated areas; construction and maintenance of buildings, parks, streets, highways, bridges, and other associated infrastructure; voter registration and election; court systems; tax assessment and tax collection; planning, zoning and development; building inspections; geographic information system ("GIS"); Cornish Creek Reservoir water system; solid waste management and recycling; animal control; emergency management; parks and recreational activities; 911 emergency communications; and general administrative and support services.

This report includes all funds of the County as well as those component units that have been determined to meet the criteria for inclusion in the County's reporting entity. Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority, Newton County Health Department, Newton County Industrial Development Authority, and Newton County Library System, are all included as an integral part of the County's financial statements. Additional information on all five of these legally separate entities can be found in the Notes to Financial Statements.

The annual budget serves as the foundation for the County's financial planning and control. All departments and agencies of the County are required to submit requests for appropriation to the Finance Director and County Manager in February each year. These requests are then used as the starting point for developing a proposed budget. The Finance Director and County Manager then work in collaboration with the Chairman to finalize the proposed budget by April. The County Manager will then present the proposed budget to the Board of Commissioners for review during the month of May. The Board of Commissioners are required to hold public hearings on the proposed budget and to adopt a final budget by June 30th each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and department. Department heads may transfer resources within a department as they see fit. Transfers between departments, however, need special approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Annual appropriated budgets were legally adopted for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, except for Seized Funds, PFA Fund, and ARPA Fund, and Debt Service Fund. Project length budgets were adopted for all Capital Projects Funds. The supplementary budgetary appropriations made were not material.

Budget to actual comparisons are provided in this report for each individual governmental fund for which an appropriated annual budget has been adopted. For the general fund, this comparison is presented as part of the Basic Financial Statements for the governmental funds. For governmental funds, other than the general fund, with appropriated annual budgets, this comparison is presented in the governmental fund subsection of this report.

Local economy

The County is one of 159 counties in Georgia, and is part of the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Georgia Metropolitan Statistical Area ("MSA"). The County is strategically located along the I-20 corridor just 40 miles southeast of Atlanta. This proximity to the Atlanta metropolitan area saw the County listed as one of the fastest growing communities in Georgia as well as the nation in recent years.

The County was not immune to the multi-year economic downturn (from 2008 through 2013 primarily). Property values during this recession saw a 37% decrease. The County has experienced a slow, but steadily improving, economic recovery from this recession. The County is seeing renewed interest in development as the growth rate has increased 6% over the past five years.

In 2008, leaders within the County Commission, the City of Covington, the Newton County Board of Education, the Newton County Water & Sewage Authority and the municipalities of Oxford and Porterdale identified economic development as one of their most important issues. The comprehensive approach to growing the County economy uses a model that is sustainable, uses traditional and non-traditional approaches and preserves the natural resources. There are two major sites on the County's east side, the Heart of Georgia "megasite" near Social Circle, and the sprawling Stanton Springs site, representing the best locations for development in the state. The largest industrial development revenue bond in the history of the State of Georgia was issued for the development of the $42 billion Facebook data center in Stanton Springs. The State of Georgia recently recognized Newton County Economic Development and the Joint Development Authority with the "Deal of the Year" award for Facebook. Interest in the County as a major manufacturing and biotechnical industry site continues to grow as Takeda Pharmaceutical and Facebook expand their footprint and presence. Along with two existing sites, a potential sister site to Stanton Springs called Station Grove has been secured and could potentially add an additional 1,100 acres for manufacturing development.

Long-Term Financial Planning and Major Initiatives

The County will continue to focus on maintaining existing infrastructure, retaining and attracting business while managing fiscal resources responsibly so that all citizens can maintain the quality of life enjoyed in the County. Major initiatives include increasing water production to 35 million gallons per day, constructing two new fire stations, expansion of the animal services facility, expansion of the senior services center, expansion of the Sheriff's Office, replacing radios and communications equipment for the 911 center and for public safety personnel, improving our local parks, and supporting all five strategies of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.

Increased emphasis is being placed on building our fund balances while practicing good stewardship of public funds. Efficient and effective utilization of finite resources is forcing accountability at all levels and resulting in streamlining of processes and procedures.

Internal Controls

In developing and evaluating the County's accounting system, consideration is given to the adequacy of internal accounting control. Internal accounting controls are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding: 1) the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition; and 2) the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: 1) the cost of control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and 2) the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

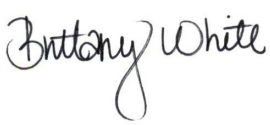
Cash Management Policies and Practices

The County has contracted with Synovus to provide banking services. The County's policy is to minimize risk, maintain a competitive yield, and keep investments in local banks whenever possible. All operating funds of the County are carried in interest-bearing Public Funds Interest Checking Accounts. The County also participates in Georgia Fund 1, a state local government investment pool, which is managed by the Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services. To eliminate credit and market risks, all deposits of the County are insured by federal depository insurance or collateralized at 110% of market value. The County maintains an Aa2 credit rating from Moody's Investor Services.

Acknowledgements

The preparation of the ACFR could not have been accomplished without the dedication of the staff in the Finance Department of Newton County and without the professional guidance and assistance of Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs, LLC. We wish to thank all County departments for their cooperation and their willingness to provide the data necessary to prepare this report. Finally, we would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for their unfailing support and leadership in maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in management of Newton County's finances.

Respectfully submitted,



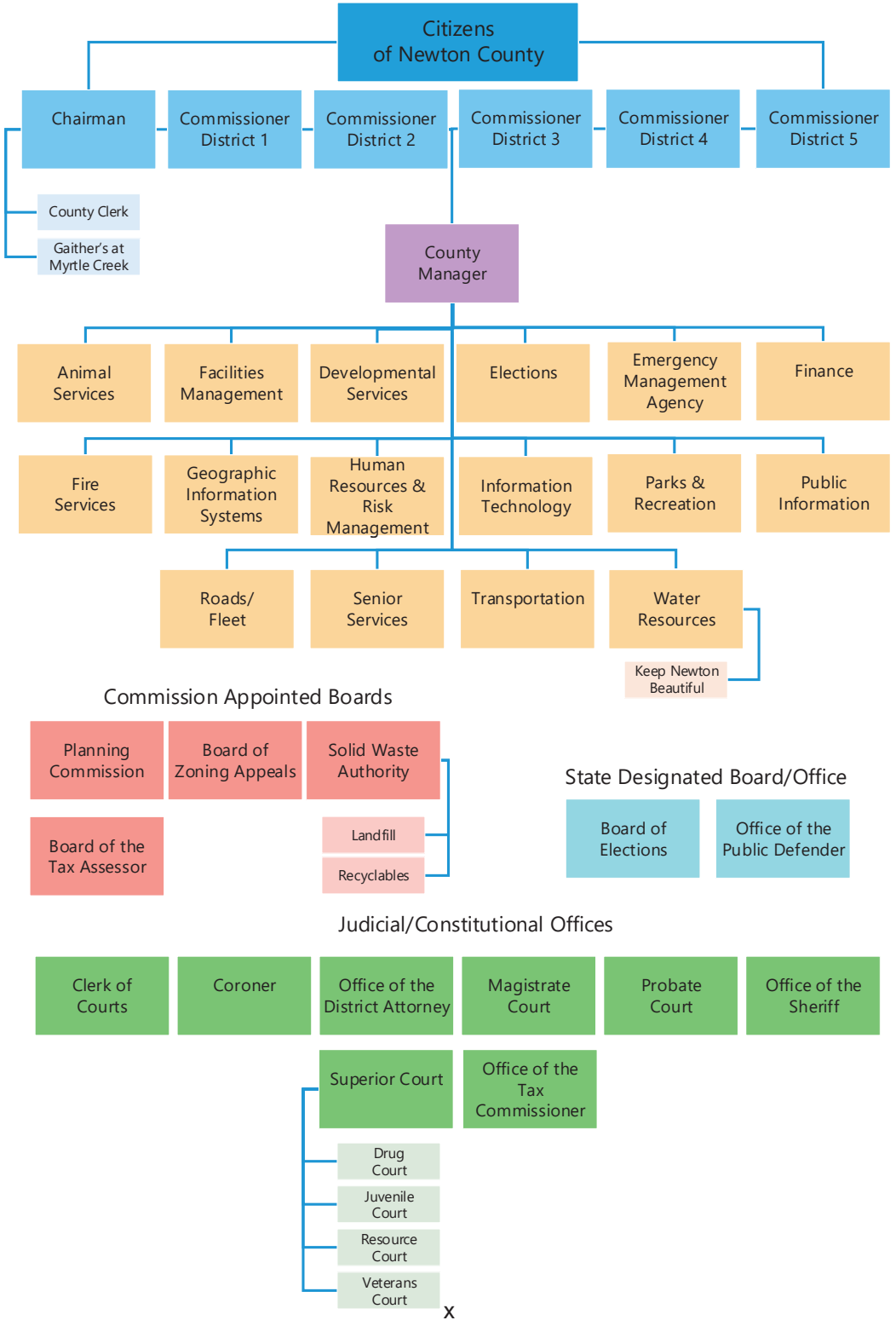
Brittany White
Finance Director



Lloyd Kerr
County Manager

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
JUNE 30, 2021



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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2021

Elected Officials

Chairman	**Marcello Banes**
District 1	**Stan Edwards**
District 2	**Demond Mason**
District 3	**Alana Sanders**
District 4	**J.C. Henderson**
District 5	**Ronnie Cowan**
Tax Commissioner	**Marcus Jordan**
Sheriff	**Ezell Brown**
Clerk of Superior Court	**Linda Hays**
Superior Court Judge	**John M. Ott**
Superior Court Judge	**Layla H. Zon**
Superior Court Judge	**W. Kendall Wynne, Jr.**
Superior Court Judge	**Cheveda D. McCamy**
Superior Court Judge	**Jeffrey L. Foster**
Probate Court Judge	**Melanie Bell**
Magistrate Court Judge	**Melanie Bell**
District Attorney	**Randy McGinley**
Coroner	**Tommy Davis**

Principal Officials

County Manager	**Lloyd Kerr**
County Clerk	**Jackie Smith**
County Attorney	**Jarrard & Davis, LLP**

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
of Newton County, Georgia
Covington, Georgia

Report on the Financial Statements

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

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Newton County Health Department, the Newton County Industrial Development Authority, or the Newton County Library System, which represent 1.13%, 2.19%, and 3.07%, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Newton County Health Department, the Newton County Industrial Development Authority, and the Newton County Library System, 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 principles used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence 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 reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") (on pages 5 through 21), Schedule of Changes in the County's Net Pension Liability (on pages 90 and 91), and the Schedule of County Contributions (on page 92), 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 conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") §48-8-121, and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, the schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds, 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 basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, the schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 27, 2022, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Newton County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Macon, Georgia
January 27, 2022

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Our Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Newton County's (the "County") financial performance provides a narrative overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021. The analysis provides summary financial information for Newton County as a whole and should be read in conjunction with the government's financial statements to fully understand Newton County's performance. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The County's primary government assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by $286,923,800 (net position) at the close of the year, June 30, 2021. Of this amount $245,181,937 is governmental activities and $41,741,863 is business-type activities.
- The County's total net position increased by $33,450,731 from governmental activities and $5,461,331 from business-type activities.
- At June 30, 2021, the combined revenue total for the County is $145,955,178, a 27.29% increase from 2020. Of the combined, total governmental activities is $129,222,751 and business-type activities is $16,732,427.
- At June 30, 2021, the combined expense total for the County is $107,043,116, a 4.63% increase from 2020. Of the combined, total governmental activities is $94,538,226 and business-type activities is $12,504,890.
- As of the close of June 30, 2021, the County's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of $85,612,760, an increase of $17,548,382 from 2020. Most of this increase (97%) occurred in the general fund.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was $39,689,032 or 59.4% of general fund expenditures.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The MD&A is intended to serve as an introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of County's finances in a manner similar to private-sector businesses. There are two government-wide statements, the statement of net position and the statement of activities, which are described below.

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. A review of annual increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving (an increase) or deteriorating (a decrease). The statement of activities presents the revenues and expenses of the County. The difference between these is the change in net position for the year.

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

The government-wide financial statements include not only Newton County, Georgia itself (known as the primary government), but also the Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority, Newton County Board of Health, Newton County Industrial Development Authority, and Newton County Library System. These are legally separate entities that are component units of the County due to the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the County. Financial information for these component units is reported separately from the financial information presented for the primary government itself.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 22 – 25 of this report.

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 objectives. Newton 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 four categories: governmental, proprietary, internal service, and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds

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

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

At June 30, 2021, the County maintains 23 governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the general fund, impact fee fund, 2017 SPLOST fund, ARPA fund, capital improvement fund, and FEMA fund, all of which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The County adopts annual appropriated budgets for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, except for the Seized Funds, PFA Fund, ARPA Fund, and Debt Service Fund. Project length budgets were adopted for all Capital Projects Funds.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 22 – 31.

Proprietary Funds

The County maintains two different types of proprietary funds: enterprise and internal service funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County maintains three enterprise funds: The Water Fund, Solid Waste Fund and Gaither's at Myrtle Creek Fund. Internal Service Funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions. The County uses an internal service fund to account for the self-insured workers' compensation programs. The workers' compensation program is administered through the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia ("ACCG"). The revenue sources for these funds are made through transfers from the General Fund.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 32 – 35 of this report.

Fiduciary Funds

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

The basic fiduciary fund statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities can be found on pages 36 and 37 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 38 – 89 of this report.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the County's pension plans on pages 90 – 92. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 93 – 105, and Schedules of Projects Constructed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax can be found on pages 106 – 108 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of Newton County, assets exceeded liabilities by $286,923,800 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. This is an increase of $38,912,062 or 15.7% from fiscal year 2020.

The following analysis provides a breakdown of the County's net position in a condensed format presenting current and non-current amounts for the governmental activities as well as for the business-type activities.

Newton County's Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total		
	2021	2020	**2021**	2020	**2021**	2020	**Variance**
Current and other assets	**$ 130,669,069**	$ 90,198,691	**$ 33,476,525**	$ 28,393,225	**$ 164,145,594**	$ 118,591,916	$ 45,553,678
Capital assets	**163,297,621**	162,268,900	**63,079,633**	55,399,987	**226,377,254**	217,668,887	8,708,367
Total assets	**293,966,690**	252,467,591	**96,556,158**	83,793,212	**390,522,848**	336,260,803	54,262,045
Deferred outflows of resources	**133,242**	175,316	**590,492**	787,322	**723,734**	962,638	(238,904)
Current liabilities	**18,508,169**	8,544,280	**3,435,886**	1,702,341	**21,944,055**	10,246,621	11,697,434
Long-term liabilities	**30,154,876**	32,222,142	**51,916,028**	46,258,318	**82,070,904**	78,480,460	3,590,444
Total liabilities	**48,663,045**	40,766,422	**55,351,914**	47,960,659	**104,014,959**	88,727,081	15,287,878
Deferred inflows of resources	**254,950**	145,279	**52,873**	339,343	**307,823**	484,622	(176,799)
Net position:							
Net investment in capital assets	**150,264,572**	145,654,443	**28,316,224**	26,547,347	**178,580,796**	172,201,790	6,379,006
Restricted	**36,555,112**	36,133,165	**2,160,572**	2,412,860	**38,715,684**	38,546,025	169,659
Unrestricted	**58,362,253**	29,943,598	**11,265,067**	7,320,325	**69,627,320**	37,263,923	32,363,397
Total net position	**$ 245,181,937**	$ 211,731,206	**$ 41,741,863**	$ 36,280,532	**$ 286,923,800**	$ 248,011,738	$ 38,912,062

The largest component of the County's net position, $178,580,796 (62%), at June 30, 2021 reflects its investments in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment, and roads), less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the county's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves are not planned to be used to liquidate those liabilities.

The next component of the County's net position consists of restricted net position, $38,715,684 (14%), which represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The final component is unrestricted net position, $69,627,320 (24%), which may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Changes in Net Position

During fiscal year 2021, the County's, on an entity-wide basis, net position increased $38,912,062. The following table gives a comparison for the changes in net position in governmental and business type activities for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

Newton County's Changes in Net Position

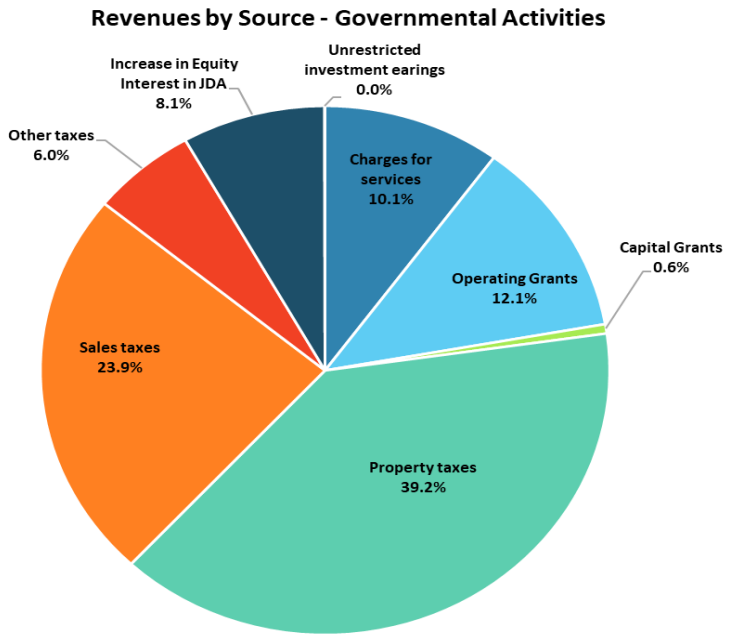
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total		Variance
	2021	2020	**2021**	2020	**2021**	2020	**Pos. (Neg.)**
Program revenues:							
Charges for services	**$ 13,070,604**	$ 11,526,260	**$ 16,717,812**	$ 14,500,260	**$ 29,788,416**	$ 26,026,520	$ 3,761,896
Grants and contributions:							
Operating	**15,612,281**	5,898,902	**-**	-	**15,612,281**	5,898,902	9,713,379
Capital	**734,728**	1,431,337	**-**	89,817	**734,728**	1,521,154	(786,426)
General revenues:							
Property taxes	**50,617,784**	47,962,797	**-**	-	**50,617,784**	47,962,797	2,654,987
Sales taxes	**30,930,813**	25,023,436	**-**	-	**30,930,813**	25,023,436	5,907,377
Other taxes	**7,699,153**	7,348,623	**-**	-	**7,699,153**	7,348,623	350,530
Increase in equity interest in JDA	**10,524,973**	-	**-**	-	**10,524,973**	-	10,524,973
Unrestricted investment earnings	**32,415**	743,358	**14,615**	140,886	**47,030**	884,244	(837,214)
Total revenues	**129,222,751**	99,934,713	**16,732,427**	14,730,963	**145,955,178**	114,665,676	31,289,502
Expenses, by function:							
General government	**12,634,319**	10,628,574	**-**	-	**12,634,319**	10,628,574	2,005,745
Judicial	**7,694,811**	7,445,609	**-**	-	**7,694,811**	7,445,609	249,202
Public safety	**45,242,442**	42,922,723	**-**	-	**45,242,442**	42,922,723	2,319,719
Public works	**22,763,198**	21,462,433	**-**	-	**22,763,198**	21,462,433	1,300,765
Health and welfare	**2,214,025**	2,742,686	**-**	-	**2,214,025**	2,742,686	(528,661)
Culture and recreation	**1,625,228**	2,557,441	**-**	-	**1,625,228**	2,557,441	(932,213)
Housing and development	**1,559,117**	1,437,429	**-**	-	**1,559,117**	1,437,429	121,688
Interest on long-term debt	**805,086**	762,001	**-**	-	**805,086**	762,001	43,085
Water	**-**	-	**6,669,960**	6,389,735	**6,669,960**	6,389,735	280,225
Solid Waste	**-**	-	**5,584,035**	5,572,576	**5,584,035**	5,572,576	11,459
Gaither's Plantation	**-**	-	**250,895**	381,870	**250,895**	381,870	(130,975)
Total expenses	**94,538,226**	89,958,896	**12,504,890**	12,344,181	**107,043,116**	102,303,077	4,740,039
Change in net position before transfers and loss on disposal	**34,684,525**	9,975,817	**4,227,537**	2,386,782	**38,912,062**	12,362,599	26,549,463
Transfers	**(1,233,794)**	(1,216,561)	**1,233,794**	1,216,561	**-**	-	-
Loss on disposal	**-**	-	**-**	-	**-**	-	-
Increase in net position	**33,450,731**	8,759,256	**5,461,331**	3,603,343	**38,912,062**	12,362,599	26,549,463
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	**211,731,206**	202,971,950	**36,280,532**	32,677,189	**248,011,738**	235,649,139	12,362,599
Net position, end of year	**$ 245,181,937**	$ 211,731,206	**$ 41,741,863**	$ 36,280,532	**$ 286,923,800**	$ 248,011,738	$ 38,912,062

Governmental Activities

Governmental activities increased the County's net position by $33,450,731.

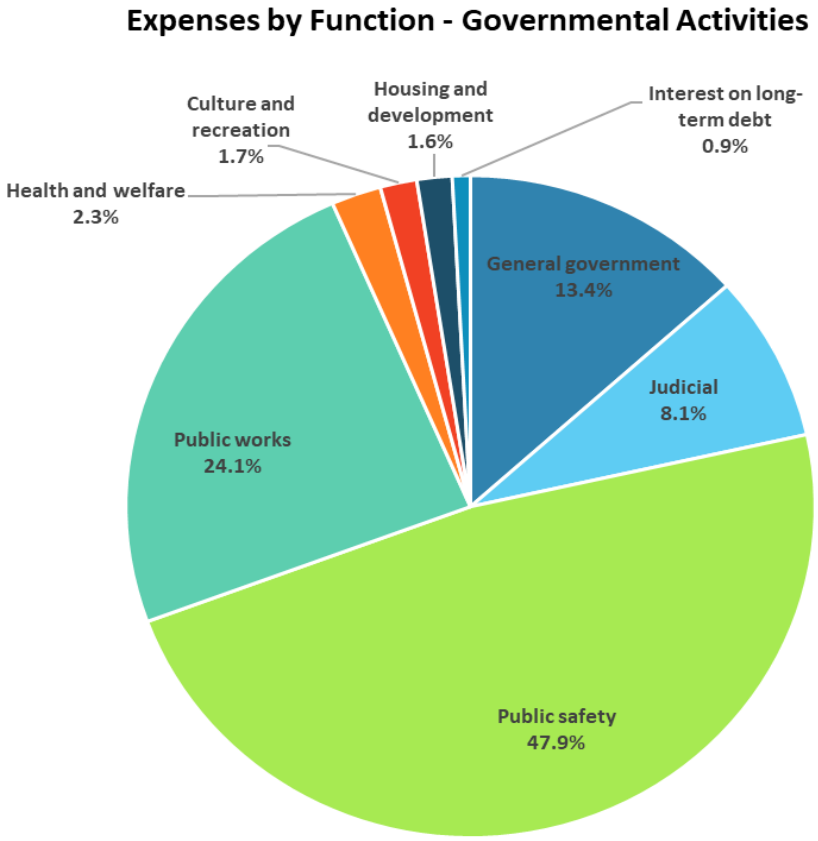
- Newton County reported $129,222,751 of governmental revenues in fiscal year 2021. This represents an increase of $29,288,038 (29.31%) from the prior year.
- The County's governmental activities relied on the following revenue sources in 2021: $89,247,750 in taxes, $13,070,604 in charges for services, $16,347,009 for grants and contributions, $10,524,973 in the increase in equity interest in the Joint Development Authority (JDA), and $32,415 in investment earnings.
- Property tax totaling $50,617,784 is the largest revenue source for the county. Property tax revenue increased $2,654,987 (5.5%) during the year. Most of this increase is due to the increase of the value of real property.

The chart below illustrates the distribution of revenues for governmental activities.



- Expenses for Programs related to governmental activities totaled $94,538,226. This represents an increase of $4,579,330 (5.1%) from 2020.
- Expenses incurred for Public Safety, which includes the Sheriff's Department, Detention Center, Fire Services, Coroner, E-911, Animal Services, and EMA made up $45,242,442 or about 48% of the total.
- The largest increase was $2,319,719 in public safety primarily related to payroll expenditures.

The chart below illustrates the distribution of expenditures for governmental activities.

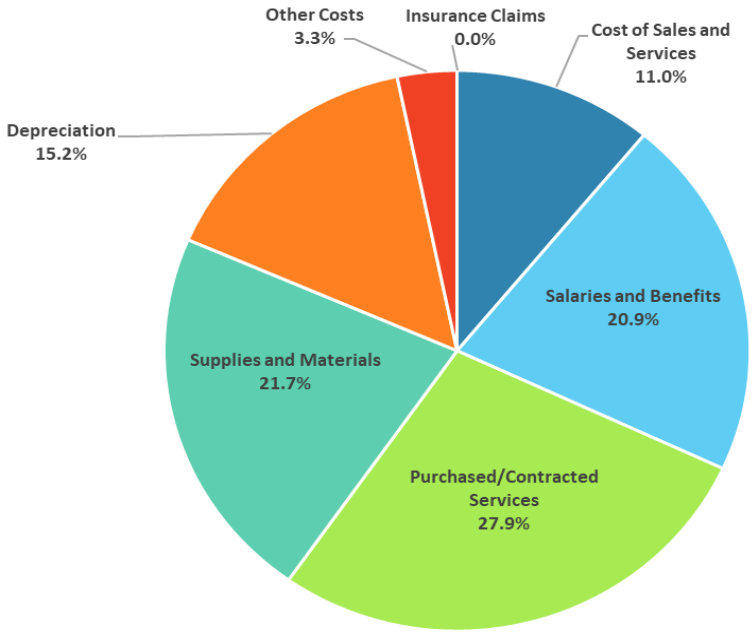


Business-type activities

Business-type activities increased the County's net position by $5,461,331 in fiscal year 2021. Business Type Activities are comprised of: Water Resources, Solid Waste, and Gaither's at Myrtle Creek and Factory Shoals. Highlights that contributed to the increase are listed below:

- Solid Waste has seen an increase in operating revenues of $2,353,895 from 2020. During the pandemic, the Landfill has seen a significant increase in the amount of trash brought to the Landfill. Also, in 2020 Solid Waste received $1,520,950 from the state from the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund.
- The Water Fund has an operating income of $3,337,467 in 2021. The Water Fund is continuing to build reserves for future debt payments from the GEFA loans for the rehab at both Alcovy Road and Williams Street plants.
- The Gaither's at Myrtle Creek and Factory Shoals fund has seen a decrease of $148,439 in operating revenues from 2020 due to the decrease in filming production during the pandemic.

Expenses by Category - Business-Type Activities



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

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

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

As of June 30, 2021, Newton County Governmental Funds reported a combined fund balance of $85,612,760, which is an increase from the prior year's total of $68,064,378. Below you will find more information on each of the County's major governmental funds.

Major Funds:

General Fund

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County**.** At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance was $39,689,032 which was an increase of $17,020,760 (75%) from 2020. Revenues from taxes makes up a bulk of the general fund revenues at 79.6%. We have also been placing an emphasis on building fund balance reserves by encouraging departments cut all non-critical spending which provided additional savings. We began budgeting for the 2021 budget at the beginning of the pandemic, with not knowing what type of economic situation would be looming in the future we were conservative in budgeting for sales tax and motor vehicle tax collection, however, the collections only continued to grow through the pandemic. There was an increase seen in LOST (1% Local Option Sales Tax) by 27% and motor vehicle tax collections by 25% from 2020. These 2 large increases led to the general fund total revenues coming in 13% higher than budgeted. The general fund expenditures came in $7,021,279 (9.5%) less than the budgeted amount in 2021. Public Safety made up 44% of the $7,021,279 budget to actual variance and a majority of this came from vacancies in the public safety positions.

Impact Fee Fund

The Impact Fee fund accounts for all Impact Fee funds collected by the County that are used for certain approved projects under the Impact Fee Plan. The Impact Fee Fund balance at the end of fiscal year 2021 was $3,394,171, an increase of $1,366,912 from the prior year. This increase is due to impact fee collections being higher than the current costs of the planned projects.

2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST") Capital Projects Fund

The 2017 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund accounts for the financial resources provided from the 2017 1% SPLOST Referendum. These resources must be used for capital projects and road improvements throughout the County. At the end of the 2021 fiscal year, the 2017 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund had a total fund balance of $32,673,983. The collection of the 2017 SPLOST monies began in July 2018. The 2017 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund had a decrease in fund balance of $902,910. This was due to the construction of several of the SPLOST projects starting and finishing in fiscal year 2021, and collections are still coming in. A few projects funded by SPLOST that were completed in 2021 are the Sheriff's Office Expansion, the Senior Services Building Expansion, the Animal Services Expansion, the Skate Park at Denny Dobbs, the Splash Pad, as well as many roads were paved and county fleet vehicles were replaced.

American Rescue Plan Fund

The American Rescue Plan Fund represents the first half of the distribution from the Federal Government's American Rescue Act Plan. In fiscal year 2021 the County received $10,852,481. The same amount is to be received in fiscal year 2022. As the end of fiscal year 2021 the County had not utilized any of the ARPA funding and all proceeds received were recorded as unearned revenue.

Capital Improvement Fund

The Capital Improvements Fund accounts for the amounts that are used for various specific capital projects of the County. At the end of the 2021 fiscal year, the Capital Improvement Fund had a total fund balance of $5,772,754, an increase of $1,326,743 from the prior year. This increase was due to the County implementing a plan to fund several future capital projects including sheriff vehicles, recreation projects, fire station renovations, and animal services surgery suite.

FEMA Fund

The FEMA Fund accounts for federal grant monies received from the Federal Emergency Management Association. The FEMA fund is showing a negative fund balance of $3,555,780. The County is currently in the close out stages with FEMA from flooding that occurred from December 2015 - January 2016 and expects to receive reimbursement for the deficit in fiscal year 2022.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Newton County's Proprietary Fund statements provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. The County has three enterprise funds; the Water Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Gaither's and Factory Shoals Fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, the County's proprietary funds reported ending net position of $41,741,863, an increase of $3,337,467 in the Water Fund, an increase of $1,966,976 in the Solid

Waste Fund, and an increase of $156,888 in the Gaither's and Factory Shoals Fund. Factors affecting the financial position of the Proprietary Funds are addressed in the discussion of the County's business type activities.

Water Fund

The County is a "wholesale water" producer and is the sole provider of water to the other public water systems within the County. The County maintains intergovernmental agreements for the sale of water to the five local municipalities and the Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority. The County also provides "out of county" water sales to Walton County, Jasper County, and Alcovy Shores (a private water system). The County currently operates two water treatment facilities.

The Water Fund accounts for "wholesale" water which was sold to the previously detailed water retailers. Total revenue is reported at $9,998,670 with total expenses at $6,134,501, resulting in operating income of $3,864,169 for fiscal year 2021. Net income produced by the Cornish Creek Water Fund will be used for future debt service and for the replacement and expansion of the County's drinking water production system. Expansion of the Cornish Creek Water Treatment Plant was completed in September of 2010. This has increased water production capacity from 15 MGD to 24 MGD. Series 2004 Water Revenue Bonds were issued for the water expansion and improvements in fiscal year 2005. In 2017, a GEFA loan was issued for drinking water improvements and in 2021 a Georgia Environmental Finance Authority ("GEFA") loan was issued for rehabilitation at for the Alcovy Road and Williams Street pumps. Detail of debt is described in the long-term debt section. See Note 7 in the Financial Section for further details. The County also offers limited recreation opportunities (fishing and picnicking) at Lake Varner Reservoir, with revenue from parking fees paid by non-County residents. Reservoir Management oversees these facilities and activities, as well as the reservoir buffer and enforcement of the Reservoir Management Plan. As noted previously, the Water Fund offsets additional operating expenses for this fund. Lake Varner is rated as one of the Top Fishing Spots in the State of Georgia.

Solid Waste Fund

The Solid Waste Fund operates a central landfill and six recycling centers that are located throughout the County. The recycling centers serve as transfer stations, with solid waste and recyclables being transported to the landfill for processing. Residents of Newton County are able to purchase hang tags to utilize the recycling centers. The operating expenses for these centers are funded by hang tag fee collections, operating income from the landfill and additional appropriations from the General Fund, which is transferred into the Solid Waste Fund. Revenue collected from the county-wide hang tag program was $859,944 in fiscal year 2021. Total revenue is reported at $6,635,496 with total expenses at $4,758,548 resulting in operating income of $1,876,948 for fiscal year 2021.

Gaither's at Myrtle Creek and Factory Shoals Fund

The County also reports operations of Gaither's at Myrtle Creek Farm and Factory Shoals as a separate fund. In fiscal year 2018, the County moved Factory Shoals from the General Fund so that the recreational type facilities are accounted for in the same fund since they operate similarly. Gaither's is a special event facility of a historical nature that generates operating and capital revenues from rental fees, program events, donations, interest income, and an annual appropriation from the general fund. Factory Shoals is a 450 acre nature park situated along the Alcoy River that attracts hikers, fisherman, rafters, and swimmers. Campsites along the river are available to rent for a fee. A significant portion of the $83,646 in operating revenues is the result of rental fees that came from television and movie productions during the past year. The net position improved by $156,888 in fiscal year 2021.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

- The General Fund final budget was amended upward from the original budget of $71,780,158 to $73,867,711. A majority of the amended amount was carried forward encumbrances from the prior year's budget capital projects that were not completed prior to year-end and continued in to the current year.
- General Fund expenditures for fiscal year 2021 were $7,021,279 less than the final budget.
- There was a savings of $1,102,602 realized from our contingency for new positions due to public safety positions that were not hired in fiscal year 2021.
- Fire Services realized the largest savings of $1,723,950 mostly from vacant positions.
- LOST collections were 27% higher than 2020.
- TAVT collections were 24% higher than 2020.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

Newton County's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2021, amounts to $226,377,254 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include land, buildings, improvements, roads, bridges, machinery and equipment, vehicles, and construction in progress.

Major capital asset activities in fiscal year 2021 include:

- Senior Services Building Expansion
- Animal Services Building Expansion
- Splash Pad at Denny Dobbs
- Skate Park at Denny Dobbs
- Sheriff's Building Expansion and Renovation
- Caterpillar Asphalt Paver
- Law Enforcement Center Alarm System Upgrades
- 2 Pumper Fire Trucks
- Force Main Replacement at the Landfill
- Caterpillar D6T Tractor for the Landfill
- Cricket Frog Trail Additions
- County Server Infrastructure Upgrades

The table below provides a summary of capital assets. Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note 6 of this report.

Newton County's Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2021	2020	**2021**	2020	**2021**	2020
Land	**$ 68,504,715**	$ 68,504,715	**$ 25,857,512**	$ 26,003,392	**$ 94,362,227**	$ 94,508,107
Construction in progress	**5,297,444**	3,928,357	**10,590,134**	1,974,547	**15,887,578**	5,902,904
Intangibles	**33,402**	33,402	**20,526**	20,526	**53,928**	53,928
Buildings and improvements	**56,770,844**	52,131,192	**22,683,502**	23,413,985	**79,454,346**	75,545,177
Machinery and equipment	**10,239,832**	9,728,660	**2,059,470**	2,008,351	**12,299,302**	11,737,011
Infrastructure	**22,451,384**	27,942,574	**1,868,489**	1,979,186	**24,319,873**	29,921,760
Total	**$ 163,297,621**	$ 162,268,900	**$ 63,079,633**	$ 55,399,987	**$ 226,377,254**	$ 217,668,887

Long-Term Debt

As of June 30, 2021, the County had a net of $82,070,904 in total outstanding long-term debt, including compensated absences. The County's total debt increased by $3,590,444. In 2020, the County received an increase to its Moody's rating to Aa2 from Aa3.

Governmental activities long-term debt showed a decrease of $2,067,266 from 2020. In fiscal year 2021, the County approved the creation of a Public Facilities Authority (he "Authority") for the purpose of issuing bonds for construction of county projects. In 2021, the Authority issued a revenue bond for the construction of Fire Station 4 and two fire trucks in the amount of $4,990,000.

In business activities long-term debt showed a decrease of $5,657,710 from 2020. In 2021, the County approved a GEFA Loan for the Solid Waste Fund in the amount of $3,000,000 and the Water Fund for $12,000,000. Both are currently in the draw down phase. In 2021, the County also entered into a lease agreement in the Solid Waste Fund for a Caterpillar D6T Tractor.

Below is a summary table of long-term debt compared to the prior year. For further information on the County's debt, refer to the Note 7 of this report.

Newton County's Outstanding Debt

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2021	2020	**2021**	2020	**2021**	2020
General obligation bonds	**$ 12,870,786**	$ 10,827,149	**$ -**	$ -	**$ 12,870,786**	$ 10,827,149
Revenue bonds	**-**	-	**29,001,907**	31,525,093	**29,001,907**	31,525,093
Installment sales agreements	**-**	3,380,000	**-**	-	**-**	3,380,000
Notes payable	**12,549,155**	13,234,457	**10,728,621**	2,836,913	**23,277,776**	16,071,370
Capital lease obligations	**483,894**	-	**733,596**	469,393	**1,217,490**	469,393
Landfill post-closure costs	**-**	-	**11,133,640**	10,978,874	**11,133,640**	10,978,874
Net pension liability	**1,534,673**	2,057,271	**318,264**	448,045	**1,852,937**	2,505,316
Compensated absences	**2,716,368**	2,723,265	**-**	-	**2,716,368**	2,723,265
Total	**$ 30,154,876**	$ 32,222,142	**$ 51,916,028**	$ 46,258,318	**$ 82,070,904**	$ 78,480,460

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The economic outlook for 2022 is expected to continue to improve as the tax digest is still showing signs of growth and increases in values. The total digest increased 14% from the prior year. Additional signs of positive economic outlook are continued increasing collections in the 1% LOST and Motor Vehicle TAVT.

In the fiscal year 2022 budget, with the rising property values and increase in development, the Board of Commissioners elected to roll back the millage rate and decreased the millage rate to 11.145 from 12.916. The County's departments worked to cut non-critical costs and spend conservatively while still maintaining adequate levels of service for the citizens and maintaining an adequate unassigned fund balance. The County was also able to ensure that employees continued to receive the next level step increase in the County's compensation plan.

In 2022, the County is planning to continue upgrades to the E911 system, finish construction on Fire Station 4, improvements at Fairview Park, additions to the Yellow River Trail, park improvements in District 2 and 4, adding a generator for the Administration Building where the County servers are housed, and several other capital improvement projects.

Even through the pandemic the County has continued to see growth in property values, sales tax collections, and additions in the commercial industries. Just announced, Rivian, an electric truck manufacturer, will be the newest industry to Stanton Springs. They will bring 7,500 jobs and $5 billion of investments.

In closing, the County is a community that has always stepped up to make things happen and that culture and history will serve to enhance the County's ability to attract and retain business. The County is continuing to invest in its future by enhancing the product, including education, economic development promotion through a sustainable funding source, an improvement of its tourism assets, and the need to provide a pro-business business climate to entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Newton County, Georgia's finances for all those interested. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021

	Primary Government			Component Units				
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Health Department	Industrial Development Authority	Library System	Recreation Commission	Water and Sewerage Authority
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 46,500,134	$ 23,504,874	$ 70,005,008	$ 3,554,746	$ 1,343,490	$ 1,552,550	$ -	$ 21,355,278
Investments	53,151,106	6,291,207	59,442,313	-	-	58,329	-	215,661
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectibles	2,850,244	1,519,872	4,370,116	141,324	-	76,005	-	2,262,396
Due from other governments	6,913,601	-	6,913,601	-	-	-	-	6,469,022
Internal balances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inventory	195,686	-	195,686	-	-	-	-	135,209
Prepaid items	296,394	-	296,394	-	-	-	-	24,659
Restricted assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	1,621,844	2,160,572	3,782,416	-	675,270	-	-	80,381
Investments	-	-	-	-	2,986,441	-	-	-
Other non-current assets	19,140,060	-	19,140,060	-	-	-	-	-
Capital assets, non-depreciable	73,835,561	36,468,172	110,303,733	-	14,487,543	127,578	-	34,856,295
Capital assets, depreciable (net of accumulated depreciation)	89,462,060	26,611,461	116,073,521	89,844	-	4,451,487	-	115,067,984
Total assets	293,966,690	96,556,158	390,522,848	3,785,914	19,492,744	6,265,949	-	180,466,885
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
OPEB	-	-	-	116,552	-	223,355	-	-
Pensions	-	-	-	213,084	-	337,125	-	-
Deferred charges	133,242	590,492	723,734	-	-	-	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	133,242	590,492	723,734	329,636	-	560,480	-	-

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021

	Primary Government			Component Units				
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Health Department	Industrial Development Authority	Library System	Recreation Commission	Water and Sewerage Authority
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	$ 5,540,176	$ 2,574,080	$ 8,114,256	$ 181,999	$ 50,376	$ 63,857	$ -	$ 4,415,109
Accrued liabilities	493,668	469,611	963,279	-	26,699	16,660	-	1,139,503
Due to other governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	10,852,481	392,195	11,244,676	-	-	-	-	499,603
Payable from restricted assets:								
Customer deposits payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue bonds payable	-	-	-	-	16,100,000	-	-	-
Surety bonds payable	1,621,844	-	1,621,844	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued interest payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-current liabilities:								
Due within one year	4,106,133	2,533,248	6,639,381	35,400	-	14,154	-	711,673
Due in more than one year	24,514,070	49,064,516	73,578,586	51,179	-	21,231	-	31,933,036
Net pension liability due in more than one year	1,534,673	318,264	1,852,937	1,303,981	-	1,026,852	-	118,271
Net OPEB liability due in more than one year	-	-	-	256,520	-	936,192	-	-
Total liabilities	48,663,045	55,351,914	104,014,959	1,829,079	16,177,075	2,078,946	-	38,817,195
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
OPEB	-	-	-	451,606	-	102,203	-	-
Pensions	254,950	52,873	307,823	127,438	-	-	-	19,648
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	254,950	52,873	307,823	579,044	-	102,203	-	19,648
NET POSITION								
Net investment in capital assets	150,264,572	28,316,224	178,580,796	89,844	1,373,984	4,579,065	-	117,279,570
Restricted for:								
General government	424,610	-	424,610	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	404,003	-	404,003	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	5,517,611	-	5,517,611	-	-	7,725	-	-
Health and welfare	35,300	-	35,300	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	65,913	-	65,913	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service	-	2,160,572	2,160,572	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	30,107,675	-	30,107,675	-	-	151,929	-	-
Renewal and extension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,381
Other	-	-	-	1,442,647	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	58,362,253	11,265,067	69,627,320	174,936	1,941,685	(93,439)	-	24,270,091
Total Net Position	$ 245,181,937	$ 41,741,863	$ 286,923,800	$ 1,707,427	$ 3,315,669	$ 4,645,280	$ -	$ 141,630,042

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

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Business-type Activities	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Total
Primary government							
Governmental activities:							
General government	$ 12,634,319	$ 2,928,216	$ 7,761,801	$ 16,937	$ (1,927,365)	$ -	$ (1,927,365)
Judicial	7,694,811	2,658,173	957,951	-	(4,078,687)	-	(4,078,687)
Public safety	45,242,442	3,411,036	1,387,668	9,103	(40,434,635)	-	(40,434,635)
Public works	22,763,198	1,839,753	4,688,357	520,147	(15,714,941)	-	(15,714,941)
Health and welfare	2,214,025	16,789	576,550	-	(1,620,686)	-	(1,620,686)
Culture and recreation	1,625,228	790,302	211,902	187,660	(435,364)	-	(435,364)
Housing and development	1,559,117	1,426,335	28,052	881	(103,849)	-	(103,849)
Interest on long-term debt	805,086	-	-	-	(805,086)	-	(805,086)
Total governmental activities	94,538,226	13,070,604	15,612,281	734,728	(65,120,613)	-	(65,120,613)
Business-type activities							
Water	6,669,960	9,998,670	-	-	-	3,328,710	3,328,710
Solid waste	5,584,035	6,635,496	-	-	-	1,051,461	1,051,461
Gaither's Plantation	250,895	83,646	-	-	-	(167,249)	(167,249)
Total business-type activities	12,504,890	16,717,812	-	-	-	4,212,922	4,212,922
Total primary government	$ 107,043,116	$ 29,788,416	$ 15,612,281	$ 734,728	(65,120,613)	4,212,922	(60,907,691)
Component units:							
Health Department	$ 1,878,821	$ 987,739	$ 1,382,713	$ -	-	-	-
Industrial Development Authority	919,057	871,067	91,709		-	-	-
Library System	1,819,060	14,332	1,289,422	143,240	-	-	-
Recreation Commission	489,385	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water and Sewerage Authority	16,511,677	23,332,059	-	1,352,287	-	-	-
Total component units	$ 21,618,000	$ 25,205,197	$ 2,763,844	$ 1,495,527	-	-	-
General revenues:							
Property taxes					50,617,784	-	50,617,784
Sales taxes					30,930,813	-	30,930,813
Franchise taxes					692,415	-	692,415
Insurance premium taxes					6,099,302	-	6,099,302
Other taxes					907,436	-	907,436
Unrestricted investment earnings					32,415	14,615	47,030
Increase in equity interest in joint venture					10,524,973	-	10,524,973
Gain on sale of capital assets					-	-	-
Intergovernmental revenue					-	-	-
Miscellaneous					-	-	-
Special item: prior period adjustment					-	-	-
Transfers					(1,233,794)	1,233,794	-
Total general revenues and transfers					98,571,344	1,248,409	99,819,753
Change in net position					33,450,731	5,461,331	38,912,062
Net position, beginning of year					211,731,206	36,280,532	248,011,738
Net position, end of year					$ 245,181,937	$ 41,741,863	$ 286,923,800

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Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position				
Component Units				
Health Department	Industrial Development Authority	Library System	Recreation Commission	Water and Sewerage Authority
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
491,631	-	-	-	-
-	43,719	-	-	-
-	-	(372,066)	-	-
-	-	-	(489,385)	-
-	-	-	-	8,172,669
491,631	43,719	(372,066)	(489,385)	8,172,669
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	604	1,978	-	19,174
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	24,051
-	480,000	-	-	-
-	11,059	-	-	-
24,171	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
24,171	491,663	1,978	-	43,225
515,802	535,382	(370,088)	(489,385)	8,215,894
1,191,625	2,780,287	5,015,368	489,385	133,414,148
$ 1,707,427	$ 3,315,669	$ 4,645,280	$ -	$ 141,630,042

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	General Fund	Impact Fee Fund	2017 SPLOST Fund	ARPA Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	FEMA Grant Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 12,898,932	$ 3,394,171	$ 3,462,249	$ 10,852,518	$ 5,811,928	-	$ 8,196,809	$ 44,616,607
Investments	23,221,825	-	29,855,165	-	-	-	74,116	53,151,106
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectibles	2,148,819	-	-	-	247,680	-	453,745	2,850,244
Due from other governments	1,244,329	-	1,558,566	-	200,362	3,618,251	292,093	6,913,601
Due from other funds	3,408,741	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,408,741
Inventory	195,686	-	-	-	-	-	-	195,686
Prepaid items	195,282	-	-	-	-	-	-	195,282
Restricted cash	1,621,844	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,621,844
Total assets	$ 44,935,458	$ 3,394,171	$ 34,875,980	$ 10,852,518	$ 6,259,970	$ 3,618,251	$ 9,016,763	$ 112,953,111
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES								
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	$ 1,407,283	$ -	$ 2,201,997	$ -	$ 286,854	147,102	$ 1,483,011	$ 5,526,247
Accrued liabilities	493,668	-	-	-	-		-	493,668
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	3,408,678	63	3,408,741
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	10,852,481	-	-	-	10,852,481
Payable from restricted assets	1,621,844	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,621,844
Total liabilities	3,522,795	-	2,201,997	10,852,481	286,854	3,555,780	1,483,074	21,902,981
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	1,332,663	-	-	-	-	-	64,143	1,396,806
Unavailable revenue - period of availability	-	-	-	-	200,362	3,618,251	221,951	4,040,564
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,332,663	-	-	-	200,362	3,618,251	286,094	5,437,370

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	General Fund	Impact Fee Fund	2017 SPLOST Fund	ARPA Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	FEMA Grant Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)								
FUND BALANCES								
Nonspendable:								
Prepaids	$ 195,282	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	-	$ -	$ 195,282
Inventories	195,686	-	-	-	-	-	-	195,686
Restricted:								
General government	-	-	-	37	-	-	424,573	424,610
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	404,003	404,003
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,517,611	5,517,611
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,300	35,300
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,913	65,913
Capital projects	-	3,394,171	32,673,983	-	5,772,754	-	1,137,553	42,978,461
Unassigned:								
General fund	39,689,032	-	-	-	-		-	39,689,032
Special revenue funds	-	-	-	-	-		(337,358)	(337,358)
Capital projects funds	-	-	-	-	-	(3,555,780)	-	(3,555,780)
Total fund balances	40,080,000	3,394,171	32,673,983	37	5,772,754	(3,555,780)	7,247,595	85,612,760
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 44,935,458	$ 3,394,171	$ 34,875,980	$ 10,852,518	$ 6,259,970	3,618,251	$ 9,016,763	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	163,297,621
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	5,437,370
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of workers' compensation insurance and related administrative costs to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position.	1,970,710
Other assets - Investment in Joint Venture - are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	19,140,060
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(28,486,961)
Net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.	(1,534,673)
Deferred inflows of resources are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
These deferred inflows of resources consist of pension related experience differences and differences between projected and actual earnings on investments.	(254,950)
Net position of governmental activities	$ 245,181,937

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	General Fund	Impact Fee Fund	2017 SPLOST Fund	ARPA Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	FEMA Grant Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues								
Taxes	$ 69,415,146	$ -	$ 18,147,385	$ -	$ -	-	$ 2,287,530	$ 89,850,061
Licenses and permits	1,431,387	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,431,387
Intergovernmental	9,277,356	-	1,422,518	-	836,506	-	1,279,899	12,816,279
Charges for services	5,046,995	1,537,271	-	-	-	-	2,240,813	8,825,079
Fines and forfeitures	929,236	-	-	-	-	-	407,518	1,336,754
Investment income	24,408	2,724	27,260	37	1,214	-	5,595	61,238
Contributions	324,338	-	4,898	-	-	-	20,334	349,570
Miscellaneous	794,139	-	-	-	-	-	118,757	912,896
Total revenues	87,243,005	1,539,995	19,602,061	37	837,720	-	6,360,446	115,583,264
Expenditures								
Current:								
General government	10,595,498	-	-	-	-	-	197,794	10,793,292
Judicial	6,457,801	-	-	-	-	-	1,181,865	7,639,666
Public safety	38,011,013	-	-	-	-	-	5,708,054	43,719,067
Public works	5,138,290	-	-	-	-	-	256,385	5,394,675
Health and welfare	1,448,887	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,448,887
Culture and recreation	2,601,942	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,601,942
Housing and development	1,571,540	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,571,540
Intergovernmental	-	-	3,992,425	-	-	-	-	3,992,425
Capital outlay	-	173,083	10,577,073	-	2,433,227	1,697,284	2,493,260	17,373,927
Debt service:								
Principal retirement	670,788	-	5,216,479	-	-	-	959,453	6,846,720
Interest and fiscal charges	350,673	-	452,194	-	-	-	193,752	996,619
Total expenditures	66,846,432	173,083	20,238,171	-	2,433,227	1,697,284	10,990,563	102,378,760
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	20,396,573	1,366,912	(636,110)	37	(1,595,507)	(1,697,284)	(4,630,117)	13,204,504
Other financing sources (uses)								
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	-	-	-	-	552,556	552,556
Proceeds from bond issuance	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,990,000	4,990,000
Transfers in	1,709,223	-	-	-	2,922,250	5,909	2,636,381	7,273,763
Transfers out	(5,068,218)	-	(266,800)	-	-	-	(3,172,539)	(8,507,557)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	35,116	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,116
Total other financing sources (uses)	(3,323,879)	-	(266,800)	-	2,922,250	5,909	5,006,398	4,343,878
Net change in fund balances	17,072,694	1,366,912	(902,910)	37	1,326,743	(1,691,375)	376,281	17,548,382
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	23,007,306	2,027,259	33,576,893	-	4,446,011	(1,864,405)	6,871,314	68,064,378
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	$ 40,080,000	$ 3,394,171	$ 32,673,983	$ 37	$ 5,772,754	$ (3,555,780)	$ 7,247,595	$ 85,612,760

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$	17,548,382
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period.		858,349
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to increase net position.		170,372
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		2,067,826
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to govermental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.		1,537,771
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		10,902,723
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of workers' compensation and related administrative costs to individual funds.		365,308
	$	33,450,731

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues				
Property taxes	$ 63,882,119	$ 64,232,119	$ 69,415,146	$ 5,183,027
Licenses and permits	817,000	817,000	1,431,387	614,387
Intergovernmental	1,505,661	5,667,421	9,277,356	3,609,935
Charges for services	4,469,900	4,482,900	5,046,995	564,095
Fines and forfeitures	872,000	872,000	929,236	57,236
Investment income	250,000	250,000	24,408	(225,592)
Contributions	1,500	7,000	324,338	317,338
Miscellaneous	624,349	778,971	794,139	15,168
Total revenues	72,422,529	77,107,411	87,243,005	10,135,594
Expenditures				
General government:				
Governing body	5,161,434	4,017,080	3,068,735	948,345
Elections	686,206	686,206	409,567	276,639
General administration	882,767	882,767	824,329	58,438
Data processing	951,038	951,038	933,461	17,577
GIS	371,263	371,263	363,222	8,041
Human resources	655,725	668,575	521,443	147,132
Tax commissioner	1,194,091	1,194,091	1,021,396	172,695
Tax assessor	1,136,911	1,136,911	940,922	195,989
Risk management	1,676,000	1,676,000	1,573,661	102,339
Buildings and plant	1,049,076	1,106,956	938,762	168,194
Total general government	13,764,511	12,690,887	10,595,498	2,095,389
Judicial:				
Judge of superior court	1,137,456	1,146,456	873,587	272,869
Clerk of superior court	1,408,364	1,414,837	1,336,949	77,888
District attorney	1,849,085	1,865,724	1,608,359	257,365
Magistrate court	393,307	393,307	376,019	17,288
Probate court	715,591	715,591	692,155	23,436
Juvenile court	1,188,527	1,188,527	1,010,875	177,652
Public defender	594,602	594,602	559,857	34,745
Total judicial	7,286,932	7,319,044	6,457,801	861,243
Public safety:				
Sheriff	15,534,538	16,364,451	15,482,501	881,950
Jail	12,924,344	13,023,874	12,752,395	271,479
Fire	9,117,100	10,447,707	8,656,742	1,790,965
Coroner	107,548	157,548	104,322	53,226

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Expenditures (Continued)				
Public safety (Continued):				
Other protective services	$ 1,012,184	$ 1,104,782	$ 1,015,053	$ 89,729
Total public safety	38,695,714	41,098,362	38,011,013	3,087,349
Public works:				
Administration	3,669,604	4,082,104	3,798,213	283,891
Maintenance and shop	1,194,788	1,405,564	1,340,077	65,487
Total public works	4,864,392	5,487,668	5,138,290	349,378
Health and welfare:				
Welfare	1,482,808	1,652,042	1,448,887	203,155
Total health and welfare	1,482,808	1,652,042	1,448,887	203,155
Culture and recreation:				
Recreation	1,985,666	1,864,962	1,685,490	179,472
Libraries	916,452	916,452	916,452	-
Total culture and recreation	2,902,118	2,781,414	2,601,942	179,472
Housing and development:				
Conservation	151,193	151,193	97,204	53,989
Planning and zoning	1,261,027	1,315,638	1,124,336	191,302
Economic development	350,000	350,000	350,000	-
Total housing and development	1,762,220	1,816,831	1,571,540	245,291
Debt service:				
Principal	670,789	670,789	670,788	1
Interest and fiscal charges	350,674	350,674	350,673	1
Total culture and recreation	1,021,463	1,021,463	1,021,461	2
Total expenditures	71,780,158	73,867,711	66,846,432	7,021,279
Excess of revenues over expenditures	642,371	3,239,700	20,396,573	17,156,873
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	1,864,607	1,864,607	1,709,223	(155,384)
Transfers out	(2,506,978)	(5,429,228)	(5,068,218)	361,010
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	35,116	35,116
Total other financing (uses), net	(642,371)	(3,564,621)	(3,323,879)	240,742
Net change in fund balances	-	(324,921)	17,072,694	17,397,615
Fund balances, beginning of year	23,007,306	23,007,306	23,007,306	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 23,007,306	$ 22,682,385	$ 40,080,000	$ 17,397,615

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

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	Water Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Nonmajor Gaither's at Myrtle Creek	Totals	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	$ 17,280,754	$ 5,846,070	$ 378,050	$ 23,504,874	$ 1,883,527
Investments	-	6,291,207	-	6,291,207	-
Accounts receivable, net of allowances	1,151,566	368,221	85	1,519,872	-
Prepaid items	-	-	-	-	101,112
Total current assets	18,432,320	12,505,498	378,135	31,315,953	1,984,639
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Restricted cash	1,893,173	267,399	-	2,160,572	-
Capital assets, nondepreciable	33,228,112	3,240,060	-	36,468,172	-
Capital assets, depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	20,033,728	6,372,872	204,861	26,611,461	-
Total non-current assets	55,155,013	9,880,331	204,861	65,240,205	-
Total assets	73,587,333	22,385,829	582,996	96,556,158	1,984,639
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred amount on debt refunding	590,492	-	-	590,492	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	590,492	-	-	590,492	-
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	1,770,548	797,986	5,546	2,574,080	13,929
Accrued liabilities	212,480	251,472	5,659	469,611	-
Unearned revenue	-	392,195	-	392,195	-
Current portion of notes payable	39,486	-	-	39,486	-
Current portion of revenue bonds	1,810,000	465,000	-	2,275,000	-
Current portion of capital leases	-	218,762	-	218,762	-
Deposits from customers	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	3,832,514	2,125,415	11,205	5,969,134	13,929
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Notes payable	8,842,181	1,846,954	-	10,689,135	-
Revenue bonds	5,675,000	21,051,907	-	26,726,907	-
Landfill closure/post-closure	-	11,133,640	-	11,133,640	-
Capital leases	-	514,834	-	514,834	-
Net pension liabilities	172,595	127,947	17,722	318,264	-
Total non-current liabilities	14,689,776	34,675,282	17,722	49,382,780	-
Total liabilities	18,522,290	36,800,697	28,927	55,351,914	13,929
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pensions	28,673	21,256	2,944	52,873	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	28,673	21,256	2,944	52,873	-
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	36,304,681	(8,193,318)	204,861	28,316,224	-
Restricted for debt service	1,893,173	267,399	-	2,160,572	-
Unrestricted	17,429,008	(6,510,205)	346,264	11,265,067	1,970,710
Total net position	$ 55,626,862	$ (14,436,124)	$ 551,125	$ 41,741,863	$ 1,970,710

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

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	Water Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Nonmajor Gaither's at Myrtle Creek	Totals	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
Operating revenues					
Charges for services:					
Sales	$ 9,930,989	$ 4,184,092	$ 6,238	$ 14,121,319	$ 858,487
Transportation and wheeling	10,611	-	-	10,611	-
Meter maintenance	32,309	-	-	32,309	-
Sale of recyclables	-	79,606	-	79,606	-
Activity fees	6,697	-	-	6,697	-
Intergovernmental revenue	-	1,520,950	-	1,520,950	-
Miscellaneous revenue	18,064	850,848	77,408	946,320	-
Total operating revenues	9,998,670	6,635,496	83,646	16,717,812	858,487
Operating expenses					
Cost of sales and services	-	1,227,864	-	1,227,864	-
Salaries and benefits	1,301,053	897,013	129,561	2,327,627	-
Purchased/contracted services	1,368,818	1,679,063	56,311	3,104,192	-
Supplies and materials	2,052,028	324,889	43,740	2,420,657	-
Depreciation	1,079,353	596,469	21,283	1,697,105	-
Other costs	333,249	33,250	-	366,499	-
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	493,720
Total operating expenses	6,134,501	4,758,548	250,895	11,143,944	493,720
Operating income (loss)	3,864,169	1,876,948	(167,249)	5,573,868	364,767
Non-operating revenues (expenses)					
Investment income	8,757	5,858	-	14,615	541
Interest expense	(535,459)	(825,487)	-	(1,360,946)	-
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	(526,702)	(819,629)	-	(1,346,331)	541
Income (loss) before transfers	3,337,467	1,057,319	(167,249)	4,227,537	365,308
Transfers in	-	915,034	324,137	1,239,171	-
Transfers out	-	(5,377)	-	(5,377)	-
Change in net position	3,337,467	1,966,976	156,888	5,461,331	365,308
Net position, beginning of year	52,289,395	(16,403,100)	394,237	36,280,532	1,605,402
Net position, end of year	$ 55,626,862	$ (14,436,124)	$ 551,125	$ 41,741,863	$ 1,970,710

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

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	Water Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Nonmajor Gaither's at Myrtle Creek	Totals	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Receipts from customers	$ 10,993,065	$ 5,100,335	$ 81,196	$ 16,174,596	$ -
Receipts for interfund services	-	-	-	-	858,487
Receipts from others	-	1,520,950	-	1,520,950	-
Payments to suppliers and service providers	(2,416,917)	(3,060,540)	(111,895)	(5,589,352)	(517,921)
Payments to employees	(1,398,580)	(924,470)	(144,419)	(2,467,469)	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	7,177,568	2,636,275	(175,118)	9,638,725	340,566
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Transfers in	-	915,034	324,137	1,239,171	-
Transfers out	-	(5,377)	-	(5,377)	-
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	-	909,657	324,137	1,233,794	-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Purchase of property and equipment	(8,992,921)	(521,520)	(8,190)	(9,522,631)	-
Principal payments on notes payable	(38,937)	-	-	(38,937)	-
Principal payments on bonds	(2,040,000)	(483,186)	-	(2,523,186)	-
Principal payments on capital leases obligations	-	(118,144)	-	(118,144)	-
Interest paid	(338,629)	(825,487)	-	(1,164,116)	-
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	7,045,016	885,629	-	7,930,645	-
Proceeds from notes payable	-	382,347	-	382,347	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	145,880	-	-	145,880	-
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(4,219,591)	(680,361)	(8,190)	(4,908,142)	-
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Proceeds from sale of investments	8,735,000	2,954,874	225,000	11,914,874	1,530,000
Interest on investments	8,757	5,858	-	14,615	541
Net cash provided by investing activities	8,743,757	2,960,732	225,000	11,929,489	1,530,541
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	11,701,734	5,826,303	365,829	17,893,866	1,871,107
Cash and cash equivalents:					
Beginning of year	7,472,193	287,166	12,221	7,771,580	12,420
End of year	$ 19,173,927	$ 6,113,469	$ 378,050	$ 25,665,446	$ 1,883,527
Classified as:					
Cash	$ 17,280,754	$ 5,846,070	$ 378,050	$ 23,504,874	$ 1,883,527
Restricted cash	1,893,173	267,399	-	2,160,572	-
	$ 19,173,927	$ 6,113,469	$ 378,050	$ 25,665,446	$ 1,883,527

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	Water Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Nonmajor Gaither's at Myrtle Creek	Totals	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities					
Operating income (loss)	$ 3,864,169	$ 1,876,948	$ (167,249)	$ 5,573,868	$ 364,767
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Depreciation	1,079,353	596,469	21,283	1,697,105	-
(Increase) decrease in:					
Accounts receivable	994,395	(98,703)	-	895,692	-
Prepaid items	-	-	-	-	(1,485)
Increase/(decrease) in:					
Accounts payable	1,337,178	49,760	(11,844)	1,375,094	(22,716)
Accrued liabilities	(41,058)	8,510	1,254	(31,294)	-
Net pension liabilities	(68,142)	(45,009)	(16,630)	(129,781)	-
Deferred inflows of resources	11,673	9,042	518	21,233	-
Customer deposits	-	-	(2,450)	(2,450)	-
Landfill closure/post-closure care costs	-	154,766	-	154,766	-
Unearned revenue	-	84,492	-	84,492	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	$ 7,177,568	$ 2,636,275	$ (175,118)	$ 9,638,725	$ 340,566

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

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 3,929,737
Taxes receivable	4,150,164
Total assets	$ 8,079,901
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	$ 6,476,354
Total liabilities	6,476,354
NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	$ 1,603,547

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Taxes collected	$ 140,842,495
Fines and fees collected	10,350,440
Total additons	151,192,935
DEDUCTIONS	
Taxes disbursed	140,850,659
Fines and fees disbursed	10,218,991
Total deductions	151,069,650
Change in net position	123,285
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	1,480,262
Net position, end of year	$ 1,603,547

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Newton County, Georgia (the "County") was created by the legislative act in 1821 and operates under a Board of Commissioners/County Manager form of government, providing the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, health and social services, culture-recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The financial statements of the County and its discretely presented component units, the Newton County Health Department, the Newton County Industrial Development Authority, the Newton County Library System, and the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority, have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the County's accounting policies are described below:

A. Reporting Entity

As required by GAAP, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the County (the primary government) and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational and financial relationships with the County. In conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as set forth in GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus (An Amendment to GASB No.'s 14 and 34)*, the component units' financial statements have been included as discretely presented component units. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the County. Based upon the application of these criteria, the following is a brief review of each component unit addressed in defining the County's reporting entity.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units

Newton County Health Department

The Newton County Health Department (the "Health Department") is governed by a seven-member board, of which four members are appointed by the governing authority of the County. The County provides funding to the Health Department by way of an annual appropriation and by providing building facilities. The Health Department is presented as a governmental fund type component unit. The Health Department's financial statements have been presented separately and can be obtained by writing to the Newton County Health Department, 8203 Hazelbrand Rd NE, Covington, Georgia 30014.

Newton County Industrial Development Authority

The Newton County Industrial Development Authority ("Industrial Development Authority") is governed by a five-member board, of which one member is appointed by the governing authority of the County. The County provides guarantees and funding for various bonds issued for industrial development by the Industrial Development Authority. The Industrial Development Authority is presented as a governmental fund type component unit. Separate financial statements for the Industrial Development Authority may be obtained by writing to the Newton County Industrial Development Authority, P.O. Box 1617, Covington, Georgia 30015.

Newton County Library System

The Newton County Library System (the "Library") is governed by an eight-member board, of which six members are appointed by the governing authority of the County. The Library Board is without authority to determine the amount of its funding, except by submission of budget requests to local governmental units from which the Library receives support and to the State of Georgia for State and Federal funding. Membership in the Library and participation in library services is at the discretion of each participating governmental agency. The Library Board has the power to appoint management, retain fund balances of local funds for continued operations, and is the lowest level of oversight responsibility for the Library's operations. The Library is presented as a governmental fund type component unit. The Newton County Library System's financial statements have been presented separately and can be obtained by writing to the Newton County Library System, 7116 Floyd Street, Covington, Georgia 30014.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units (Continued)

Newton County Recreation Commission

The Newton County Recreation Commission (the "Recreation Commission") is governed by a six-member board, of which three members are appointed by the governing authority of the County. The County exercises control over service deliverables, properties, insurance coverage, and personnel policies. The County also provides significant funding to the overall operation of the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission is presented as a governmental fund type component unit. During fiscal year 2021, the Recreation Commission, as a discretely presented component unit, was dissolved and absorbed by the General Fund.

Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority

The Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority (the "Water Authority") was created under the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia on March 10, 1970, to provide water and related services throughout the County. The Water Authority is governed by an eight-member Board of Directors, five of which are appointed by the County. The County is obligated for the debt of the Water Authority and, therefore, a financial burden exists. The Water Authority is presented as a proprietary fund type component unit. Separate financial statements for the Water Authority may be obtained by writing to the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority, 11325 Brown Bridge Road, Covington, Georgia 30209.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The Government-wide Financial Statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. However, interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation. The primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The ***Impact Fee Fund*** is used to account for impact fee funds collected by the County that are used for certain approved projects under the Impact Fee Plan.

The ***2017 SPLOST Fund*** is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to the 2017 1% Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST").

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

The ***American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Fund*** is used for accounting for the financial resources provided and subsequently expended from the American Rescue Plan grant received from the federal government.

The ***Capital Improvement Fund*** is used to account for the amounts that are used for various specific capital projects of the County.

The ***FEMA Grant Fund*** is used to account for the federal grant monies received from the Federal Emergency Management Association.

The County reports the following major proprietary funds:

The ***Water Fund*** is used to account for the revenues and expenses relating to the operation and maintenance of the Cornish Creek reservoir water system.

The ***Solid Waste Fund*** is used to account for the revenues and expenses relating to the operation and maintenance of the County's landfill, disposal sites, and recycling center.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

The ***Special Revenue Funds*** are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

The ***Capital Projects Funds*** are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to capital expenditures for particular purposes.

The ***Debt Service Fund*** is used to account for the accumulation and disbursement of money needed to comply with the interest and principal redemption requirements of the governmental fund type debt.

The ***Enterprise Fund*** is used to account for the activity of the Gaither's at Myrtle Creek Fund.

The ***Internal Service Fund*** is used to account for assets set aside for workers' compensation claims.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

The ***Custodial Funds*** are used to account for the collection and disbursement of monies by the County on behalf of other governments and individuals. Custodial funds account for the Tax Commissioner, Clerk of Superior Court, Probate Court, Magistrate Court, Sheriff, and Juvenile Court.

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

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise funds are charges for goods and services provided. Operating expenses of the enterprise funds include the cost of these goods and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the County.

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

The County's investments and the investments of its component units are stated at fair value, which is determined using selected bases. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates, and investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value. Cash deposits are reported at carrying amount, which is fair value.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Interfund Receivables and Payables

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

F. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out (“FIFO”) method. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

G. Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of the primary government’s general obligation bonds and capital leases, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position because their use is restricted by applicable bond covenants.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than $5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. The County has retroactively reported major general infrastructure assets. In this case, the County chose to include all items regardless of their acquisition date. The County was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of these assets through back trending.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Capital assets of the primary government are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Years	
Asset Category	**Governmental Activities**	**Business-type Activities**
Buildings and improvements	20 – 50	25 – 30
Machinery and equipment	7 – 12	5 – 12
Infrastructure	15 – 50	N/A
Water distribution system	N/A	40
Vehicles	5	N/A
Furniture and fixtures	10	N/A
Computer equipment	5	N/A

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The County has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category other than the items related to the changes in the net pension liability which are discussed below. The item, a deferred charge on refunding, is reported in the governmental-wide proprietary Fund statements of net position. A deferred charge on refunding is reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund statements of net position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunding debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded debt or the refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and the governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of fund balance 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 two items that qualify for reporting in this category. These items arise only under modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, these items, unavailable revenue from property taxes and unavailable revenue due to the period of availability, are reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues, and these amounts are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amounts become available.

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Newton County, Georgia Retirement Plan (the "Plan") and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

K. Compensated Absences

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned, but unused, vacation and sick pay benefits and compensatory time balances. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements. There is no liability for non-vesting accumulated rights to receive sick pay benefits, since the County does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the County.

L. Long-Term Obligations

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

Fund balances are classified as follows:

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Fund Equity (Continued)

- **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 when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The County reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the General Fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

Fund Balance 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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Fund Equity (Continued)

Net Position

As noted previously, equity for government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- **Net investment in capital assets** – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.

- **Restricted net position** – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by: a) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Net position is reported as restricted using the same definition as used for restricted fund balance as described in the section above.

- **Unrestricted net position** – All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

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

N. Use of Estimates

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

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

A. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between fund balance – total governmental funds and net position – governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that "long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds." The details of this $28,486,961 difference are as follows:

Notes payable	$ (12,549,155)
Capital lease obligations	(483,894)
General obligation bonds payable	(8,070,786)
Revenue bond	(4,800,000)
Compensated absences	(2,716,368)
Deferred amount of debt refunding	133,242
Net adjustment to reduce *fund balance - total governmental funds* to arrive at *net position - governmental activities*	$ (28,486,961)

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

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

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

Capital outlay	$ 11,767,432
Depreciation expense	(10,909,083)
Net adjustment to increase *net change in fund balances - total governmental funds* to arrive at *change in net position - governmental activities*	$ 858,349

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

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

Another element of the reconciliation states that "the issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position." The details of this difference are as follows:

Capital Leases	$	(552,556)
Bonds payable		(4,990,000)
Principal repayments:		
Capital leases	$	68,662
Notes payable		685,302
Bonds payable and installment sales		6,326,363
Net adjustment to increase *net change in fund balances - total governmental funds* to arrive at *change in net position - governmental activities*	$	1,537,771

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

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

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

Compensated absences	$	6,897
Investment in joint venture		10,524,973
Amortization of premium on general obligation bonds		(42,074)
Net pension liability		412,927
Net adjustment to decrease *net change in fund balances - total governmental funds* to arrive at *change in net position - governmental activities*	$	10,902,723

NOTE 3. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS

A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

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

1. Prior to July 1, the County Manager collaborates with the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to prepare the budget. The Chairman then submits, to the entire Board of Commissioners, 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 at the County Administration Building to obtain taxpayer comments.

3. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.

4. Any transfers of budgeted amounts and any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any department or fund must be approved by the Commissioners. The legal level of budgetary control is the department level.

5. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP. Annual appropriated budgets were legally adopted for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, except for Seized Funds, PFA Fund, and ARPA Fund, and Debt Service Fund. Project length budgets were adopted for all Capital Projects Funds. The supplementary budgetary appropriations made were not material.

6. All annual appropriations lapse at the end of each year.

NOTE 3. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS (CONTINUED)

B. Fund Deficits

The County reported deficit fund balances in the FEMA Grant Fund and the Multiple Grant Fund in the amounts of $3,555,780 and $337,358 respectively. Additionally, deficit net position of $14,436,124 was reported in the Solid Waste fund. The deficits are intended to be eliminated through future revenues.

C. Excess Expenditures over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2021, expenditures exceeded the appropriations as follows:

	Excess
Law Library:	
Judicial	$ 3,788
E-911:	
Public safety	90,976
Multiple Grant:	
Public works	252,885

These over-expenditures were funded by under-expenditures in other departments, unanticipated revenues, and opening fund balance.

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Total deposits and investments as of June 30, 2021, are summarized as follows:

Balances per statement of net position:	
Cash - Primary government	$ 70,005,008
Investments - Primary government	59,442,313
Restricted assets:	
Cash - Primary government	3,782,416
Balances per statement of fiduciary net position:	
Cash - custodial funds	3,929,737
	$ 137,159,474

Cash deposited with financial institutions	$ 77,717,161
Certificates of deposit	74,116
Cash deposited with Georgia Fund 1	59,368,197
	$ 137,159,474

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit risk. State statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the State of Georgia or other states; obligations issued by the U.S. government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. government; prime bankers' acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia. The local government investment pool, Georgia Fund 1, is operated by the Office of the State Treasurer. The pool consists of U.S. treasury obligations, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, bankers' acceptances, overnight and term repurchase agreements with highly rated counterparties, and collateralized bank accounts. The investment in Georgia Fund 1 is valued at fair value. As of June 30, 2021, the investment in Georgia Fund 1 was rated AAAf by Standard & Poor's.

At June 30, 2021, the County had the following investments:

Investment	Maturities	Fair Value
Primary government:		
Georgia Fund 1	38-day weighted average	$ 59,368,197
Certificates of Deposit	12-month weighted average	74,116
		$ 59,442,313

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Interest rate risk. In accordance with its investment policy, the County manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the duration of any investment to a maximum of five years.

Fair value measurements. The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GAAP. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The Georgia Fund 1 is an investment pool which does not meet the criteria of GASB Statement No. 79 and is thus valued at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31. Additionally, certificates of deposit are not subject to the fair value level disclosures. As a result, the County does not disclose its investment in the Georgia Fund 1 or certificates of deposit within the fair value hierarchy.

Custodial credit risk – deposits. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities. As of June 30, 2021, all of the deposits of the County, Health Department, Industrial Development Authority, Library, and Water Authority were properly insured and collateralized as required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") §45-8-12(c) and as defined by GASB pronouncements.

Custodial credit risk – investments. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the County will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County has no specific investment policy in regards to custodial credit risk for investments.

NOTE 5. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2021, for the County's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate are as follows:

	General Fund	2017 SPLOST Fund	FEMA Grant Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Water Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total
Receivables:									
Taxes	$ 1,503,298	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 70,757	$ -	$ 1,574,055
Accounts	645,521	-	-	247,680	1,151,566	368,221	382,988	85	2,796,061
Other	1,244,329	1,558,566	3,618,251	200,362	-	-	292,093	-	6,913,601
Gross receivables	3,393,148	1,558,566	3,618,251	448,042	1,151,566	368,221	745,838	85	11,283,717
Less allowance for uncollectibles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net total receivables	$ 3,393,148	$ 1,558,566	$ 3,618,251	$ 448,042	$ 1,151,566	$ 368,221	$ 745,838	$ 85	$ 11,283,717

Property taxes attached as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1, 2020. Property taxes were levied on August 4, 2020, billed on August 25, 2020, with the first installment payable on or before October 20, 2020, and the final installment due December 21, 2020. The County bills and collects its own property taxes. Property taxes levied for 2020, are recorded as receivables, net of estimated uncollectibles.

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the County's governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2021, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	$ 68,504,715	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 68,504,715
Construction in progress	3,928,357	8,055,186	-	(6,686,099)	5,297,444
Intangibles	33,402	-	-	-	33,402
Total	72,466,474	8,055,186	-	(6,686,099)	73,835,561
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	103,785,473	1,157,562	-	6,773,766	111,716,801
Machinery and equipment	38,301,467	2,554,684	(295,161)	99,993	40,660,983
Infrastructure	496,791,496	-	-	-	496,791,496
Total	638,878,436	3,712,246	(295,161)	6,873,759	649,169,280
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and improvements	(51,654,281)	(3,291,676)	-	-	(54,945,957)
Machinery and equipment	(28,572,807)	(2,126,217)	277,873	-	(30,421,151)
Infrastructure	(468,848,922)	(5,491,190)	-	-	(474,340,112)
Total	(549,076,010)	(10,909,083)	277,873	-	(559,707,220)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	89,802,426	(7,196,837)	(17,288)	6,873,759	89,462,060
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 162,268,900	$ 858,349	$ (17,288)	$ 187,660	$ 163,297,621

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Capital asset activity for the County's business-type activities for the year ended June 30, 2021, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	$ 26,003,392	$ -	$ (145,880)	$ -	$ 25,857,512
Construction in progress	1,974,547	9,039,194	-	(423,607)	10,590,134
Intangibles	20,526	-	-	-	20,526
Total	27,998,465	9,039,194	(145,880)	(423,607)	36,468,172
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings	28,588,704	-	-	-	28,588,704
Land improvements	11,232,538	8,190	-	423,607	11,664,335
Machinery and equipment	9,907,644	475,247	-	-	10,382,891
Water distribution system	8,838,064	-	-	-	8,838,064
Total	58,566,950	483,437	-	423,607	59,473,994
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	(10,664,326)	(739,567)	-	-	(11,403,893)
Land improvements	(5,742,931)	(422,713)	-	-	(6,165,644)
Machinery and equipment	(7,899,293)	(424,128)	-	-	(8,323,421)
Infrastructure	(6,858,878)	(110,697)	-	-	(6,969,575)
Total	(31,165,428)	(1,697,105)	-	-	(32,862,533)
Capital assets being depreciated, net	27,401,522	(1,213,668)	-	423,607	26,611,461
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 55,399,987	$ 7,825,526	$ (145,880)	$ -	$ 63,079,633

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

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

Governmental activities:		
General government	$	1,816,968
Judicial		125,212
Public safety		2,478,011
Public works		6,014,623
Health and welfare		109,866
Culture and recreation		364,403
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$	10,909,083
Business-type activities:		
Water	$	1,079,353
Solid Waste		596,469
Gaither's Plantation		21,283
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	$	1,697,105

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES

Revenue Bonds

Governmental Activities

In February of 2020, the County approved the creation of a Public Facilities Authority (the "Authority") for the purpose of issuing bonds for the construction of County projects. On March 12, 2021, the Authority issued a revenue bond (Public Facilities Authority Revenue Bond, Series 2021). The proceeds of this bond were used to pay for the construction of Fire Station #4 and two fire truck. Interest on the bond will be payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 with principal payable annually beginning June 2021 ranging from $190,000 to $565,000.

Purpose	Interest Rate	Term	Due Date	Original Amount	Outstanding Amount
Fire Station 4 and Equipment	1.31%	10 years	2030	$ 4,990,000	$ 4,800,000

Business-Type Activities

The County issues bonds where the County pledges revenues derived from the acquired or constructed assets to pay debt service. The County's revenue bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rate	Due Date	Amount
Refunding of 2004 Bonds	2.200%	2024	$ 7,485,000
Purchase of Real Property	2.000 – 4.150%	2042	9,135,000
Purchase of Real Property	2.000 – 5.000%	2043	11,790,000
			28,410,000
	Plus unamortized premiums		591,907
			$ 29,001,907

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

Revenue Bonds (Continued)

Business-Type Activities (Continued)

On August 29, 2012, the County issued revenue bonds (Series 2012). The proceeds of these bonds were used to refund the Series 2004 bonds. Interest on the bonds is 2.20%. Interest is payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1 of each year with principal payable annually beginning July 1, 2013, ranging from $1,795,000 to $2,040,000 through July 1, 2024.

On August 10, 2017, the County issued revenue bonds (Series 2017A and Series 2017B). The proceeds of these bonds were used to finance the purchase of real property related to the landfill and waste drop-off convenience centers currently owned by the County and certain improvements to the landfill. Interest ranges from 2.00% to 5.00% on the Series 2017A bonds and from 2.00% to 4.15% on the Series 2017B bonds. Interest is payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 of each year with principal payable annually beginning May 1, 2018, ranging from $285,000 to $620,000 through May 1, 2042 for the Series 2017A bonds and ranging from $150,000 to $1,325,000 through May 1, 2043 for the Series 2017B bonds.

The estimated annual requirements to amortize the County's revenue bonds payable as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	$ 2,275,000	$ 952,462	$ 3,227,462
2023	2,335,000	899,411	3,234,411
2024	3,475,000	844,292	4,319,292
2025	3,590,000	729,305	4,319,305
2026	685,000	631,676	1,316,676
2027 – 2031	3,890,000	2,710,466	6,600,466
2032 – 2036	4,655,000	1,950,050	6,605,050
2037 – 2041	5,605,000	999,013	6,604,013
2042 and 2043	1,900,000	91,350	1,991,350
Total	$ 28,410,000	$ 9,808,025	$ 38,218,025

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

General Obligation Bonds

Governmental Activities

The County issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the County. General obligation bonds at June 30, 2021, consisted of the following:

Purpose	Interest Rate	Term	Due Date	Original Amount	Outstanding Amount
Capital Outlay Projects	3.00%	5 years	2024	12,650,000	$ 7,765,000
			Plus unamortized premiums		305,786
					$ 8,070,786

On October 4, 2018, the County issued general obligation bonds (General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2018). The proceeds of these bonds were used to pay a portion of the County's capital outlay projects and the costs of issuing bonds. Interest on bonds will be payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 with principal payable annually beginning August 2019 ranging from $2,420,000 to $2,655,000.

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

General Obligation Bonds (Continued)

Governmental Activities (Continued)

The general obligation bond debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	$ 2,525,000	$ 325,125	$ 2,850,125
2023	2,585,000	197,375	2,782,375
2024	2,655,000	66,375	2,721,375
	$ 7,765,000	$ 588,875	$ 8,353,875

Other Long-Term Debt

Governmental Activities

On September 27, 2016, the County entered into a financing agreement with First Security Finance, Inc. The note had an original balance of $14,440,098 and is being used to make various energy efficiency upgrades across many County facilities. Quarterly installment payments, including interest at 2.69%, begin in September 2018 and are payable over a 15-year period. As of June 30, 2021, the principal of this note was $12,549,155.

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

Other Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Governmental Activities (Continued)

The County also incurred debt to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority ("GEFA") for construction of further improvements to the technology park owned by the Four County Industrial Development Authority.

The County's notes outstanding as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rate	Due Date	Amount
Energy Efficient Upgrades	2.69%	2033	$ 12,531,940
Four County Industrial Site	4.65%	2022	17,215
			$ 12,549,155

The estimated annual requirements to maturity for the County's note payable as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	$ 734,581	$ 332,763	$ 1,067,344
2023	766,508	312,692	1,079,200
2024	818,359	291,727	1,110,086
2025	873,075	269,347	1,142,422
2026	930,816	245,476	1,176,292
2027 – 2031	5,639,114	811,027	6,450,141
2032 and 2033	2,786,702	94,954	2,881,656
Total	$ 12,549,155	$ 2,357,986	$ 14,907,141

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

Other Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Business-type Activities

The County has incurred debt to the GEFA for the purchase of water reservoir and landfill equipment and expansion of the landfill. The County's notes outstanding as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rate	Due Date	Amount
Water Fund	1.40%	2034	$ 520,071
Water Fund	1.25%	N/A	8,361,595
Solid Waste Fund	1.39%	N/A	1,846,955
			$ 10,728,621

The $8,361,595 and $1,846,955 GEFA loans listed above are in the drawdown phase at June 30, 2021. Repayment will be determined when construction has been completed and all drawdowns have been made. The County also signed loan agreements for two new GEFA loans in the prior year. No drawdowns have been made on these loans at year-end. These notes are, therefore, not included in the maturity schedule shown below. The estimated annual requirements to maturity for the County's notes payable as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	$ 39,486	$ 7,028	$ 46,514
2023	40,042	6,472	46,514
2024	40,607	5,908	46,515
2025	41,179	5,336	46,515
2026	41,759	4,755	46,514
2027 – 2031	217,788	14,783	232,571
2032 – 2034	99,210	1,570	100,780
Total	$ 520,071	$ 45,852	$ 565,923

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

Capital Leases

Governmental Activities

The County has entered into lease agreements as lessee for financing the acquisition and construction of various equipment. The lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and have been recorded at the present values of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception.

The following is an analysis of assets leased under capital leases as of June 30, 2021:

Vehicles	$	552,556
Less accumulated depreciation		(39,469)
Net assets leased under capital leases	$	513,087

For the year ended June 30, 2021, depreciation expense related to assets leased under capital leases totaled $39,469.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under the capital leases, and the present value of the net minimum lease payments at June 30, 2021:

Fiscal year ending June 30,		
2022	$	89,159
2023		89,159
2024		89,159
2025		89,159
2026		89,159
2027		89,159
Total minimum lease payments		534,954
Less amount representing interest		(51,060)
Present value of future minimum lease payments	$	483,894

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

Capital Leases

Business-type Activities

The County has entered into lease agreements as lessee for financing the acquisition and construction of various equipment. The lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and have been recorded at the present values of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception.

The following is an analysis of assets leased under capital leases as of June 30, 2021:

Vehicles	$	1,071,347
Less accumulated depreciation		(268,418)
Net assets leased under capital leases	$	802,929

For the year ended June 30, 2021, depreciation expense related to assets leased under capital leases totaled $96,168.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under the capital leases, and the present value of the net minimum lease payments at June 30, 2021:

Fiscal year ending June 30,		
2022	$	231,096
2023		231,396
2024		195,586
2025		95,587
Total minimum lease payments		753,665
Less amount representing interest		(20,069)
Present value of future minimum lease payments	$	733,596

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity of the County's governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2021:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
General obligation bonds	$ 10,287,756	$ -	$ 2,522,756	$ 7,765,000	$ 2,525,000
Revenue bond	-	4,990,000	190,000	4,800,000	500,000
Deferred bond premium	539,393	-	233,607	305,786	-
Total bonds payable	10,827,149	4,990,000	2,946,363	12,870,786	3,025,000
Installment sale agreements	3,380,000	-	3,380,000	-	-
Notes payable	13,234,457	-	685,302	12,549,155	734,581
Capital lease obligations	-	552,556	68,662	483,894	74,915
Net pension liability	2,057,271	419,836	942,434	1,534,673	-
Compensated absences	2,723,265	3,956,577	3,963,474	2,716,368	271,637
	$ 32,222,142	$ 9,918,969	$ 11,986,235	$ 30,154,876	$ 4,106,133

For governmental activities, net pension liability, and compensated absences are generally liquidated by the General Fund.

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity of the County's business-type activities for the year ended June 30, 2021:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Business-type activities:					
Revenue bonds	$ 30,905,000	$ -	$ 2,495,000	$ 28,410,000	$ 2,275,000
Deferred bond premium	620,093	-	28,186	591,907	-
Total bonds payable	31,525,093	-	2,523,186	29,001,907	2,275,000
Notes payable	2,836,913	7,930,645	38,937	10,728,621	39,486
Capital lease obligations	469,393	382,347	118,144	733,596	218,762
Landfill post-closure costs	10,978,874	154,766	-	11,133,640	-
Net pension liability	448,045	88,551	218,332	318,264	-
	$ 46,258,318	$ 8,556,309	$ 2,898,599	$ 51,916,028	$ 2,533,248

For business-type activities, net pension liability, and compensated absences are liquidated by the related Proprietary Fund.

NOTE 8. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund receivables and payables as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund: Nonmajor Governmental Funds
General Fund	$ 3,408,741

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that: 1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, 2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and 3) payments between funds are made.

NOTE 8. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2021, are as follows:

	Transfers Out				
Transfers In	General Fund	2017 SPLOST Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Solid Waste Fund	Total
General Fund	$ -	$ -	$ 1,709,223	$ -	$ 1,709,223
Capital Improvement Fund	2,922,250	-	-	-	2,922,250
FEMA	532	-	-	5,377	5,909
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	1,173,065	-	1,463,316	-	2,636,381
Solid Waste Fund	648,234	266,800	-	-	915,034
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	324,137	-	-	-	324,137
Total	$ 5,068,218	$ 266,800	$ 3,172,539	$ 5,377	$ 8,512,934

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

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Plan Description

The County, as authorized by the County Commission, has established a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan, The Newton County Defined Benefit Plan (the "Plan"), covering substantially all of the County's employees. The County's pension plan is administered through the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Third Restated Defined Benefit Plan (the "ACCG Plan"), an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by GEBCorp and affiliated with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia ("ACCG"). The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The ACCG, in its role as the Plan sponsor, has the sole authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions and the contribution rates of the County related to the Plan, as provided in Section 19.03 of the ACCG Plan document. The County has the authority to amend the adoption agreement, which defines the specific benefit provisions of the Plan, as provided in Section 19.02 of the ACCG Plan document. The County Commission retains this authority. The County stopped accepting new entrants in the Plan in 1997, and the Plan continues to be closed to new entrants. The ACCG Plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the pension trust. That report may be obtained at www.gebcorp.com, by writing to: The Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, Retirement Services, 191 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 or by calling (800) 736-7166.

Plan Membership

As of January 1, 2020, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation date, pension plan membership consisted of the following:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	76
Inactive plan members entitled to but not receiving benefits	54
Active plan members	22
	152

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Contributions

The Plan is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards law. The Board of Trustees of ACCG has adopted a recommended actuarial funding policy for the Plan which meets state minimum requirements and will accumulate sufficient funds to provide the benefits under the Plan. The funding policy for the Plan, as adopted by the County Board of Commissioners, is to contribute an amount equal to or greater than the actuarially recommended contribution rate. This rate is based on the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by Plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The County is required to contribute the actuarially determined rate. No contributions are required of or permitted by participants of the Plan. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the County's contribution rate was 43.8% of annual payroll. County contributions to the Plan were $586,327 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Net Pension Liability of the County

The County's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as January 1, 2020, with updated procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of December 31, 2020.

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	2.00% to 4.00%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Amount weighted Mortality Table with a blend or 50% of the General Employees Table and 50% of the Public Safety Employees with scale AA to 2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for February 2019.

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined through a blend of using a building-block method based on 20-year benchmarks (33.33%) and 30-year benchmarks (33.33%), as well as forward-looking capital market assumptions for a moderate asset allocation (33.34%), as determined by UBS. Expected future rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2020, are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target Allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30%	25 – 35%
Large Cap equity	30%	25 – 35%
International equity	15%	10 – 20%
Other equity	20%	2.5 – 10%
Real estate	5%	2.5 – 10%
	100%	

* Rates shown are net of the 3.00% assumed rate of inflation.

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that County contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all of the projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)

Changes in the Net Pension Liability of the County: The changes in the components of the net pension liability of the County for the year ended June 30, 2021, were as follows:

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at June 30, 2020	$ 6,526,379	$ 3,861,149	$ 2,665,230
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	8,822	-	8,822
Interest	437,725	-	437,725
Differences between expected and actual experience	(116,926)	-	(116,926)
Assumption changes	10,078	-	10,078
Contributions - employer	-	586,327	(586,327)
Net investment income	-	517,632	(517,632)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(546,345)	(546,345)	-
Administrative expenses	-	(23,546)	23,546
Other changes	-	(46,692)	46,692
Net changes	(206,646)	487,376	(694,022)
Balances at June 30, 2021	$ 6,319,733	$ 4,348,525	$ 1,971,208

Governmental Activities	$ 1,534,673
Business-Type Activities	318,264
Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority	118,271
	$ 1,971,208

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)

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

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the County, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the County's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1.00% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1.00% Increase (8.00%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 2,299,274	$ 1,852,937	$ 1,459,254
Newton County Water and Sewerage's proportionate share of the net pension liability	146,762	118,271	93,144
Total net pension liability	$ 2,446,036	$ 1,971,208	$ 1,552,398

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of December 31, 2020, and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Pension Expense and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the County recognized pension expense of $29,671. Contributions made during the County's fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 were made in one single payment and were made prior to the County's measurement date. At June 30, 2021, the County reported deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following source:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources			
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority	Total
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	$ 254,950	$ 52,873	$ 19,648	$ 327,471
Total	$ 254,950	$ 52,873	$ 19,648	$ 327,471

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

Year ending June 30,	Newton County	Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority	Total
2022	$ (95,071)	$ (4,912)	$ (99,983)
2023	(41,340)	(4,912)	(46,252)
2024	(129,342)	(4,912)	(134,254)
2025	(42,070)	(4,912)	(46,982)
Total	$ (307,823)	$ (19,648)	$ (327,471)

NOTE 10. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Effective July 1, 2010, the County established a self-funded trust for the administration and funding of the County's Workers' Compensation Employee Benefits internal service fund. The County has joined together with other municipalities in the state as part of the Group Self Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund ("GSIWCF") for its workers' compensation risks. GSIWCF exists by authority of the O.C.G.A., and participates in risk sharing arrangements among Georgia county governments. The membership allows the County to share liability, crime, workers' compensation, motor vehicle and property damage risks.

As part of this risk pool, the County is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the pool, to cooperate with the pool's agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by the fund, and to report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in the fund 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 fund.

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

Chapter 85 of Title 36 and Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the O.C.G.A. authorize Georgia counties to form interlocal management agencies. GSIWCF acts as a risk management agency to function as an unincorporated nonprofit instrumentality of its member counties. GSIWCF establishes and administers one or more group self-insurance funds and a risk management service to prevent or lessen the incidence and severity of casualty and property and workers' compensation losses occurring in the operation of member governments.

The County retains the first $300,000 (in the form of a deductible) on its workers' compensation claims, and retains the first $10,000 (in the form of a deductible) of each risk of loss for all other property and liability losses. The County files all claims with GSIWCF and this instrumentality bills the County for any risk of loss up to the deductible amounts.

NOTE 10. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The basis for estimating the liabilities for unpaid claims is an incurred, but not reported, calculation as established by an actuary. The County has no such liability as of June 30, 2021 based on the requirements of GASB Statement 10, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

The County pays an annual premium to GSIWCF for the above referenced coverages, and GSIWCF is self-sustaining through member premiums. There have been no significant reductions of insurance coverages, and settlement amounts have not exceeded coverages for the current year or the three prior years.

NOTE 11. LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE CARE

State and federal laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on its landfill sites when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for 30 years after closure. GASB Statement No. 18, *Accounting for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-closure Care Costs,* requires the County to report a liability for the estimated costs of closing and maintaining each landfill site.

Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (MSWL-2)

The County began operations at this site in 1998. Although closure and post-closure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, which is expected to occur in 2106, the County reports a portion of these closure and post-closure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of the balance sheet date. The landfill closure and post-closure care liability at June 30, 2021 of $11,133,640 is reported in the Solid Waste Fund and represents the cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of approximately 22.6% of the estimated capacity of the landfill. This liability includes corrective action costs of $7,741,797. The County will recognize the remaining estimated cost of closure and post-closure care of $14,988,139 as the remaining estimated capacity is filled.

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Contractual Commitments:

As of June 30, 2021, the County has commitments related to various construction projects as follows:

- The County is committed to fund the construction of the landfill closure. The remaining contract price is $745,504.
- The County is committed to fund the construction of Lake Varner Reservoir improvements. The remaining contract price is $11,962,100.
- The County is committed to fund the construction of the Fire Station #8. The remaining contract price is $25,188.
- The County is committed to fund the construction of the Fire Station #4. The remaining contract price is $2,156,885.
- The County is committed to fund the construction of the landfill cell. The remaining contract price is $4,463,290.
- The County is committed to fund the construction of various road projects. The remaining contract price is $2,163,623.

Litigation

The County is involved in several pending lawsuits. Liability, if any, which might result from these proceedings, would not, in the opinion of management and legal counsel, have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the County. Net of an aggregation of insurance coverage currently in place, and relative to any and all outstanding litigation faced by the County as of June 30, 2021, it is considered to be unlikely for the County to incur any obligation.

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

Grant Contingencies

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

NOTE 13. JOINT VENTURES

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the 12-county Northeast Georgia region, is a member of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission ("NGRC") and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its year ended June 30, 2021, the County paid $87,623 in such dues. Membership in the NGRC is required by the O.C.G.A. §50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of regional development commissions in Georgia.

The NGRC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. O.C.G.A. §50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of a regional development commission. Separate financial statements may be obtained from:

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
305 Research Drive
Athens, Georgia 30610

NOTE 13. JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

Joint Development Authority

During the latter half of 1998, the Joint Development Authority, a joint venture, was formed for the purpose of purchasing and developing an industrial site. The land was purchased through the Newton County Development Authority with temporary financing from the County until such time as the Joint Authority could issue permanent bond financing for the project. The Joint Authority issued $9,000,000 in bonded debt in October 2000 for repayment of the Newton County Development Authority, to pay bond issue costs, and to provide initial development costs. The stated percentages of ownership and debt assumption are as follows: Newton County 37.5%, Walton County 37.5%, Morgan County 15%, and Jasper County 10%. This debt was paid off in a prior year with the proceeds from the sale of land. The County records the investment in joint venture at a value of $19,140,060 using the equity interest method. Complete financial statements of the Joint Development Authority can be obtained by writing to the Joint Development Authority, C/O Madison-Morgan Chamber of Commerce, 118 North Main Street, Madison, Georgia 30650.

NOTE 14. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

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

	Custodial Funds
Net position, as previously reported	$ -
Adjustment needed to record beginning net position of the agency funds now reported as custodial funds in accordance with GASB Statement No. 84	1,480,262
Net position, as restated	$ 1,480,262

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30,

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total pension liability							
Service cost	**$ 8,822**	$ 9,054	$ 10,620	$ 9,769	$ 11,417	$ 11,644	$ 13,639
Interest on total pension liability	**437,725**	469,351	487,767	484,913	489,396	456,810	466,804
Differences between expected and actual experience	**(116,926)**	(307,490)	(43,725)	(147,423)	167,956	370,120	-
Changes of assumptions	**10,078**	240,131	142,054	13,061	126,498	211,474	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	**(546,345)**	(589,680)	(619,512)	(641,932)	(622,244)	(608,903)	(618,500)
Net change in total pension liability	**(206,646)**	(178,634)	(22,796)	(281,612)	173,023	441,145	(138,057)
Total pension liability - beginning	**6,526,379**	6,705,013	6,727,809	7,009,421	6,836,398	6,395,253	6,533,310
Total pension liability - ending (a)	**6,319,733**	6,526,379	6,705,013	6,727,809	7,009,421	6,836,398	6,395,253
Plan fiduciary net position							
Contributions - employer	**586,327**	542,554	517,287	426,561	429,439	390,488	373,938
Net investment income	**517,632**	675,257	(173,844)	514,353	233,018	7,825	237,069
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	**(546,345)**	(569,739)	(597,840)	(641,932)	(622,244)	(608,903)	(618,500)
Administrative expenses	**(23,546)**	(23,055)	(12,825)	(11,889)	(16,986)	(13,980)	(14,404)
Other	**(46,692)**	(32,698)	(59,596)	(78,159)	(34,539)	(33,953)	(37,341)
Net change in fiduciary net position	**487,376**	592,319	(326,818)	208,934	(11,312)	(258,523)	(59,238)
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	**3,861,149**	3,268,830	3,595,648	3,386,714	3,398,026	3,656,549	3,715,787
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	**4,348,525**	3,861,149	3,268,830	3,595,648	3,386,714	3,398,026	3,656,549
County's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	**$ 1,971,208**	$ 2,665,230	$ 3,436,183	$ 3,132,161	$ 3,622,707	$ 3,438,372	$ 2,738,704

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30,

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	**68.81%**	59.16%	48.75%	53.44%	48.32%	49.70%	57.18%
Covered payroll	**$ 1,413,191**	$ 1,474,565	$ 1,596,260	$ 1,768,390	$ 2,058,638	$ 2,154,353	$ 2,312,088
County's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	**139.49%**	180.75%	215.26%	177.12%	175.98%	159.60%	118.45%

Notes to the Schedule:

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

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30,

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution	**$ 461,800**	$ 435,382	$ 425,546	$ 413,409	$ 388,402	$ 345,737	$ 319,115
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	**586,327**	542,554	517,287	426,561	429,439	390,488	373,365
Contribution deficiency (excess)	**$ (124,527)**	$ (107,172)	$ (91,741)	$ (13,152)	$ (41,037)	$ (44,751)	$ (54,250)
Covered payroll	**$ 1,338,534**	$ 1,377,923	$ 1,475,756	$ 1,613,447	$ 1,913,514	$ 2,106,496	$ 2,233,221
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	**43.80%**	39.37%	35.05%	26.44%	22.44%	18.54%	16.72%

Notes to the Schedule:

(1) Actuarial Assumptions

Valuation date	January 1, 2020
Cost method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial asset valuation method	Market value as of measurement day
Assumed rate of return on investments	7.00%
Projected salary increases	2.00% – 4.00%
Amortization method	Closed level dollar for unfunded liability
Remaining amortization period	None remaining

(2) The schedule will present ten years of information once it is accumulated.

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds

Juvenile Trust Fund – This fund is used to account for certain fines received through juvenile court that are used for juvenile counseling services.

Forfeited Funds Fund – This fund is used to account for the County's share of monies that have been forfeited through the court system that are legally restricted for law enforcement purposes.

Drug Rehab/Education Fund – This fund is used to account for collection of DARE fine monies and the subsequent youth education for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

Seized Funds Fund – This fund is used to account for monies that have been seized and are awaiting court condemnation.

Fire Districts Fund – This fund is used to account for the tax revenues approved to help fund the fire protection program of the County.

County Jail Fund – This fund is used to account for the percentage of fines reserved for County jail construction and staffing.

Sheriff Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used to account for monies for inmates at the Law Enforcement Center.

Law Library Fund – This fund is used to account for the resources received from the various courts of the County and disbursements for the support of a centralized law library.

District Attorney Fund – This fund is used to account for funds received from certain fines and grants for the operation of a victim assistance program.

Multiple Grant Fund – This fund is used to account for various grants received by the government that are not used for general fund operations.

Real Estate Grant Fund – This fund is used to account for grants received from the Clerks Authority of Georgia for the advancement of reporting with the Clerk of Superior Court.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program ("NSP") Grant Fund – This fund is used to account for revenues received from the Neighborhood Stabilization grant program.

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

E-911 Fund – This fund is used to account for the County's emergency communications operations by providing an open channel between citizens and public safety providers.

PFA Fund – This fund is a blended component unit. It accounts for the finance and purchase of Fire Station #4 and public safety equipment.

Debt Service Fund

Debt Service Fund – This fund accounts for accumulation of resources for the payment of general long-term debt principal and interest of the County.

Capital Projects Funds

2011 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST") Fund – This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to the 2011 1% SPLOST.

2005 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST") Fund – This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to the 2005 1% SPLOST.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

ASSETS	Special Revenue					
	Juvenile Trust	Forfeited Funds	Drug Rehab/ Education	Seized Funds	Fire Districts	County Jail Fund
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 155,181	$ 238,717	$ 477,539	$ 307,806	$ 674,142	$ 602,725
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable, net of allowances for uncollectibles	-	-	-	-	70,757	-
Due from other governments	-	-	599	-	-	2,867
Total assets	$ 155,181	$ 238,717	$ 478,138	$ 307,806	$ 744,899	$ 605,592
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	$ -	$ -	$ 1,800	$ 307,806	$ 289,412	$ 4,753
Due to other funds	-	63	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	63	1,800	307,806	289,412	4,753
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - period of availability	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	-	-	-	-	64,143	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	-	-	64,143	-
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	155,181	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	238,654	476,338	-	391,344	600,839
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	155,181	238,654	476,338	-	391,344	600,839
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 155,181	$ 238,717	$ 478,138	$ 307,806	$ 744,899	$ 605,592

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

ASSETS	Special Revenue					
	Sheriff Special Revenue	Law Library	District Attorney	Multiple Grant	Real Estate Grant	NSP Grant
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 24,249	$ 15,101	$ 51,336	$ 131,943	$ 108,269	$ 63,676
Investments	-	74,116	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable, net of allowances for uncollectibles	-	-	-	-	-	2,237
Due from other governments	-	-	-	288,292	-	-
Total assets	$ 24,249	$ 89,217	$ 51,336	$ 420,235	$ 108,269	$ 65,913
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 64,832	$ -	$ -
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-	64,832	-	-
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - period of availability	-	-	-	221,951	-	-
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	-	221,951	-	-
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted						
General government	-	-	-	424,573	-	-
Judicial	-	89,217	51,336	-	108,269	-
Public safety	24,249	-	-	10,937	-	-
Health and welfare	-	-	-	35,300	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	65,913
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	(337,358)	-	-
Total fund balances	24,249	89,217	51,336	133,452	108,269	65,913
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 24,249	$ 89,217	$ 51,336	$ 420,235	$ 108,269	$ 65,913

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	Special Revenue		Debt Service	Capital Projects		
ASSETS	E-911	PFA Fund	Debt Service Fund	2011 SPLOST Fund	2005 SPLOST Fund	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 867,348	$ 3,215,529	$ -	$ 1,263,248	$ -	$ 8,196,809
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	74,116
Accounts Receivable, net of allowances for uncollectibles	380,751	-	-	-	-	453,745
Due from other governments	335	-	-	-	-	292,093
Total assets	$ 1,248,434	$ 3,215,529	$ -	$ 1,263,248	$ -	$ 9,016,763
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	$ 688,713	$ -	$ -	$ 125,695	$ -	$ 1,483,011
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	63
Total liabilities	688,713		-	125,695	-	1,483,074
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - period of availability	-	-	-	-	-	221,951
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	-	-	-	-	-	64,143
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	286,094
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	424,573
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	404,003
Public safety	559,721	3,215,529	-	-	-	5,517,611
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	35,300
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	65,913
Capital projects	-	-	-	1,137,553	-	1,137,553
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	(337,358)
Total fund balances	559,721	3,215,529	-	1,137,553	-	7,247,595
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 1,248,434	3,215,529	$ -	$ 1,263,248	$ -	$ 9,016,763

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

	Special Revenue					
	Juvenile Trust	Forfeited Funds	Drug Rehab/ Education	Seized Funds	Fire Districts	County Jail Fund
Revenues						
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,286,686	$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	6,763	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	4,640	86,159	87,018	-	-	149,900
Investment income	46	2	140	-	1,422	174
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	4,686	86,161	87,158	-	2,294,871	150,074
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	140,537	61,479	-	2,070,198	78,584
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	-	-	68,662	-
Interest and fiscal changes	-	-	-	-	20,497	-
Total expenditures	-	140,537	61,479	-	2,159,357	78,584
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	4,686	(54,376)	25,679	-	135,514	71,490
Other financing sources (uses)						
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	-	-	552,556	-
Proceeds from bond issuance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	(1,709,223)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	(1,156,667)	-
Net change in fund balances	4,686	(54,376)	25,679	-	(1,021,153)	71,490
Fund balances, beginning of year	150,495	293,030	450,659	-	1,412,497	529,349
Fund balances, end of year	$ 155,181	$ 238,654	$ 476,338	$ -	$ 391,344	$ 600,839

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

	Special Revenue					
	Sheriff Special Revenue	Law Library	District Attorney	Multiple Grant	Real Estate Grant	NSP Grant
Revenues						
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	1,248,544	-	8,947
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	-	40,506	39,120	175	-	-
Investment income	-	60	19	1,358	-	58
Contributions	20,334	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	91,780	26,977	-
Total revenues	20,334	40,566	39,139	1,341,857	26,977	9,005
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	-	-	-	197,794	-	-
Judicial	-	47,848	93,833	1,040,184	-	-
Public safety	26,500	-	-	330,233	-	-
Public works	-	-	-	256,385	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	26,500	47,848	93,833	1,824,596	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(6,166)	(7,282)	(54,694)	(482,739)	26,977	9,005
Other financing sources (uses)						
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from bond issuance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	184,218	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	184,218	-	-
Net change in fund balances	(6,166)	(7,282)	(54,694)	(298,521)	26,977	9,005
Fund balances, beginning of year	30,415	96,499	106,030	431,973	81,292	56,908
Fund balances, end of year	$ 24,249	$ 89,217	$ 51,336	$ 133,452	$ 108,269	$ 65,913

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

	Special Revenue		Debt Service	Capital Projects		
	E-911	PFA Fund	Debt Service Fund	2011 SPLOST Fund	2005 SPLOST Fund	Total
Revenues						
Taxes	$ 844	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,287,530
Intergovernmental	-		15,645		-	1,279,899
Charges for services	2,240,813	-	-	-	-	2,240,813
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	407,518
Investment income	212	-	-	1,793	311	5,595
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	20,334
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	118,757
Total revenues	2,241,869	-	15,645	1,793	311	6,360,446
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	197,794
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	1,181,865
Public safety	3,000,523	-	-	-	-	5,708,054
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	256,385
Capital outlay	-	-	-	2,493,260	-	2,493,260
Debt service:						
Principal	-	190,000	14,514	-	686,277	959,453
Interest and fiscal charges	-	121,155	1,131	-	50,969	193,752
Total expenditures	3,000,523	311,155	15,645	2,493,260	737,246	10,990,563
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(758,654)	(311,155)	-	(2,491,467)	(736,935)	(4,630,117)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	-	-	-	552,556
Proceeds from bond issuance	-	4,990,000	-	-	-	4,990,000
Transfers in	988,847	-	-	1,463,316	-	2,636,381
Transfers out	-	(1,463,316)	-	-	-	(3,172,539)
Total other financing sources (uses)	988,847	3,526,684	-	1,463,316	-	5,006,398
Net change in fund balances	230,193	3,215,529	-	(1,028,151)	(736,935)	376,281
Fund balances, beginning of year	329,528	-	-	2,165,704	736,935	6,871,314
Fund balances, end of year	$ 559,721	$ 3,215,529	$ -	$ 1,137,553	$ -	$ 7,247,595

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Juvenile Trust			Forfeited Funds		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues						
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	5,000	4,640	(360)	145,600	86,159	(59,441)
Investment income	-	46	46	75	2	(73)
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	5,000	4,686	(314)	145,675	86,161	(59,514)
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-	145,675	140,537	5,138
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	5,000	-	5,000	145,675	140,537	5,138
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	4,686	4,686	-	(54,376)	(54,376)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	4,686	4,686	-	(54,376)	(54,376)
Fund balances (deficits), beginning of year	150,495	150,495	-	293,030	293,030	-
Fund balances (deficits), end of year	$ 150,495	$ 155,181	$ 4,686	$ 293,030	$ 238,654	$ (54,376)

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Drug Rehab/Education			Fire Districts		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues						
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,473,041	$ 2,286,686	$ (186,355)
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	6,375	6,763	388
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	90,000	87,018	(2,982)	-	-	-
Investment income	-	140	140	1,100	1,422	322
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	90,000	87,158	(2,842)	2,480,516	2,294,871	(185,645)
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	90,000	61,479	28,521	3,836,412	2,070,198	1,766,214
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	-	554,000	68,662	485,338
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	90,000	20,497	69,503
Total expenditures	90,000	61,479	28,521	4,480,412	2,159,357	2,321,055
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	25,679	25,679	(1,999,896)	135,514	2,135,410
Other financing sources (uses)						
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	-	4,500,000	552,556	(3,947,444)
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	(3,327,923)	(1,709,223)	1,618,700
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	1,172,077	(1,156,667)	(2,328,744)
Net change in fund balances	-	25,679	25,679	(827,819)	(1,021,153)	(193,334)
Fund balances, beginning of year	450,659	450,659	-	1,412,497	1,412,497	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 450,659	$ 476,338	$ 25,679	$ 584,678	$ 391,344	$ (193,334)

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	County Jail Fund			Sheriff Special Revenue		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues						
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	190,000	149,900	(40,100)	-	-	-
Investment income	-	174	174	-	-	-
Contributions	-	-	-	70,557	20,334	(50,223)
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	190,000	150,074	(39,926)	70,557	20,334	(50,223)
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	190,000	78,584	111,416	70,557	26,500	44,057
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	190,000	78,584	111,416	70,557	26,500	44,057
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	71,490	71,490	-	(6,166)	(6,166)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Proceeds from capital lease						
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	71,490	71,490	-	(6,166)	(6,166)
Fund balances, beginning of year	529,349	529,349	-	30,415	30,415	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 529,349	$ 600,839	$ 71,490	$ 30,415	$ 24,249	$ (6,166)

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Law Library			District Attorney		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues						
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	44,000	40,506	(3,494)	99,000	39,120	(59,880)
Investment income	60	60	-	10	19	9
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	44,060	40,566	(3,494)	99,010	39,139	(59,871)
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	44,060	47,848	(3,788)	99,010	93,833	5,177
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	44,060	47,848	(3,788)	99,010	93,833	5,177
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	(7,282)	(7,282)	-	(54,694)	(54,694)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	(7,282)	(7,282)	-	(54,694)	(54,694)
Fund balances, beginning of year	96,499	96,499	-	106,030	106,030	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 96,499	$ 89,217	$ (7,282)	$ 106,030	$ 51,336	$ (54,694)

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Multiple Grant			Real Estate Grant		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues						
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental	1,353,969	1,248,544	(105,425)	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	-	175	175	-	-	-
Investment income	-	1,358	1,358	-	-	-
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	83,663	91,780	8,117	20,000	26,977	6,977
Total revenues	1,437,632	1,341,857	(95,775)	20,000	26,977	6,977
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	291,267	197,794	93,473	-	-	-
Judicial	1,302,346	1,040,184	262,162	20,000	-	20,000
Public safety	443,801	330,233	113,568	-	-	-
Public works	3,500	256,385	(252,885)	-	-	-
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	2,040,914	1,824,596	216,318	20,000	-	20,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(603,282)	(482,739)	120,543	-	26,977	26,977
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers in	520,943	184,218	(336,725)	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	520,943	184,218	(336,725)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	(82,339)	(298,521)	(216,182)	-	26,977	26,977
Fund balances, beginning of year	431,973	431,973	-	81,292	81,292	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 349,634	$ 133,452	$ (216,182)	$ 81,292	$ 108,269	$ 26,977

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	NSP Grant			E-911		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues						
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 700	$ 844	$ 144
Intergovernmental	3,000	8,947	5,947	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	1,920,000	2,240,813	320,813
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	25	58	33	-	212	212
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	3,025	9,005	5,980	1,920,700	2,241,869	321,169
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-	2,909,547	3,000,523	(90,976)
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing and development	3,025	-	3,025	-	-	-
Debt Service:						
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	3,025	-	3,025	2,909,547	3,000,523	(90,976)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	9,005	9,005	(988,847)	(758,654)	230,193
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers in	-	-	-	988,847	988,847	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	988,847	988,847	-
Net change in fund balances	-	9,005	9,005	-	230,193	230,193
Fund balances, beginning of year	56,908	56,908	-	329,528	329,528	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 56,908	$ 65,913	$ 9,005	$ 329,528	$ 559,721	$ 230,193

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
DEBT SERVICE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	$ 15,646	$ 15,645	$ (1)
Total revenues	15,646	15,645	(1)
Expenditures			
Debt service:			
Principal	14,514	14,514	-
Interest and fiscal charges	1,132	1,131	1
Total expenditures	15,646	15,645	1
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	-	-
Other financing sources			
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	-	-
Fund balance, end of year	$ -	$ -	$ -

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
2005 ISSUE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Project	Original Estimated Cost	Other Estimated Funding Sources	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
Roads	$ 20,000,000	$ 5,202,499	$ 25,202,499	$ 24,228,599	$ -	$ 24,228,599
Mechanic Shop	2,000,000	125	2,000,125	1,960,491	-	1,960,491
Landfill	3,700,000	-	3,700,000	3,735,239	-	3,735,239
Civic Center	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	5,000,000
Radio Communication	6,000,000	5,149,139	11,149,139	11,047,213	-	11,047,213
Data Communication	1,625,000	-	1,625,000	1,636,159	-	1,636,159
Detention Center	3,600,000	-	3,600,000	3,543,798	-	3,543,798
County Office Complex	5,000,000	13,297,000	18,297,000	19,530,864	737,246	20,268,110
Community Building	500,000	56,300	556,300	559,303	-	559,303
Judicial Center Parking	265,000	800	265,800	523,517	-	523,517
Cousins Gym	500,000	-	500,000	478,459	-	478,459
Historic Jail	500,000	3,900	503,900	493,992	-	493,992
Land Acquisition	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	1,264,090	-	1,264,090
City Projects:						
Oxford	605,168	-	605,168	605,168	-	605,168
Porterdale	909,736	-	909,736	909,736	-	909,736
Newborn	166,325	-	166,325	166,325	-	166,325
Covington	3,693,385	-	3,693,385	3,693,385	-	3,693,385
Mansfield	125,384	-	125,384	125,384	-	125,384
Administration	3,610,002	33,937,937	37,547,939	39,064,399	-	39,064,399
	$ 58,800,000	$ 57,647,700	$ 116,447,700	$ 118,566,121	$ 737,246	$ 119,303,367

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
2011 ISSUE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Project	Original Estimated Cost	Other Estimated Funding Sources	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
Transportation/Roads	$ 17,280,860	$ 105,250	$ 17,386,110	$ 17,365,982	$ 20,117	$ 17,386,099
Detention Center	3,000,000	-	3,000,000	3,006,379	-	3,006,379
Administrative Building	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	5,781,450	-	5,781,450
Judicial Expansion	7,000,000	1,318,776	8,318,776	12,946,329	-	12,946,329
Recreation: Parks and Facilities	1,000,000	35,485	1,035,485	1,028,360	-	1,028,360
Recreation: Miracle Field	1,500,000	1,307,230	2,807,230	2,807,127	-	2,807,127
District 4 Recreation	500,000	-	500,000	497,760	-	497,760
District 4 Multi-Use	545,000	-	545,000	540,465	-	540,465
Cemetery Land	55,000	-	55,000	44,614	-	44,614
Animal Control Facility	100,000	-	100,000	96,718	999	97,717
Juvenile Court	500,000	-	500,000	592,269	-	592,269
Historic Jail	1,200,000	-	1,200,000	67,388	-	67,388
Agricultural Center	1,100,000	249,985	1,349,985	1,357,997	-	1,357,997
Fire Station #8	1,100,000	1,463,316	2,563,316	140,377	2,472,144	2,612,521
Emergency Room Expansion	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	4,000,000
Landfill	500,000	-	500,000	500,000	-	500,000
Public Works	500,000	337,492	837,492	837,491	-	837,491
Fleet Replacement	2,500,000	1,250,000	3,750,000	3,736,470	-	3,736,470
Fire Services Equipment	100,000	-	100,000	94,739	-	94,739
City Projects:						
Oxford	1,450,905	-	1,450,905	1,450,905	-	1,450,905
Porterdale	977,882	-	977,882	977,882	-	977,882
Newborn	396,714	-	396,714	396,714	-	396,714
Covington	8,798,999	-	8,798,999	8,798,999	-	8,798,999
Mansfield	298,077	-	298,077	298,077	-	298,077
	$ 59,403,437	$ 6,067,534	$ 65,470,971	$ 67,364,492	$ 2,493,260	$ 69,857,752

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
2017 ISSUE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Project	Original Estimated Cost	Other Estimated Funding Sources	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years		Current Year	Total
Transportation	$ 18,330,793	$ 1,422,518	$ 19,753,311	$ 7,874		$ 4,968,760	$ 4,976,634
Debt Service	10,403,963	751,321	11,155,284	5,962,768		5,935,472	11,898,240
E-911 Communication Co-occupied	3,666,159	-	3,666,159	1,270,356		188,590	1,458,946
Westside Youth Facility	495,427	-	495,427	-		-	-
Senior Expansion	1,783,537	22,507	1,806,044	1,049,492		656,976	1,706,468
Recreaton Department Existing Facilities	990,854	-	990,854	584,261	*	-	584,261
District 2 Improvements	495,426	-	495,426	135,287		364,121	499,408
Springhill Park Facility	495,426	-	495,426	292,133	*	-	292,133
Porterdale Park Upgrades	148,628	-	148,628	65,560		-	65,560
District 4 Existing Park Upgrades	495,427	-	495,427	158,875		161,361	320,236
Chimney Park	99,085	-	99,085	58,426	*	-	58,426
Yellow River Trail	1,337,652	-	1,337,652	-		4,160	4,160
Library	495,427	-	495,427	113,254		83,732	196,986
Animal Control Facility and Equipment	1,199,488	450,000	1,649,488	905,533		762,723	1,668,256
Washington Street	495,427	-	495,427	-		3,880	3,880
Sheriff's Office Upgrade	2,972,561	-	2,972,561	232,855		2,715,012	2,947,867
Solid Waste	1,387,195	-	1,387,195	81,370		-	81,370
Fleet Replacement	3,467,988	51,500	3,519,488	1,812,395		1,019,727	2,832,122
Fire Services	792,683	-	792,683	-		-	-
Economic Development (IDA)	990,854	-	990,854	-		-	-
City Projects:							
Oxford	1,500,965	-	1,500,965	914,551		420,348	1,334,899
Porterdale	2,436,714	-	2,436,714	1,484,690		682,396	2,167,086
Newborn	507,000	-	507,000	308,918		141,985	450,903
Covington	9,425,761	-	9,425,761	5,743,241		2,639,719	8,382,960
Mansfield	385,560	-	385,560	234,926		107,977	342,903
	$ 64,800,000	$ 2,697,846	$ 67,497,846	$ 21,416,765		20,856,939	$ 42,273,704
Transfers from 2017 SPLOST funds for repayment of principal and interest on Solid Waste Authority debt.						(266,800)	
Recreation Department Transfers						(351,968)	*
Total 2017 SPLOST Fund expenditures for the current fiscal year						$ 20,238,171	

* The Recreation Commission was dissolved and transferred into the General Fund during fiscal year 2021. As such, previously unused expenses for the Recreation Commission were added back to their original project allocations.

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

Tax Commissioner – This fund is used to account for all real, personal and intangible taxes collected and forwarded to the County and other government units.

Sheriff – This fund is used to account for the collection of fines and bond forfeitures and the subsequent remittance to the applicable parties.

The following custodial funds are used to account for fines, fees and other monies collected by the courts and remitted to other parties in accordance with court orders and state law: **Clerk of Superior Court, Probate Court, Magistrate Court, and Juvenile Court.**

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

ASSETS	Tax Commissioner	Clerk of Superior Court	Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Sheriff	Juvenile Court	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,346,500	$ 1,262,897	$ 57,188	$ 159,872	$ 102,569	$ 711	$ 3,929,737
Taxes receivable	4,150,164	-	-	-	-	-	4,150,164
Total assets	$ 6,496,664	$ 1,262,897	$ 57,188	$ 159,872	$ 102,569	$ 711	$ 8,079,901
LIABILITIES							
Due to others	$ 6,093,303	$ 253,836	$ 48,035	$ 13,443	$ 67,026	$ 711	$ 6,476,354
Total liabilities	6,093,303	253,836	48,035	13,443	67,026	711	6,476,354
NET POSITION							
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	$ 403,361	$ 1,009,061	$ 9,153	$ 146,429	$ 35,543	$ -	$ 1,603,547

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	Tax Commissioner	Clerk of Superior Court	Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Sheriff	Juvenile Court	Total
ADDITIONS							
Taxes collected	$ 140,842,495	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 140,842,495
Fines and fees collected	-	7,179,642	1,398,006	710,667	1,052,788	9,337	10,350,440
Total additons	140,842,495	7,179,642	1,398,006	710,667	1,052,788	9,337	151,192,935
DEDUCTIONS							
Taxes disbursed	140,850,659	-	-	-	-	-	140,850,659
Fines and fees disbursed	-	7,137,514	1,403,757	633,138	1,035,245	9,337	10,218,991
Total deductions	140,850,659	7,137,514	1,403,757	633,138	1,035,245	9,337	151,069,650
Change in net position	(8,164)	42,128	(5,751)	77,529	17,543	-	123,285
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	411,525	966,933	14,904	68,900	18,000	-	1,480,262
Net position, end of year	$ 403,361	$ 1,009,061	$ 9,153	$ 146,429	$ 35,543	$ -	$ 1,603,547

STATISTICAL SECTION

STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the government's overall financial health.

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Financial Trends ..... **111 – 116**
These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the County's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.

Revenue Capacity ..... **117 – 121**
These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the County's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.

Debt Capacity ..... **122 and 123**
These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the County's current levels of outstanding debt and the County's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

Demographic and Economic Information ..... **124 and 125**
These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the County's financial activities take place.

Operating Information ..... **126 – 128**
These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the County's financial report relates to the services the County provides and the activities it performs.

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the annual comprehensive financial reports for the relevant year.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Governmental activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	$ 211,951,488	$ 201,179,717	$ 191,442,470	$ 179,416,742	$ 169,867,309	$ 167,948,787	$ 157,345,105	$ 123,873,772	$ 145,654,443	$ 150,264,572
Restricted	28,039,469	28,767,304	29,953,772	33,265,276	33,052,892	31,679,317	26,094,471	42,783,096	36,133,165	36,555,112
Unrestricted	8,270,070	8,967,522	6,516,962	5,221,815	1,182,563	(4,779,468)	15,167,093	36,315,082	29,943,598	58,362,253
Total governmental activities net position	$ 248,261,027	$ 238,914,543	$ 227,913,204	$ 217,903,833	$ 204,102,764	$ 194,848,636	$ 198,606,669	$ 202,971,950	$ 211,731,206	$ 245,181,937
Business-type activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	$ 30,639,514	$ 35,430,114	$ 36,563,019	$ 36,555,145	$ 39,236,128	$ 38,813,906	$ 27,142,372	$ 29,334,136	$ 26,547,347	$ 28,316,224
Restricted	2,800,817	2,843,240	4,422,173	5,255,914	5,621,418	6,485,218	2,979,055	2,394,792	2,412,860	2,160,572
Unrestricted	3,374,547	(205,233)	(1,988,942)	(1,022,755)	(10,701,903)	(8,956,594)	(1,058,495)	948,261	7,320,325	11,265,067
Total business-type activities net position	$ 36,814,878	$ 38,068,121	$ 38,996,250	$ 40,788,304	$ 34,155,643	$ 36,342,530	$ 29,062,932	$ 32,677,189	$ 36,280,532	$ 41,741,863
Primary government:										
Net investment in capital assets	$ 242,591,002	$ 236,609,831	$ 228,005,489	$ 215,971,887	$ 209,103,437	$ 206,762,693	$ 184,487,477	$ 153,207,908	$ 172,201,790	$ 178,580,796
Restricted	30,840,286	31,610,544	34,375,945	38,521,190	38,674,310	38,164,535	29,073,526	45,177,888	38,546,025	38,715,684
Unrestricted	11,644,617	8,762,289	4,528,020	4,199,060	(9,519,340)	(13,736,062)	14,108,598	37,263,343	37,263,923	69,627,320
Total governmental activities net position	$ 285,075,905	$ 276,982,664	$ 266,909,454	$ 258,692,137	$ 238,258,407	$ 231,191,166	$ 227,669,601	$ 235,649,139	$ 248,011,738	$ 286,923,800

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	Fiscal Year									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Expenses										
Governmental activities:										
General government	$ 7,036,466	$ 6,920,643	$ 7,533,759	$ 7,485,799	$ 14,288,327	$ 17,980,423	$ 24,254,115	$ 11,292,822	$ 10,628,574	$ 12,634,319
Judicial	5,037,480	5,406,702	5,710,033	6,043,628	6,694,334	4,643,627	6,638,406	7,562,114	7,445,609	7,694,811
Public safety	29,646,199	31,376,390	30,826,480	31,654,200	33,224,136	34,578,844	37,335,611	39,617,868	42,922,723	45,242,442
Public works	17,989,182	19,098,371	25,702,670	20,082,262	18,629,383	21,097,126	18,349,291	19,259,804	21,462,433	22,763,198
Health and welfare	856,581	844,246	766,260	778,275	1,224,761	1,212,755	1,250,959	1,311,484	2,742,686	2,214,025
Culture and recreation	3,344,946	3,483,545	3,318,912	3,576,071	4,434,377	3,322,222	3,483,713	3,501,119	2,557,441	1,625,228
Housing and development	1,214,808	1,272,176	1,372,146	1,780,917	1,102,413	1,037,357	1,364,862	2,385,462	1,437,429	1,559,117
Interest on long-term debt	761,363	735,764	556,395	515,129	273,612	478,930	612,800	909,575	762,001	805,086
Total governmental activities expenses	65,887,025	69,137,837	75,786,655	71,916,281	79,871,343	84,351,284	93,289,757	85,840,248	89,958,896	94,538,226
Business-type activities:										
Water	6,487,529	6,155,568	5,794,325	5,886,594	6,235,629	6,745,310	6,396,264	6,685,571	6,389,735	6,669,960
Special facilities	44,708	42,168	48,276	35,772	111,383	147,157	237,007	398,524	381,870	250,895
Solid waste	3,227,776	4,572,440	4,369,003	4,327,308	11,208,804	4,469,402	4,696,455	4,506,172	5,572,576	5,584,035
Total business-type activities expenses	9,760,013	10,770,176	10,211,604	10,249,674	17,555,816	11,361,869	11,329,726	11,590,267	12,344,181	12,504,890
Total primary government expenses	$ 75,647,038	$ 79,908,013	$ 85,998,259	$ 82,165,955	$ 97,427,159	$ 95,713,153	$ 104,619,483	$ 97,430,515	$ 102,303,077	$ 107,043,116
Program revenues										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
General government	$ 2,232,650	$ 1,771,103	$ 1,707,308	$ 1,884,784	$ 2,118,021	$ 2,842,476	$ 2,922,064	$ 2,973,394	$ 2,903,683	$ 2,928,216
Judicial	2,390,522	2,483,423	2,413,909	2,461,150	2,581,952	2,257,358	2,432,597	2,519,647	2,374,474	2,658,173
Public safety	3,128,360	2,709,277	2,847,304	2,761,245	2,804,679	3,381,419	3,249,502	3,785,928	3,321,899	3,411,036
Public works	1,046,194	1,021,988	1,006,911	1,007,308	1,017,634	1,393,093	1,469,630	1,523,901	1,446,109	1,839,753
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	68,962	86,638	75,166	67,561	48,941	16,789
Culture and recreation	7,756	4,975	5,538	5,805	6,499	387,488	370,873	370,824	384,755	790,302
Housing and development	206,127	196,655	621,478	853,693	991,364	782,685	880,571	888,357	1,046,399	1,426,335
Operating grants and contributions	2,748,444	4,446,175	7,617,915	3,065,913	3,957,846	5,756,792	4,090,908	5,191,885	5,898,902	15,612,281
Capital grants and contributions	174,620	258,229	82,375	2,045,665	1,767,884	740,657	6,889,967	1,727,729	1,431,337	734,728
Total governmental activities program revenues	11,934,673	12,891,825	16,302,738	14,085,563	15,314,841	17,628,606	22,381,278	19,049,226	18,856,499	29,417,613
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services	10,014,248	10,321,636	10,348,740	11,303,912	11,407,025	12,355,960	14,818,542	13,616,751	14,500,260	16,717,812
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89,817	-
Total business-type activities program revenues	10,014,248	10,321,636	10,348,740	11,303,912	11,407,025	12,355,960	14,818,542	13,616,751	14,590,077	16,717,812
Total primary government revenues	$ 21,948,921	$ 23,213,461	$ 26,651,478	$ 25,389,475	$ 26,721,866	$ 29,984,566	$ 37,199,820	$ 32,665,977	$ 33,446,576	$ 46,135,425

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	Fiscal Year									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Net (expense)/revenue:										
Governmental activities	$ (53,952,352)	$ (56,246,012)	$ (59,483,917)	$ (57,830,718)	$ (64,556,502)	$ (66,722,678)	$ (70,908,479)	$ (66,791,022)	$ (71,102,397)	$ (65,120,613)
Business-type activities	254,235	(448,540)	137,136	1,054,238	(6,148,791)	994,091	3,488,816	2,026,484	2,245,896	4,212,922
Total primary government net expense	$ (53,698,117)	$ (56,694,552)	$ (59,346,781)	$ (56,776,480)	$ (70,705,293)	$ (65,728,587)	$ (67,419,663)	$ (64,764,538)	$ (68,856,501)	$ (60,907,691)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position										
Governmental activities:										
Taxes										
Property taxes	$ 26,221,203	$ 24,267,110	$ 25,281,952	$ 26,084,591	$ 30,730,890	$ 33,154,213	$ 37,935,899	$ 41,607,224	$ 47,962,797	$ 50,617,784
Sales taxes	18,506,632	18,952,178	18,396,452	19,063,384	18,772,992	19,254,415	20,620,046	23,465,386	25,023,436	30,930,813
Other taxes	5,029,810	5,562,758	5,582,868	5,898,427	6,484,701	6,174,406	6,590,717	6,962,222	7,348,623	7,699,153
Unrestricted investment earnings	44,911	34,895	8,501	11,543	17,114	65,710	108,151	482,430	743,358	32,415
Joint venture equity	21,703	(7,743)	(31,760)	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,524,973
Gain on sale of capital assets	19,454	240,612	13,646	-	7,256	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(750,000)	(1,745,705)	(769,078)	(715,093)	(1,197,080)	(1,180,194)	9,411,699	(1,360,959)	(1,216,561)	(1,233,794)
Special items	-	-	-	-	(4,000,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	49,093,713	47,304,105	48,482,581	50,342,852	50,815,873	57,468,550	74,666,512	71,156,303	79,861,653	98,571,344
Business-type activities:										
Unrestricted investment earnings	384,528	28,567	21,915	22,723	15,289	12,602	104,375	226,814	140,886	14,615
Gain on sale of capital assets	192,473	25,000	-	-	35,175	-	(1,461,090)	-	-	-
Transfers	750,000	1,745,705	769,078	715,093	1,197,080	1,180,194	(9,411,699)	1,360,959	1,216,561	1,233,794
Special items	-	-	-	-	(1,731,414)	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	1,327,001	1,799,272	790,993	737,816	(483,870)	1,192,796	(10,768,414)	1,587,773	1,357,447	1,248,409
Total primary government	$ 50,420,714	$ 49,103,377	$ 49,273,574	$ 51,080,668	$ 50,332,003	$ 58,661,346	$ 63,898,098	$ 72,744,076	$ 81,219,100	$ 99,819,753
Change in Net Position										
Governmental activities	$ (4,858,639)	$ (8,941,907)	$ (11,001,336)	$ (7,487,866)	$ (13,740,629)	$ (9,254,128)	$ 3,758,033	$ 4,365,281	$ 8,759,256	$ 33,450,731
Business-type activities	1,581,236	1,350,732	928,129	1,792,054	(6,632,661)	2,186,887	(7,279,598)	3,614,257	3,603,343	5,461,331
Total primary government	$ (3,277,403)	$ (7,591,175)	$ (10,073,207)	$ (5,695,812)	$ (20,373,290)	$ (7,067,241)	$ (3,521,565)	$ 7,979,538	$ 12,362,599	$ 38,912,062

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	Fiscal Year									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
General Fund										
Reserved	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Unreserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-spendable:										
Prepaids and inventories	352,126	397,862	364,301	193,419	306,914	336,493	289,201	570,659	339,034	390,968
Restricted:										
General government	-	-	-	185	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	175,000	15,000	-	396,063	32,196	525,393	457,972	-	-	-
Unassigned	7,962,318	7,295,286	6,127,893	5,247,626	4,678,421	7,335,966	11,521,937	19,366,740	22,668,272	39,689,032
Total General Fund	$ 8,489,444	$ 7,708,148	$ 6,492,194	$ 5,837,293	$ 5,017,531	$ 8,197,852	$ 12,269,110	$ 19,937,399	$ 23,007,306	$ 40,080,000
All Other Governmental Funds										
Reserved	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Unreserved, undesignated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved, reported in:										
Special revenue funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-spendable:										
Prepaids and inventories	167,959	7,920	10,197	7,966	3,643	-	-	-	-	-
Long-term advances	-	-	-	1,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted:										
General government	105,500	214,866	276,553	300,713	163,125	378,881	420,338	474,719	481,481	424,610
Judicial	351,884	396,360	314,857	469,133	574,150	663,466	671,962	452,562	434,316	404,003
Public safety	5,253,364	3,207,061	2,095,593	1,272,382	1,764,620	2,111,228	2,972,308	3,176,936	3,056,415	5,517,611
Public works	(43,710)	-	(14,830)	-	32,096	192,579	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	11,990	-	(8,372)	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,913
Health and welfare	(10,561)	11,250	11,250	-	122	122	29,930	35,300	35,300	35,300
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	25,260,441	27,240,413	27,240,413	32,702,886	30,515,136	33,950,694	22,035,946	38,643,579	42,952,802	42,978,461
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	390,041	131,456	131,604	-	-	-
Unassigned:										
Special revenue funds	-	(129,628)	-	-	-	(395,144)	(729,940)	(695,777)	(1,903,242)	(337,358)
Capital projects funds	-	-	-	(3,292,077)	(2,004,321)	(938,816)	-	-	-	(3,555,780)
Total all other governmental funds	$ 31,096,867	$ 30,948,242	$ 29,925,661	$ 32,961,003	$ 31,438,612	$ 36,094,466	$ 25,532,148	$ 42,087,319	$ 45,057,072	$ 45,532,760

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	Fiscal Year									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenues										
Taxes	$ 51,844,371	$ 49,568,808	$ 48,855,214	$ 50,984,721	$ 55,863,418	$ 58,855,239	$ 64,274,820	$ 71,849,863	$ 79,510,103	$ 89,850,061
Licenses and permits	265,405	270,718	468,976	565,903	627,846	876,815	981,952	968,636	1,066,551	1,431,387
Intergovernmental	2,886,094	4,623,729	7,617,044	4,100,443	5,004,131	5,921,341	5,101,884	6,267,388	6,889,053	12,816,279
Charges for services	4,708,862	4,095,754	5,921,160	5,831,133	6,092,745	6,502,552	7,074,269	7,642,087	7,714,802	8,825,079
Fines and forfeitures	1,724,348	1,874,396	1,844,091	1,969,771	2,001,297	1,928,727	1,688,733	1,830,343	1,312,413	1,336,754
Investment income	75,871	60,253	27,982	35,434	41,796	65,474	107,911	482,430	743,358	61,238
Contributions	2,803	13,971	26,126	43,520	23,596	66,392	852,060	94,885	137,235	349,570
Miscellaneous	705,440	798,813	782,619	829,090	1,060,883	1,148,429	1,043,195	1,172,586	766,971	912,896
Total revenues	$ 62,213,194	$ 61,306,442	$ 65,543,212	$ 64,360,015	$ 70,715,712	$ 75,364,969	$ 81,124,824	$ 90,308,218	$ 98,140,486	$ 115,583,264
Expenditures										
General government	$ 5,594,296	$ 6,619,230	$ 5,788,160	$ 6,449,561	$ 7,462,273	$ 7,388,745	$ 19,523,430	$ 9,817,534	$ 11,080,567	$ 10,793,292
Judicial	4,907,620	5,304,172	5,624,412	5,928,040	6,456,453	6,670,664	6,722,938	7,297,606	7,368,780	7,639,666
Public safety	27,236,777	28,565,476	29,046,169	29,363,101	30,981,218	32,513,402	32,239,793	36,112,061	40,028,656	43,719,067
Public works	4,202,811	4,522,541	5,180,737	4,735,519	5,634,550	5,105,788	6,512,738	5,763,526	5,454,851	5,394,675
Health and welfare	877,027	860,937	764,792	787,418	2,036,179	1,206,446	1,214,432	1,196,004	1,225,319	1,448,887
Culture and recreation	2,813,367	3,714,555	2,717,064	2,748,044	3,529,903	2,782,328	2,781,149	2,791,352	2,830,352	2,601,942
Housing and development	1,198,507	1,265,046	1,371,985	1,332,190	1,093,368	1,037,357	1,320,547	1,391,307	1,483,056	1,571,540
Intergovernmental	1,905,375	1,902,600	1,845,023	1,913,036	1,883,239	2,473,302	-	-	3,142,889	3,992,425
Capital outlay	5,259,205	4,773,271	12,435,972	5,286,856	11,759,660	19,434,491	23,700,444	11,021,838	13,339,304	17,373,927
Debt service:										
Principal retirement	767,237	2,007,402	2,206,323	3,703,389	2,709,221	1,874,471	2,462,112	2,017,709	3,931,373	6,846,720
Interest and fiscal charges	9,179,366	614,362	524,234	496,868	233,181	410,987	559,415	944,092	1,004,383	996,619
Total expenditures	63,941,588	60,149,592	67,504,871	62,744,022	73,779,245	80,897,981	97,036,998	78,353,029	90,889,530	102,378,760
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,728,394)	1,156,850	(1,961,659)	1,615,993	(3,063,533)	(5,533,012)	(15,912,174)	11,955,189	7,250,956	13,204,504

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	Fiscal Year									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Proceeds from capital lease	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 552556
Capital leases	2,969,934	-	784,735	552,931	87,784	14,440,598	-	13,572,423	-	4,990,000
Issuance of bonds	3,425,000	-	360,000	-	6,400,000	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments to escrow agent	(3,429,914)	-	-	-	(7,265,378)	-	-	-	9,551,152	-
Transfers in	3,254,478	6,051,403	5,232,830	1,896,925	4,549,204	3,277,256	13,217,191	3,736,325	(10,767,713)	7,273,763
Transfers out	(3,868,196)	(7,797,081)	(6,001,909)	(2,612,018)	(5,746,284)	(4,364,055)	(3,805,492)	(5,097,284)	5,265	(8,507,557)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	19,454	270,411	13,634	-	7,256	15,388	9,415	56,807	-	35,116
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,370,756	(1,475,267)	389,290	(162,162)	(1,967,418)	13,369,187	9,421,114	12,268,271	(1,211,296)	4,343,878
Net change in fund balances	$ 642,362	$ (318,417)	$ (1,572,369)	$ 1,453,831	$ (5,030,951)	$ 7,836,175	$ (6,491,060)	$ 24,223,460	$ 6,039,660	$ 17,548,382
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	16.9%	4.7%	5.0%	7.3%	4.7%	3.7%	4.1%	4.0%	6.0%	8.7%

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Real Property		Personal Property		Less: Tax Exempt Real Property	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Taxable Value	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value
	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Motor Vehicles	Other [1]					
2012	$ 1,609,066	$ 710,446	$ 218,780	$ 3,599	$ 365,070	$ 2,176,821	10.910	$ 5,442,053	40%
2013	1,372,380	699,094	227,748	2,852	353,685	1,948,389	10.910	4,870,973	40%
2014	1,232,668	698,075	240,209	2,497	330,197	1,843,252	11.540	4,608,130	40%
2015	1,403,261	699,910	203,335	2,817	339,585	1,969,738	11.225	4,924,345	40%
2016	1,538,468	736,342	149,190	2,945	368,118	2,058,827	12.990	5,147,068	40%
2017	1,659,816	775,606	113,941	3,118	390,264	2,162,217	12.990	5,405,543	40%
2018	1,891,990	822,653	86,195	2,264	437,944	2,365,158	13.441	5,912,895	40%
2019	2,336,523	922,789	55,282	4,182	491,179	2,827,597	13.441	7,068,993	40%
2020	2,596,319	885,715	42,317	3,688	494,622	3,033,417	12.916	7,583,543	40%
2021	2,933,063	994,080	35,662	3,150	494,240	3,471,715	11.145	8,679,288	40%

Source: Newton County Tax Commissioner

[1] Includes Mobile Home, Timber and Heavy Equipment

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING PROPERTY TAX RATES
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(rate per $1,000 of assessed value)

	Fiscal Year										
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Newton County rates											
Maintenance and Operations											
Unincorporated	10.91	10.91	10.91	11.54	11.23	12.99	12.99	13.44	13.44	12.92	11.15
Emergency Medical Services	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	-	-	-	-
Fire Protection	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.84	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89
Hospital Authority	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Board of Education											
Maintenance and Operations	21.00	21.07	21.90	21.90	20.45	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.79	18.29
State of Georgia	0.25	0.25	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.05	-	-	-	-	-
Total Unincorporated	34.60	34.68	35.45	36.03	34.22	34.33	34.33	34.33	34.33	33.60	30.33
Covington CID	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Total Municipalities:											
Mansfield	5.58	5.58	5.58	5.58	5.08	4.72	4.60	4.42	4.16	3.87	3.41
Newborn	1.94	1.97	1.94	2.03	1.89	1.88	1.86	1.83	1.77	1.41	1.24
Oxford	6.28	7.06	7.60	7.85	7.57	7.76	7.24	6.62	6.62	6.62	5.44
Porterdale	17.52	19.89	19.89	19.39	17.91	17.91	17.91	17.31	13.72	14.07	14.07
Social Circle [1]	23.46	24.05	24.28	24.28	27.20	26.50	25.85	25.04	27.55	27.18	27.18
City of Covington	8.21	8.21	8.21	8.20	7.71	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.19	6.88

Source: Newton County Tax Commissioner

[1] The City of Social Circle's tax rate includes the tax rate to fund the Social Circle City Board of Education

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO

	2021			2012		
Taxpayer	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value
Bard C R	$ 89,416,510	1	2.95 %	$ 40,634,114	2	1.87 %
SKC, Inc.	52,047,694	2	1.72	39,685,792	3	1.82
General Mills	50,805,792	3	1.67	41,908,852	1	1.92
Baxalta	38,211,953	4	1.26	-		-
Newton County Industrial Development Authority	31,479,795	5	1.04	-		-
Fibervision	24,589,795	6	0.81	21,738,587	6	1.00
Nisshinbo	20,342,606	7	0.67	18,590,704	7	0.85
Georgia Power	14,435,167	8	0.48	15,534,480	8	0.71
Pactiv	14,317,300	9	0.47	33,803,348	4	1.55
Engineered Polymer	13,013,588	10	0.43	-		-
Snapping Shoals EMC	-		-	22,459,560	5	1.03
AT&T	-		-	12,303,120	9	0.56
Michelin North America	-		-	13,164,827	10	0.60
Totals	$ 348,660,200		11.49 %	$ 259,823,384		11.93 %

The fiscal year 2021 total taxable assessed value is: $ 3,033,417,311
The fiscal year 2012 total taxable assessed value is: $ 2,177,786,714

Source: Newton County Tax Commissioner

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
2012	$ 23,398,585	$ 22,506,797	96.2 %	$ 98,961	$ 22,605,758	96.6 %
2013	21,322,577	20,537,949	96.3	420,933	20,958,882	98.3
2014	18,739,421	18,307,884	97.7	431,536	18,739,420	100.0
2015	18,470,300	18,131,491	98.2	338,809	18,470,300	100.0
2016	19,796,280	19,511,312	98.6	284,968	19,796,280	100.0
2017	24,768,366	24,476,284	98.8	210,466	24,686,750	99.7
2018	26,566,593	26,248,761	98.8	242,132	26,490,893	99.7
2019	30,479,008	30,093,892	98.7	170,288	30,264,180	99.3
2020	33,840,919	33,301,213	98.4	371,980	33,673,193	99.5
2021	37,176,030	36,519,683	98.2	33,456	36,850,139	99.1

Source: Newton County Tax Commissioner

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Governmental Activities			Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income (1)	Per Capita (1)
	General Obligation Bonds	Capital Leases and GEFA Notes	Installment Sale Agreements	Revenue Bonds	Capital Leases and GEFA Notes			
2012	$ 4,040,000	$ 3,981,803	$ 11,525,000	$ 30,510,000	$ 4,422,403	$ 54,479,206	1.97 %	542
2013	3,357,500	2,911,904	10,775,000	25,040,000	5,008,179	47,092,583	1.68	466
2014	2,655,000	2,925,110	9,880,000	22,975,000	4,744,446	43,179,556	1.49	422
2015	1,937,500	2,203,485	8,955,000	20,905,000	4,373,513	38,374,498	1.27	370
2016	1,200,000	1,386,209	7,430,000	18,795,000	4,374,562	33,185,771	1.03	315
2017	1,705,104	14,643,303	6,303,275	16,640,000	4,127,484	43,419,166	1.29	406
2018	517,551	14,508,744	5,163,275	36,700,000	2,285,593	59,175,163	1.68	548
2019	13,767,479	13,874,956	4,015,000	33,355,000	2,173,019	67,185,454	1.82	613
2020	10,827,149	13,234,457	3,380,000	31,525,093	3,306,306	62,273,005	1.44	546
2021	12,870,786	13,033,049	-	29,001,907	11,462,217	66,367,959	1.53	582

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

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

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

RATIOS OF GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds [1]	Percentage of Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property [2]	Bonded Debt Per Capita [3]
2012	$ 4,040,000	74.24%	$ 40
2013	3,357,500	68.93%	33
2014	2,655,000	57.62%	26
2015	1,937,500	39.35%	19
2016	1,200,000	23.31%	11
2017	1,705,104	31.54%	16
2018	517,551	8.75%	5
2019	13,767,479	194.76%	126
2020	10,827,149	142.77%	97
2021	12,870,786	148.29%	113

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

[1] Presented net of original issuance discounts and premiums.

[2] See the Schedule of Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property for property value data.

[3] See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(AMOUNTS EXPRESSED IN THOUSANDS)

	Fiscal Year									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Debt limit	$ 217,682	$ 194,839	$ 184,325	$ 196,974	$ 205,883	$ 216,222	$ 236,516	$ 282,760	$ 303,342	$ 347,172
Total net debt applicable to limit	4,040	3,358	2,655	1,938	1,200	1,705	518	13,767	13,875	12,871
Legal debt margin	$ 213,642	$ 191,481	$ 181,670	$ 195,036	$ 204,683	$ 214,517	$ 235,998	$ 268,992	$ 289,467	$ 334,301
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	1.86%	1.72%	1.44%	0.98%	0.58%	0.79%	0.22%	4.87%	4.57%	3.71%

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2021

Assessed value	$ 3,471,715
Debt limit (10% of assessed value)	347,172
Debt applicable to limit:	
General obligation bonds	12,871
Less: Amount set aside for repayment of general obligation debt	-
Total net debt applicable to limit	12,871
Legal debt margin	$ 334,301

Note: Under state finance law, the County's outstanding general obligation debt should not exceed 10% of total assessed property value. By law, the general obligation debt subject to the limitation may be offset by amounts set aside for repaying the general obligation bonds.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Population [1]	Personal Income (amounts expressed in thousands) [1]	Per Capita Personal Income	Median Age [2]	School Enrollment [3]	Unemployment Rate [4]
2012	100,565	$ 2,759,412	$ 27,439	36.0	N/A	0.110 %
2013	101,122	2,805,018	27,739	36.3	N/A	0.097
2014	102,272	2,899,542	28,351	36.1	19,598	0.082
2015	103,790	3,023,291	29,129	35.7	19,600	0.067
2016	105,324	3,210,695	30,484	36.1	19,680	0.060
2017	106,999	3,354,135	31,347	36.0	19,657	0.054
2018	108,078	3,517,731	32,548	36.1	19,758	0.053
2019	109,541	3,696,995	33,750	36.2	19,617	0.045
2020	111,744	3,877,030	34,969	36.2	18,750	0.066
2021	114,067	4,334,209	37,997	36.4	18,766	0.050

Note: 2011 and 2012 per capita and personal income are estimates based on past regional trends.

[1] Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

[2] Source: U.S. Census Bureau - American Fact Finder

[3] Source: Newton County Board of Education

[4] Source: Georgia Department of Labor

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND TEN YEARS AGO

	2021			2012		
Taxpayer	Employees [1]	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment [2]	Employees [1]	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment [2]
Newton County Board of Education	2,658	1	5.30%	2,000	1	4.80%
Takeda Pharmaceuticals	900	2	1.79%			
Newton County Government	636	3	1.27%	554	3	1.30%
Becton, Dickson, & Co.	673	4	1.34%	600	2	1.40%
Piedmont Newton Hospital	668	5	1.33%	545	4	1.30%
Pactiv Corporation	403	6	0.80%	500	5	1.20%
General Mills	475	7	0.95%	400	6	1.00%
City of Covington	318	9	0.63%	340	7	0.80%
SKC, Inc.	345	9	0.69%	320	8	0.80%
SRG	305	10	0.61%	291	9	0.70%
Nisshinbo	277	11	0.55%	270	10	0.70%
Totals	7,658		15.26%	5,820		14.00%

[1] **Source:** Newton County Chamber of Commerce

[2] **Source:** Total County employed per Georgia Department of Labor County Profile, 48,202 (November 2021)

Note: Used eleven year comparison because the 2012 Financial Statements did not include the top principal employers

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
Function	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**
General Government	113	105	117	119	128	142	145	162	154	159
Public Safety										
Sheriff										
Officers (including SRO)	114	134	137	137	145	150	141	152	150	126
Civilians	14	19	20	18	12	14	13	17	16	14
Detention										
Officers	84	71	70	71	83	90	76	87	88	75
Admin (Other)	20	18	18	20	25	25	26	28	28	23
Fire										
Firefighters and Officers	68	61	63	65	74	76	87	96	110	101
Civilians	7	11	11	10	2	2	2	4	5	6
Coroner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Animal Control	8	7	7	8	9	9	9	9	9	12
Emergency Management	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Public Works										
Highways and Streets	35	35	29	31	39	35	31	38	37	43
Fleet Maintenance	10	8	10	10	10	10	9	8	8	9
Engineering	4	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Resources	10	10	12	9	16	17	18	19	20	17
Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling	18	15	15	18	16	18	10	13	14	15
Clean and Beautiful	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	2	2	2
Parks and Recreation	23	23	17	17	25	24	29	32	38	14
Planning and Development	15	17	15	16	16	15	15	16	16	16
Total	546	538	546	554	605	632	616	686	698	636

Source: 2009-2015 Newton County Payroll Office; 2016-2019 Newton County Human Resources

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN CALENDAR YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Function										
Governmental:										
Sheriff Department										
Physical arrest	7,032	6,958	6,964	6,931	6,753	6,495	6,194	6,187	4,413	1,784
Parking violations	2	-	2	5	9	4	7	2	2	5
Traffic violations	2,681	2,683	3,758	4,361	3,715	3,143	4,113	5,132	6,733	8,271
Fire Department										
Fires extinguished										
Structures	317	78	141	117	120	119	91	90	97	57
Vehicles	74	45	48	58	59	71	55	61	60	58
Emergency responses	4,919	4,170	6,521	6,468	6,455	7,050	7,022	7,149	6,981	6,311
Fire Inspections	197	161	251	242	280	287	372	354	122	130
Parks and Recreation										
Recreation participants										
Youth	2,857	2,383	2,528	2,497	2,205	2,313	2,423	2,203	1,135	1,719
Adults	1,054	884	824	856	462	630	585	325	-	540
Athletic fields	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	25	25	25
Business-type:										
Landfill										
Refuse collection (tons/day)	261	240	266	273	249	259	261	253	327	382
Recyclables centers	11	11	11	11	11	11	5	6	6	6
Recyclables centers (tons/day)	N/A	81	89	86	73	40	30	35	35	41
Newspaper collections (tons/day)	401	430	500	525	550	600	100	44	130	167
Scrap Metal collections (tons/day)	785	900	1,050	1,000	850	875	250	273	400	350
Glass collections (tons/day)	220	290	310	320	350	300	250	40	150	93

Note: Indicators are not available for the general government function.

Source: Various County Departments.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year										
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Function/Program											
Sheriff Department											
Stations	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3
Patrol Units	43	43	43	47	51	55	61	64	69	69	69
Fire Stations	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	9
Public Works											
Streets (miles)	778	778	779	781	781	782	784	784	786	787	790
Traffic Signals	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4
Culture and Recreation											
Park Acreage	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	351	351	351	355
Playgrounds	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	10	11	12
Baseball/Softball Diamonds	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	20	17	20
Soccer/Football Fields	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Community Centers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Note: No capital asset indicators are available for the general government function.

Street miles only includes County maintained roads.

Source: Various County Departments.

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COMPLIANCE SECTION

MAULDIN & JENKINS
CPAs & ADVISORS

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

To the Board of Commissioners
of Newton County, Georgia
Covington, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Newton County, Georgia, (the "County") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's, basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 27, 2022. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Newton County Health Department, the Newton County Industrial Development Authority, and the Newton County Library System, as described in our report on the County'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 the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that were not identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Macon, Georgia
January 27, 2022

MAULDIN & JENKINS
CPAs & ADVISORS

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

To the Board of Commissioners
of Newton County, Georgia
Covington, Georgia

Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Newton County, Georgia's (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the County'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 the County'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 the County's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the County 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 the County'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 our 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 the County'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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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.

Macon, Georgia
January 27, 2022

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Idenitification Number	Total Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Pass Through Program - Northeast Georgia Regional Commission				
Community Care Services Program - Title III, Part B	93.044	SFY 2021	$ 9,341	$ -
Community Care Services Program - Title III, Part C	93.045	SFY 2021	143,606	-
Elder Community Living CARES Act	93.045	SFY 2021	84,116	-
Coronavirus Relief Fund - Kinship	93.045	SFY 2021	10,231	-
Elder Community living FFCRA	93.045	SFY 2020	49,017	-
		SFY 2021	18,736	-
National Family Caregiver Support, Title III, Part E	93.052	SFY 2021	4,443	-
Nutrition Services Incentive Program	93.053	SFY 202	35,293	-
Total Aging Cluster			354,783	-
Pass Through Program - Northeast Georgia Regional Commission				
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	SFY 2021	26,493	-
CCSP Medicaid	93.778	SFY 2021	13,864	-
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			395,140	-

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Idenitification Number	Total Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Justice				
Direct				
Edward Byrne Grant Memorial Justice Assistance	16.738	2017-DJ-BX-0510	$ 909	$ -
		2018-DJ-BX-0729	4,086	-
		2019-DJ-BX-0782	5,753	-
		2020-DJ-BX-0345	4,590	-
			15,338	-
Coronavirus Relief Project	16.034	2020-VD-BX-1420	6,890	-
Pass Through Program - Criminal Justice Coordinating Council				
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2018-V2-GX-0066 (C18-8-264)	14,351	-
		2018-V2-GX-0066 (C18-8-263)	10,255	-
		2019-V2-GX-0019 (C19-8-103)	55,039	-
		2019-V2-GX-0019 (C19-8-102)	31,806	-
			111,451	-
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment	16.593	2017-J2-BX-0042 (R17-8-003)	5,964	-
		2019-RT-BX-0034 (R19-8-001)	63,946	-
			69,910	-

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Idenitification Number	Total Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Justice (Continued)				
Direct - U.S. Department of Justice				
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	FY2018	$ 1,321	$ -
Direct - U.S. Department of Justice				
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	16.607	2018-AP-BX-0436	3,810	-
		2019-AP-BX-1350	3,428	-
Total U.S. Department of Justice			212,148	-

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Idenitification Number	Total Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Direct - Homeland Security Department				
State Homeland Security Program - EOD K-9	97.067	EMW-2020-SS-00089 S# 36	$ 34,392	$ -
Direct - Federal Emergency Management Agency				
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	HMG Plan #HHM284023	15,600	-
Pass Through Program - Georgia Planning and Budget				
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	OEM20-109	29,987	-
Pass Through Program - Georgia Emergency Management Agency				
COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	97.036	Disaster 4501	221,206	-
Pass Through Program - Georgia Emergency Management Agency				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	Disaster 4259	1,262,109	-
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			1,563,294	-

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Idenitification Number	Total Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				
Pass Through Program-				
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority	66.468	Loan #DW2017023	$ 8,342,228	$ -
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			8,342,228	-
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Pass Through Program - Atlanta Regional Commission	NA	NA	137,539	-
Transportation Master Plan				
Pass Through Program - Georgia Department of Transportation				
ARC 2016 - Crowell Rd/Harold Dobbs Rd	20.205	#0015095	66,794	-
ARC 2016 - Brown Bridge/Yellow River Bridge Bridge	20.205	#0015096	208,166	-
ARC 2016 - Brown Bridge/ Snapping Shoals Creek Creek	20.205	#0015097	102,406	-
Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			514,905	-

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Idenitification Number	Total Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Transportation (Continued)				
Pass Through Program - Governor's Office of Highway Safety				
Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic ("HEAT")	20.600	GA-2020-402PT-018	$ 31,641	$ -
		GA-2021-FAST-402PT-127	99,512	-
Total Highway Safety Cluster			131,153	-
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			646,058	-
U.S. Department of Treasury				
Pass Through Program - State of Georgia				
Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	Newton County unincorporated COVID-19 Phase 1	4,841,480	-
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			4,841,480	-
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			**$ 16,000,348**	**$ -**

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of (the "County ") and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

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

NOTE 2. DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

The County chose not to use the 10% de minimis cost rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

NOTE 3. NON-CASH AWARDS

The County did not receive non-cash federal awards during the year ended June 30, 2021.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

SECTION I
SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weaknesses identified?	____ Yes __X__ 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 weaknesses identified?	____ Yes __X__ No
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	____ Yes __X__ None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance?	____ Yes __X__ No

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
21.019	Coronavirus Relief Fund
97.036	Disaster Grant – Public Assistance

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	__X__ Yes ____ No

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

None reported.

SECTION III
FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

None reported.