PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023

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December 6, 2023

Board of Commissioners and Citizens
Paulding County, Georgia

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of Paulding County, Georgia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, is submitted herewith as mandated by local ordinances and the State of Georgia statutes. These ordinances and statutes require that Paulding County issue annually a report on its financial position and activity, and that this report be audited by an independent firm of certified public accountants. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the County. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds of the County. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the County's financial activities have been included.

Management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure which is designed to ensure that the assets of the County are protected from loss, theft, or misuse; and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: (1) the cost of the control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

Georgia statutes require an annual audit by an independent firm of certified public accountants. The Board of Commissioners selected the accounting firm of Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs, LLC. The auditor's report on the basic financial statements and schedules is included in the financial section of this 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. MD&A complement this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of Paulding County

Paulding County, incorporated in 1832, was the 87th county created in Georgia and was named after John Paulding, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Paulding County's rich historical resources include a number of well-preserved Civil War memorials, including the New Hope Church that was the site of the 1864 battle between General Sherman and Confederate General Johnston. The County is located approximately 29 miles northwest of Atlanta. The County has a land area of 314 square miles and a population of approximately 178,421.

Policymaking and legislative authority are vested in the governing authority, consisting of a five-member Board of Commissioners, including a full-time Chairman. The Commission Chairman is elected at large, while the four other members are elected by district. All members serve four-year, staggered terms. The commission is responsible, among other things, for adopting ordinances and budgets, appointing committees, and confirming department heads. The Commission Chairman appoints the County Manager with the approval of the Commission. The County Manager is the chief executive and is responsible for carrying out policies and ordinances of the commission and for recommending the heads of the County's departments. The County Manager is also responsible for the daily operations of County functions in accordance with policies of the Board of Commissioners. The governing authority of the County is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal property located within its boundaries.

This report includes all funds of the County, as well as its component units. Component units are either 1) legally separate entities for which the County is financially accountable; or 2) entities whose relationship with the County is of a nature and significance that exclusion would cause the County's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the primary government and to differentiate their financial position from those of the primary government.

The County provides a full range of services which include law enforcement and fire protection; the construction and maintenance of roads, streets, bridges, and infrastructure; water and sewer; solid waste; and recreational and cultural activities. The Paulding County Board of Education and WellStar Paulding Medical Center have not met the established criteria for inclusion in the reporting entity, and accordingly, are excluded from this report.

Budgeting Controls. The County maintains extensive budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the County's Board of Commissioners. Activities of the general fund, special revenue funds, and debt service fund, are included in the annual appropriated budget. Annual budgets for the enterprise funds are adopted for management and control purposes. Project-length financial plans are adopted for certain capital projects. The level of budgetary control (the level at which expenditures cannot legally exceed the appropriated amount) is at the department level. The County also maintains an encumbrance accounting system as one method of maintaining budgetary control. Encumbered amounts lapse at year-end. However, outstanding encumbrances generally are re-appropriated as part of the following year's budget.

Local Economy

The County's unemployment rate of 2.9% represents a slight decrease from last year and is slightly below the State of Georgia rate of 3.4%. However, Paulding County is not experiencing as significant an impact on the homeownership rate as the State. Paulding County continues to hold a high home-ownership rate of 78.8% and 7.6% of the families living below the poverty level, compared to State averages of 64.6% and 11.5%, respectively.

The County's residential market is growing at a rapid rate. Permits for new developments are increasing. However, Paulding leadership is focusing on more commercial development. In 2022, Paulding approved an update of the zoning regulations featuring a new large lot residential zoning district as well as several new commercial districts including Agricultural Business, E-commerce Retail and Advances Manufacturing Logistics. As a result of this, residential permits are slowing slightly and commercial permits are slightly increasing. In 2023, Paulding County adopted a user-friendly Unified Development Ordinance that simplifies and streamlines the development process in Paulding County. The WellStar facility is continually seeking expansions due to an increasing demand for services. COSTCO recently opened a warehouse in Paulding that has significantly increased our sales tax revenue. Paulding County has made investments in the sewer infrastructure to attract commercial and industrial developments. In

2022, Paulding County began supplying our citizens from our own Richland Creek Reservoir. The County's transition from a bedroom community into a more self-sustaining community presents significant challenges for the County as the demand for services are changing. To meet the needs of these changes the County is exploring new methods of obtaining financial resources and providing higher quality and more efficient services at lower cost. Paulding County was awarded funds through the American Rescue Plan Act which are being utilized on water and sewer expansion projects. The County is in its sixth full year of a six-year special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) used to fund the construction and improvement of roads, construction of recreation facilities, and public safety capital improvements. A new SPLOST referendum was approved by the voters in November 2022 and began collections in April 2023. Since 1988, the County's voters have supported eight consecutive referendums for a special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) for the County, as well as, seven consecutive similar referendums for the construction of schools.

Long-term financial planning

All amounts, unless otherwise indicated are expressed in thousands of dollars.

General Fund Balance. The fund balance of the General Fund remained stable in 2023, as a result of conservative spending policies and budget control measures. The unassigned fund balance of $101,702 represents 353 working days of expenditures. This level of unassigned fund balance should significantly reduce the likelihood of the County entering the short-term debt market to pay current operating expenditures.

Proprietary Operations. The County's proprietary operations are comprised of three, separate and distinct activities: the Water and Sewer System, the Solid Waste Disposal System and the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) facility. The Water and Sewer System operates with no subsidy from the County's General Fund. Revenue from the Solid Waste Disposal System generated 100% of its cost to operate excluding closure and post closure care cost. The State of Georgia leases the space for DFCS from the County, the proceeds of which provide revenue sufficient to cover the costs of operations. Paulding County's Water and Sewer System is currently providing water to Paulding County residents. Distribution projects are under construction and should be completed in 2024 to allow Paulding to serve more customers through our own water supply.

Under the provisions of GASB Statement Number 18, the County reports an accrual of $8,170 for landfill closure and post closure care costs as of June 30, 2023. The Landfill is incurring an annual accrual for the anticipated post closure care cost and monitoring the closure of the landfill.

Debt Administration. At June 30, 2023, the County had a number of debt issues outstanding. These issues included $104,485 of general obligation bonds, and $152,800 of revenue bonds. The County maintains an Aa1 rating from Moody's Investor Service and a AA rating from Standard and Poor's Rating Service on general obligation issues and for the revenue issues, an Aa3 from Moody's and AA stable from Standard and Poor's. Under current Georgia statutes, the County's general debt issuances are subject to legal limitation based on 10 percent of total assessed value of real and personal property. As of June 30, 2023, the County's net general obligation bonded debt of $94,547 was well below the legal limit of $778,925. General obligation debt per capita equaled $530 (five hundred and thirty dollars).

For the Future. Paulding County's focus is currently on economic development within the County. In 2024, Paulding County will expand the distribution of our own water supply throughout the remaining portion of Paulding County. Paulding County is currently focusing on infrastructure projects that will promote Paulding County within the Commercial and Industrial market. In 2024, Chattahoochee Technical College will open the doors to the Aviation Academy located at the Paulding County Airport, Automann will be the first manufacturer to locate and produce 150 jobs within the community at the 128 acre Silver Comet Industrial Park with several build-to-suit opportunities for a variety of warehousing, manufacturing and distribution businesses.

To address the leisure and recreational needs of its family-focused community, the County has constructed five multipurpose parks. Also, the County has constructed two passive parks with walking trails along with the Silver Comet Trail to provide for recreation opportunities for all citizens. Two of the parks recently upgraded to turf fields allowing them to play without waiting on them to dry. An additional park is in the final planning stage to be located at the Richland Creek Reservoir to include recreational fishing and hiking.

Relevant financial policies

Paulding County's financial policies were established with the primary goal to provide a sound basis for future financial planning and conservative management. These policies include (1) a balanced annual operating budget, (2) maintenance of adequate unassigned fund balance.

In developing and evaluating the County's accounting system, consideration is given to the adequacy of internal accounting controls. Internal controls are designated to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding 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. We believe the County's internal accounting controls adequately safeguard assets and provide reasonable assurance of proper recording of financial transactions.

Budgetary control is maintained at the department level by the encumbrance of estimated purchase amounts before the release of purchase orders to vendors. Open encumbrances are reported as assigned fund balances at year-end for governmental funds.

Major Initiatives

For the Year. In preparing the 2024 budget, the County's staff, under specific directives from the governing authority, identified several major programs necessary to meet the citizens' needs for services and to safeguard the environment. These programs reflect the County's commitment to continued improvement in the quality of life for its citizens.

Throughout the year, the County continued its improvement program for transportation, which consisted of system additions, improvements to collector roads, and major intersection improvements.

Currently, Paulding County is working closely with Georgia Department of Transportation in the construction of Highway 92 from Douglas County to Paulding County. This six lane divided highway in conjunction with Bill Carruth Parkway and East –Hiram Parkway will provide Paulding County with more Commercial and Industrial opportunities. In 2021, Greystone relocated to Paulding County following a major sewer enhancement to the area. Paulding County is currently preparing this area of the County for commercial growth.

Swirl Films is operating a film studio in Paulding County located within the local union's 30 mile zone which makes filming more affordable. Interroll recently constructed a new 120,000 square foot manufacturing facility. This was an addition to the existing facility. Interroll plans to develop the remainder of the park into its North American Headquarters. Costco recently opened a facility in Paulding. This facility produced many jobs in Paulding as well as generated additional sales tax for Paulding County. Recently, the Industrial Building Authority completely sold out the Dallas Industrial Park. We are in anticipation of more jobs coming to Paulding as these businesses become operational. The expansion of Chattahoochee Technical College, to add a Thirty Million dollar aerospace mechanical school facility at the Paulding Airport is getting attention within the aerospace industry. Square footage for hangar space as well as space to locate a business is currently in high demand at the Paulding County Airport.

During the coming years the County will be working closely with the Industrial Building Authority in an aggressive pursuit of economic development. Planned projects include the acquisition of land for the development of business park(s), as well as other development in close proximity to the County's existing and expanding sewer infrastructure. The Authority has purchased 127 acres on Bill Carruth Pkwy near the intersection of Highway 92, and is currently installing infrastructure capable of housing facilities up to 400,000 square feet.

Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the County for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2022. This was the twenty-seventh, consecutive year that the County has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the government published an easily readable and efficiently organized Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. This report satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current Annual Comprehensive Financial Report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report on a timely basis was made possible by the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the Finance Department. Each member of the department has my sincere appreciation for the contributions made in the preparation of this report.

In closing, without the progressive leadership of the Board of Commissioners, preparation of this report would not have been made possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Pollard

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Finance Director

Frank Baker
County Manager

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PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

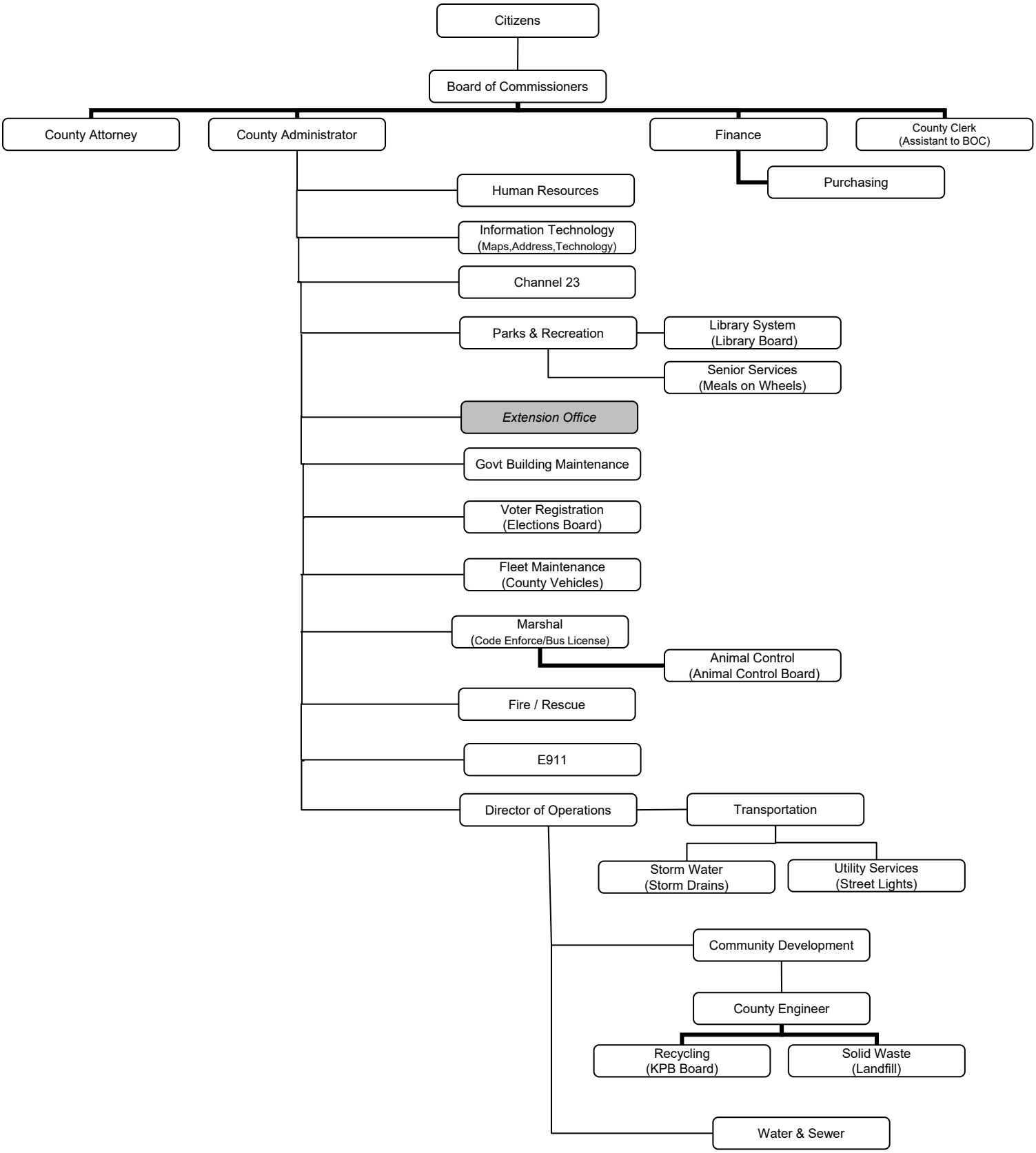
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OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk of Superior Court	Sheila Butler
District Attorney	Matthew Rollins
Probate Judge	Angela Woodall
Sheriff	Gary Gulledge
Superior Court Judge	Tonny Beavers
Tax Commissioner	Kayla Amos


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County Attorney
County Administrator
Finance
County Clerk
(Assistant to BOC)
Purchasing
Human Resources
Information Technology
(Maps,Address,Technology)
Channel 23
Parks & Recreation
Library System
(Library Board)
Senior Services
(Meals on Wheels)
Extension Office
Govt Building Maintenance
Voter Registration
(Elections Board)
Fleet Maintenance
(County Vehicles)
Marshal
(Code Enforce/Bus License)
Animal Control
(Animal Control Board)
Fire / Rescue
E911
Director of Operations
Transportation
Storm Water
(Storm Drains)
Utility Services
(Street Lights)
Community Development
County Engineer
Recycling
(KPB Board)
Solid Waste
(Landfill)
Water & Sewer

FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
of Paulding County, Georgia
Dallas, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Paulding County, Georgia** (the "County"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, 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, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Paulding County Board of Health, which represents 18 percent, 13 percent, and 36 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as they relate to the amounts included in the Paulding County Board of Health, are based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

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

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the budgetary comparison information for the General Fund, the budgetary comparison information for the Fire Tax Fund, the budgetary comparison information for the ARPA Fund, the schedule of changes in the County's net pension liability and related ratios, and the schedule of County contributions, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules and schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds, as required by the Official Code of Georgia 48-8-121, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules and the schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 6, 2023, 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 the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
December 6, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of Paulding County Government, we offer readers of Paulding County's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of Paulding County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal, which can be found on pages iv through viii of this report.

All amounts, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in thousands for dollars.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of Paulding County exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at June 30, 2023, by $953,644 (net position), an increase of $68,880 from the prior year. Of this amount, $120,582 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- As of June 30, 2023, Paulding County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $255,848, an increase of $23,516 from the prior year. Approximately $101,702 is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance).
- At the fiscal year end, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was $101,702, or 103% of general fund expenditures.
- Paulding County's governmental activities bonds payable, net decreased by $7,806 from the prior year and the total general obligation long-term debt at June 30, 2023 was $108,384, compared to a legal debt limit of $778,925.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

***Government-wide financial statements*.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of Paulding County's financial position in a manner similar to private-sector business. These statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities and can be found on pages 15 through 17 of this report.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of Paulding County's assets, deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between them reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how Paulding County's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., for uncollected taxes and earned but unused employee leave). Because the Statement of Activities separates program, or function revenue (revenue generated by specific functions through charges for services, grants and contributions) from general revenue (revenue provided by taxes and other sources not tied to a specific function), it shows to what extent each function must rely on taxes for funding. All changes in net position are reported using the accrual basis of accounting which is similar to the method used by most private-sector enterprises. The accrual basis of accounting requires that revenues be reported when they are earned and expenses are reported when the goods and services are received, regardless of the timing of the cash flows. Items such as uncollected taxes, unpaid vendor invoices for items received during the fiscal year, and earned, but unused employee leave, are included in the Statement of Activities as revenues and expenses, even though the cash associated with these items was not received nor distributed during the fiscal year.

Paulding County has identified the Paulding County Industrial Building Authority (IBA), Paulding County Airport Authority and the Paulding County Board of Health as component units due to the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the County. The Industrial Building Authority financial statements are included with the primary government as the County is paying all of the debt for the Authority. The Airport as well as the Board of Health report separately from the financial information presented for the primary government itself.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 15 through 17 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. Paulding County, like other state and local governments, use fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of Paulding County can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. Governmental funds are used to account for most or all of the County's tax-supported activities. Proprietary funds are used to account for the County's business-like activities, where all or a substantial portion of the costs of activities are supported by fees and charges paid directly by users of the services. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources that are held by the County as a trustee or agent for parties outside of County government. The resources of the fiduciary funds cannot be used to support the County's own programs.

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 expendable resources, as well as on balance of expendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the County'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.

Paulding County maintains eighteen individual governmental funds. The Industrial Building Authority is presented as a blended component unit within the financial statements. Information is presented separately in the governmental

fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, the Fire Tax Fund, the ARPA, and the SPLOST V Fund all of which are considered major funds. The ARPA fund is used to account for federal dollars that are required to be spent by December 31, 2026. Data from the remaining governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

Paulding County adopts an annual appropriated budget for its governmental funds, with the exception of capital projects funds for which project-length budgets are adopted. Budgetary comparison statements for these funds have been provided to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 18 through 21 of this report.

Proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Paulding County uses enterprise funds to account for its Water and Sewer System, Solid Waste operations and the Department of Family and Children's Services building.

The enterprise fund financial statements provide separate information for the Water and Sewer System which is to be considered a major fund of Paulding County. The other two enterprise funds of the County are aggregated into a single presentation in the basic proprietary fund financial statements. Individual fund data for each of the non-major proprietary funds is provided in the form of combining statements. The proprietary fund combining statements follow the governmental fund combining statements in this report, on pages 91 through 93.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the County government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support Paulding County's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The basic fiduciary fund financial statement can be found on page 25.

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 are on pages 27 through 66.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning Paulding County's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits and budgetary comparison information. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 67 through 72 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Statement of Net Position. As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the County's financial position. As of June 30, 2023, Paulding County's combined (government and business-type activities) assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by $953,644. A significant portion of the County's net position, 67%, is its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, infrastructure, and equipment), less related outstanding debt that was used to acquire those assets. Because Paulding County uses these capital assets to provide services to its residents, these assets are not available for future spending. Although Paulding County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Paulding County's Net Position
June 30,

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Current and other assets	$ 291,227	$ 277,825	$ 95,623	$ 85,947	$ 386,850	$ 363,772
Capital Assets	542,018	538,101	440,561	425,218	982,579	963,319
Total assets	833,245	815,926	536,184	511,165	1,369,429	1,327,091
Deferred outflows of resources	17,246	13,340	-	-	17,246	13,340
Long-term liabilities outstanding	148,375	151,619	234,405	240,251	382,780	391,870
Other liabilities	32,702	42,453	11,946	9,694	44,648	52,147
Total liabilities	181,077	194,072	246,351	249,945	427,428	444,017
Deferred inflow of resources	4,372	10,628	1,231	-	5,603	10,628
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	432,936	424,973	210,353	192,502	643,289	617,475
Restricted	123,665	103,384	66,108	50,475	189,773	153,859
Unrestricted	108,441	96,209	12,141	17,221	120,582	113,430
Total net position	$ 665,042	$ 624,566	$ 288,602	$ 260,198	$ 953,644	$ 884,764

An additional portion of the County's net position for governmental activities, $123,665; and for business-type activities, $66,108, represent resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The governmental restricted resources for capital projects represent SPLOST funds for roads, recreation and public safety capital improvements, and certain judicial expenses or activities. Restricted for capital projects in the amount of $45,186 for business-type activities is restricted to water and sewer system improvements and $20,922 is restricted for debt service. The remaining balances of unrestricted net position, in the amount of $108,441 for governmental activities, and $12,141 for business-type activities is available for spending. The County's current water and sewer rate structure is established to meet the County's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.

At June 30, 2023, Paulding County Governmental Activities and Business-Type Activities are able to report positive balances in all categories of net position.

Paulding County's property taxes increased $2,236 an increase of 2.9% from the prior year. Sales and other taxes increased by $2,680 or about 3.9% from last year. Approximately 27% of the County's total revenue from governmental activities came from sales tax and 39% from property tax. Charges for goods and services provided about 9% of governmental revenue.

The County's largest expense is for Public Safety at $51,174 or 34% of total governmental expenses. Public Safety expense slightly decreased due to reduction in capital related expenses. The 2nd largest expense is for General Government at $34,396, or 23% of total governmental expenses. General Government expense increased due to a legal settlement related to the Richland Creek Reservoir Project. This expense is not a recurring expense.

Paulding County's Changes in Net Position
For the year ended June 30,

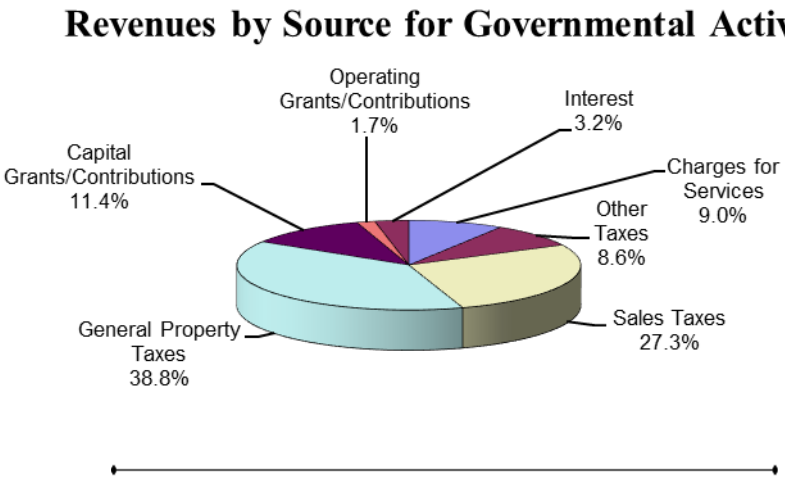
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
Revenues:	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Program Revenues:						
Charges for services	$ 17,970	$ 17,151	$ 55,424	$ 51,778	$ 73,394	$ 68,929
Operating grants and contributions	3,417	1,784	-	-	3,417	1,784
Capital grants and contributions	22,832	13,507	15,769	15,131	38,601	28,638
General Revenues:						
Property taxes	77,772	75,536	-	-	77,772	75,536
Other taxes	71,587	68,907	-	-	71,587	68,907
Other	6,933	397	1,081	48	8,014	445
Total Revenues	200,511	177,282	72,274	66,957	272,785	244,239
Expenses:						
General government	34,396	20,785	-	-	34,396	20,785
Judicial	11,855	8,679	-	-	11,855	8,679
Public safety	51,174	52,018	-	-	51,174	52,018
Public works	29,903	40,024	-	-	29,903	40,024
Culture and recreation	5,449	5,923	-	-	5,449	5,923
Health and welfare	1,409	1,272	-	-	1,409	1,272
Housing and development	11,419	5,592	-	-	11,419	5,592
Interest on long-term debt	3,640	3,810	-	-	3,640	3,810
Water and sewer	-	-	51,859	45,509	51,859	45,509
Other programs	-	-	2,801	5,544	2,801	5,544
Total Expenses	149,245	138,103	54,660	51,053	203,905	189,156
Increase in net position before transfers	51,266	39,179	17,614	15,904	68,880	55,083
Transfers	(10,781)	(1,210)	10,781	1,210	-	-
Change in net position	40,485	37,969	28,395	17,114	68,880	55,083
Net position beginning	624,557	586,598	260,207	243,083	884,764	829,681
Net position ending	$ 665,042	$ 624,567	$ 288,602	$ 260,197	$ 953,644	$ 884,764

Governmental Activities Revenues

The County relies heavily on property taxes to support the governmental operations. Property taxes provided 39% of total revenues in 2023, a slight reduction from 2022. While the other tax collections increased by $2,680, consisting of a number of small taxes and a larger tax revenue sources such as sales tax. The sales tax had an increase of $3,111 as well as insurance premium tax increasing by $1,959.

Charges for services increased by approximately 5%. Most functions of governmental activities Charges for Services increased in 2023. Judicial decreased primarily due to a decrease in fines and fees. Capital grants increased due to additional State and Federal transportation infrastructure funding as well as additional American Recovery and Protection Act.

Overall, Paulding County's economy is stable and can be seen in the revenue stream of the County. The tax digest is moving in a positive direction; the unemployment rate is improving. Over the past few years, revenues have fluctuated a little, but have continued to remain stable.



Governmental Activities Expenses

The following table presents the cost of each of the County's programs, including the net cost less revenues generated by the activities). The net cost illustrates the financial burden that was placed on the County's taxpayers by each function.

	Governmental Activities			
	Total Cost of Services	Percentage of Total	Net Cost of Services	Percentage of Total
General Government	$ 34,396	23.1%	$ 30,329	28.9%
Judicial	11,855	7.9%	7,775	7.4%
Public Safety	51,174	34.3%	45,309	43.1%
Public Works	29,903	20.0%	3,797	3.6%
Culture and Recreation	1,409	0.9%	795	0.8%
Health & Welfare	5,449	3.7%	4,867	4.6%
Housing & Development	11,419	7.7%	8,513	8.1%
Interest on LT Debt	3,640	2.4%	3,640	3.5%
Total	$ 149,245	100.0%	$ 105,025	100.0%

Business Type Activities

Business type activities consist of water and sewer system, solid waste as well as the rental of space to the State of Georgia to provide office space to the Department of Children's Services. The increase to charges and services is primarily due to the increase in water and sewer fees. The operating expenses for water and sewer increased by $6,526 as a result of maintenance on water lines as well as sewer pump maintenance. The Cost of water purchased declined as we began the treatment process to supply our own water supply to Paulding County citizens.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

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

Paulding County ended the 2023 fiscal year with positive fund balances in its governmental funds. The combined fund balance for the governmental funds is $255,848. Of that amount, fund balances in the County's four major funds are $127,529 in the General Fund, $28,388 in the Fire Tax, $1,285 in the ARPA, and $67,857 in SPLOST V. Approximately 40% of total governmental fund balances, $101,787 in the General is unassigned and available for spending in the coming year. The assigned fund balance is not available for new spending rather it is assigned to 2023 outstanding encumbrances in the amount of $15,047, future landfill closure cost in the amount of $1,425, obligated to the 2024 adopted budget in the amount of $5,989, economic development infrastructure in the amount of $2,368 and amount assigned to Library of $238. The Sheriff committed the Sheriff Commissary fund ($12) to be used for the inmates. The remainder of fund balance is restricted or nonspendable in nature. The nonspendable amount of $674 indicates that it is not available for new spending because it is related to nonspendable assets. The restricted fund balances are used 1) to pay debt service ($9,915); and 2) for other restricted purposes ($42,851). The $68,305 fund balance in SPLOST IV and V will be spent to construct a major County park facility, a new public safety radio system, as well as additional road improvements.

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of Paulding County. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was $101,787, while total fund balance was $127,529. As a measure of the County's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both the unassigned and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 97% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 121% of that same amount.

The fund balance of the General Fund increased by $4,735. While operational revenues increased by 7.9% inclusive of an increase in tax revenue of 3.7% along with small increases in other various revenues, expenditures increased by 21%, primarily within General Government due to a settlement related to the Richland Creek Reservoir, and the purchase of additional acreage at Paulding County Airport increased Housing and Development. Changes in revenue for all governmental funds from the prior year are as follows:

- Total revenue increased by $7,961 from the prior year.
- Property tax revenue increased by $1,107, as a result, of an increase in residential property values along with an increase in insurance premium tax by $1,958, while the local option sales tax increased by $1,344.
- Intergovernmental increased by $913, as services within the judicial, public safety and housing and development were recipients of state and federal funding.

The fund balance of the Fire Tax Fund increased by $4,294. The Fire Tax Fund is primarily funded with property tax, and therefore the increase in property values has resulted in an increase in revenues.

SPLOST IV, SPLOST V, ARPA and Capital Project funds are all used to account for Capital Projects. The fund balance of SPLOST IV did not change as we have one project left to complete. The SPLOST V sales tax collections ended in March 2023 and a new six year SPLOST VI began in April 2023. The first few years of a SPLOST accumulate cash in available fund balance and the project construction is funded with cash toward the end of the SPLOST years. ARPA funds are federal funds allocated to Paulding County and being used to construct water and sewer projects. The Capital Projects fund accounts for projects funded by sources other than SPLOST revenues. Paulding County currently does not have any general obligation bond projects to account for in the Capital Projects fund, and the fund balance $666 is reserved for the Federal Housing and Urban Development program titled Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Proprietary Funds

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

Two of the County's Enterprise Funds, the Water and Sewer System and Solid Waste Disposal, provide services to the general public and require periodic evaluation and determination of revenues. The County also maintains an Enterprise Fund for a rental facility which is currently leased to the State of Georgia, Department of Family and Children's Services and Child Support Enforcement.

The largest, and only major Enterprise Fund is the Water and Sewer Fund. Total operating revenue from the Water and Sewer System for 2023 was $52,723 representing an increase of 6.2% from 2022. The County subsequently implemented a rate increase to offset a portion of the increase in expenses; however, water and sewer expenses increased due to the treatment of our own water source, and maintenance within the system lines. The cost of the County's water purchased decreased 22% from 2022. This decrease was due to Paulding distributing about 67% of customers from our very own water supply. In 2023, Paulding began installing an additional distribution line to serve the remaining portion of the County from the Richland Creek Water Reservoir. The project is expected to be complete in 2024.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations) is at the department level. The County's primary budgeted fund is the General Fund. The Board of Commissioners is required to adopt the County's budget at their first regular meeting each August. The General Fund Budget was amended during the year for an increase in appropriations of $22,481. The most notable expenditure amendments are as follows:

- General Government increased by $6,382 primarily to include the settlement amount in the Richland Creek Reservoir contractor litigation.
- Judicial increased by $967 due to the staffing and implementation of the State Court operation.
- Public Works increased by $8,586 to primarily include additional infrastructure maintenance funded with additional State and Federal funding throughout the year.
- Housing and Development increased by $6,360 to Airport projects including the Apron expansion, parkway extension, sewer line, as well as additional land acquisition.

Property values increased again in 2023, the millage rate was rolled back to offset any increase caused be the reassessment of property. Taxes other than property taxes increased by 3.9% with a sales tax increase of $1,344. Total tax revenue increased by $3,104. At June 30, 2023, General Fund revenues exceeded revenue estimates by $3,389, and expenditures were $14,223 less than budget. The General Funds fund balance increased by $4,735.

Budget versus actual amounts: Paulding County General Fund remained within the operating budget during fiscal year 2023. Taxes exceeded budget by $973 due to a collection rate of 99% rather than the budgeted collection rate of 98%. Sales tax, intangible recording tax as well as insurance premium tax all exceeded budgeted revenue amounts. Intergovernmental revenue budget exceeded actual by $52 due to additional American Rescue Plan Act funding as well as Georgia Department of Transportation funding for the Airport as well as additional asphalt. Charges for services exceeded budget by $443 due to an increase in court fees as well as additional engineering fees.

Expenditures were evaluated throughout the year. Actual expenditures were less than budget in all except Housing and Development function. Public Works actual was less than budget by $11,623 due to the projects approved but not completed before the close of the year. Public Safety actual was lower than budget by $1,911 due to position vacancies as well as operational cost reductions. Judicial actual was lower than budget by $705 also due to vacancies as well as reduced operational cost. The costs are expected to increase in next year's budget.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

The County's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2023 amounts to $982,579 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and systems, machinery and equipment, and construction in progress.

The total increase in Paulding County's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was 2.0%. Additional information on Paulding County's capital assets can be found in note 5 on pages 43 through 46 of this report.

Long-term debt: At June 30, 2023, Paulding County had a total of $267,392 in outstanding bonded debt. That amount represents $108,384 in General Obligation Courthouse, Jail, Administrative Building, Conservation and Government Complex Bonds, Industrial Building Authority Bonds; and $159,008 in Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds including the Reservoir Bonds. The County also has six Georgia Environmental Finance Authority loans totaling $66,678. These loans funded capital projects including water reuse lines ($335), sewer lines ($171) and the remaining loans ($66,172) were for the construction of the reservoir. More information about these debts can be found on page 49.

Paulding County maintains an “Aa1” rating from Moody’s and an “AA” rating from Standard and Poor’s on its General Obligation debt and an “Aa3” rating from Moody’s and an “AA” rating from Standard and Poor’s on its Revenue debt.

Additional information on the County’s long-term debt can be found in note 8 on pages 49 through 58.

Economic Factors and Next year’s Budgets and Rates

- The unemployment rate for Paulding County was down from last year, at 2.9%. This rate compared to the state’s rate of 3.4%.
- For the tax year 2022, the County’s total tax digest increased by $1,659,756 or 27%. Paulding County has reduced the millage rate to refrain from a tax increase.
- Paulding County’s general purpose Local Option Sales Tax enabled the County to rollback its property tax rate by 2.88 mills for the 2022 tax year.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Paulding County’s finances for all those with an interest in the government’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial should be addressed to Paulding County Finance Department, 240 Constitution Boulevard, Dallas, Georgia 30132.

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Board of Health	Airport Authority
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 279,703,192	$ 15,624,333	$ 295,327,525	$ 3,371,208	$ 34,646
Intergovernmental receivables	5,168,948	-	5,168,948	152,674	-
Taxes receivable	750,207	-	750,207	-	-
Internal balances	(3,378,722)	3,378,722	-	-	-
Other receivables	1,280,394	6,025,681	7,306,075	1,553	-
Due from primary government	-	-	-	-	222,570
Inventory	-	1,818,734	1,818,734	18,223	66,146
Prepaids	489,957	-	489,957	1,662	-
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	58,936,664	58,936,664	-	-
Restricted investments	-	8,548,235	8,548,235	-	-
Lease receivable, current	147,828	119,319	267,147	-	43,769
Lease receivable, noncurrent	3,508,939	1,171,041	4,679,980	-	185,149
Land held for development	3,556,650	-	3,556,650	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	-	325
Capital assets, nondepreciable	81,971,592	27,702,465	109,674,057	-	7,952,859
Capital assets, depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	460,046,252	412,858,783	872,905,035	7,681	8,029,910
Total assets	833,245,237	536,183,977	1,369,429,214	3,553,001	16,535,374
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred charges on refunding	2,323,283	-	2,323,283	-	-
OPEB related items	-	-	-	714,749	-
Pension related items	14,923,200	-	14,923,200	116,790	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	17,246,483	-	17,246,483	831,539	-
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	5,564,696	2,470,557	8,035,253	2,254	255,188
Accrued liabilities	3,427,893	468,756	3,896,649	-	-
Construction contracts payable	1,546,638	3,616,921	5,163,559	-	-
Retainage payable	-	904,403	904,403	-	-
Customer deposits payable	-	3,819,799	3,819,799	-	-
Unearned revenue	21,940,375	665,202	22,605,577	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities due within one year:					
Intergovernmental payable - component units	222,570	-	222,570	-	-
Intergovernmental payable - primary government	-	-	-	3,898	15,271
Compensated absences payable	4,238,149	238,961	4,477,110	4,624	-
Lease liability	-	-	-	1,554	13,570
Note payable	-	1,823,704	1,823,704	-	12,000
Landfill closure and postclosure	-	2,800,000	2,800,000	-	-
Financed purchases	50,060	-	50,060	-	-
Subscription based information technology arrangements	283,068	-	283,068	-	-
Bonds payable	6,375,000	3,990,000	10,365,000	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities due in more than one year:					
Intergovernmental payable - primary government	-	-	-	-	16,894
Compensated absences payable	1,816,349	309,316	2,125,665	41,616	-
Lease liability	-	-	-	1,012	183,190
Note payable	-	64,854,565	64,854,565	-	12,000
Landfill closure and postclosure	-	5,369,792	5,369,792	-	-
Financed purchases	36,658	-	36,658	-	-
Bonds payable	102,008,582	155,018,485	257,027,067	-	-
Due to Silver Comet Terminal Partnership	-	-	-	-	360,000
Net OPEB liability	-	-	-	35,366	-
Net pension liability	33,567,720	-	33,567,720	1,665,810	-
Total liabilities	181,077,758	246,350,461	427,428,219	1,756,134	868,113
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Leasing arrangements	3,465,856	1,231,352	4,697,208	-	226,956
OPEB related items	-	-	-	85,822	-
Pension related items	906,098	-	906,098	195,825	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	4,371,954	1,231,352	5,603,306	281,647	226,956
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	432,936,254	210,353,170	643,289,424	5,115	15,402,009
Restricted for:					
Judicial services	951,299	-	951,299	-	-
Public safety services	33,259,306	-	33,259,306	-	-
Debt service	10,028,954	20,922,465	30,951,419	-	-
Capital projects	77,628,047	45,185,983	122,814,030	-	-
ARPA funded projects	1,285,266	-	1,285,266	-	-
Health and welfare	511,641	-	511,641	-	-
Unrestricted	108,441,241	12,140,546	120,581,787	2,341,644	38,296
Total net position	$ 665,042,008	$ 288,602,164	$ 953,644,172	$ 2,346,759	$ 15,440,305

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

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
General government	$ 34,396,214	$ 4,066,856	$ -	$ -
Judicial	11,854,498	3,231,538	848,083	-
Public safety	51,173,594	5,145,714	718,777	-
Public works	29,903,202	2,037,910	1,236,459	22,832,475
Health and welfare	1,409,085	-	613,818	-
Culture and recreation	5,449,018	582,072	-	-
Housing and development	11,418,889	2,905,939	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	3,640,112	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	149,244,612	17,970,029	3,417,137	22,832,475
Business-type activities:				
Water and sewer	51,859,651	52,753,825	-	15,768,814
DFACS building	261,793	138,531	-	-
Solid waste	2,538,853	2,531,676	-	-
Total business-type activities	54,660,297	55,424,032	-	15,768,814
Total primary government	$ 203,904,909	$ 73,394,061	$ 3,417,137	$ 38,601,289
Component units:				
Board of Health	$ 1,851,609	$ 863,027	$ 1,042,778	$ -
Airport Authority	1,316,603	495,769	400,000	3,081,395
Total component units	$ 3,168,212	$ 1,358,796	$ 1,442,778	$ 3,081,395
General revenues:				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				
Property taxes, levied for debt service				
Property taxes, levied for fire services				
Intangible recording taxes				
Local option sales taxes				
Special purpose local option sales taxes				
Insurance premium taxes				
Alcoholic beverage taxes				
Cable TV franchise taxes				
Real estate transfer taxes				
Railroad equipment taxes				
Business taxes				
Unrestricted investment earnings				
Grants not restricted to specific programs				
Transfers				
Total general revenues and transfers				
Change in net position				
Net position, beginning of year				
Net position, end of year				

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Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position					
Primary Government				Component Units	
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total		Board of Health	Airport Authority
$ (30,329,358)	$ -	$ (30,329,358)		$ -	$ -
(7,774,877)	-	(7,774,877)		-	-
(45,309,103)	-	(45,309,103)		-	-
(3,796,358)	-	(3,796,358)		-	-
(795,267)	-	(795,267)		-	-
(4,866,946)	-	(4,866,946)		-	-
(8,512,950)	-	(8,512,950)		-	-
(3,640,112)	-	(3,640,112)		-	-
(105,024,971)	-	(105,024,971)		-	-
-	16,662,988	16,662,988		-	-
-	(123,262)	(123,262)		-	-
-	(7,177)	(7,177)		-	-
-	16,532,549	16,532,549		-	-
$ (105,024,971)	$ 16,532,549	$ (88,492,422)		$ -	$ -
$ -	$ -	$ -		$ 54,196	$ -
-	-	-		-	2,660,561
$ -	$ -	$ -		$ 54,196	$ 2,660,561
$ 45,674,691	$ -	$ 45,674,691		$ -	$ -
12,657,574	-	12,657,574		-	-
19,439,945	-	19,439,945		-	-
1,943,994	-	1,943,994		-	-
25,150,366	-	25,150,366		-	-
29,651,713	-	29,651,713		-	-
11,652,299	-	11,652,299		-	-
992,185	-	992,185		-	-
1,422,214	-	1,422,214		-	-
759,301	-	759,301		-	-
14,900	-	14,900		-	-
556,267	-	556,267		-	-
6,376,215	1,080,995	7,457,210		57	5,997
-	-	-		342,300	-
(10,781,408)	10,781,408	-		-	-
145,510,256	11,862,403	157,372,659		342,357	5,997
40,485,285	28,394,952	68,880,237		396,553	2,666,558
624,556,723	260,207,212	884,763,935		1,950,206	12,773,747
$ 665,042,008	$ 288,602,164	$ 953,644,172		$ 2,346,759	$ 15,440,305

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	General	Fire Tax	ARPA	SPLOST V	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 128,885,181	$ 29,617,308	$ 26,921,321	$ 70,120,576	$ 24,158,806	$ 279,703,192
Accounts receivable	689,291	13,159	-	-	577,944	1,280,394
Taxes receivable	392,512	216,730	-	-	140,965	750,207
Intergovernmental receivables	2,682,807	-	-	-	2,486,141	5,168,948
Due from other funds	1,724,071	-	-	-	650,029	2,374,100
Prepaid items	482,736	-	-	-	7,221	489,957
Lease receivable, current	147,828	-	-	-	-	147,828
Lease receivable, noncurrent	3,508,939	-	-	-	-	3,508,939
Land held for development	-	-	-	-	3,556,650	3,556,650
Total assets	$ 138,513,365	$ 29,847,197	$ 26,921,321	$ 70,120,576	$ 31,577,756	$ 296,980,215
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	$ 4,297,120	$ 64,589	$ -	$ 2,200,534	$ 549,091	$ 7,111,334
Other accrued liabilities	2,025,278	-	-	-	-	2,025,278
Unearned revenue	-	-	21,940,375	-	-	21,940,375
Due to component unit	222,570	-	-	-	-	222,570
Due to other funds	650,029	1,218,958	3,695,680	63,228	124,927	5,752,822
Total liabilities	7,194,997	1,283,547	25,636,055	2,263,762	674,018	37,052,379
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Leasing arrangements	3,465,856	-	-	-	-	3,465,856
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	324,005	175,867	-	-	113,937	613,809
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,789,861	175,867	-	-	113,937	4,079,665
FUND BALANCES						
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Prepaid items	482,736	-	-	-	7,221	489,957
Leases receivable	190,911	-	-	-	-	190,911
Restricted:						
Judicial services	-	-	-	-	951,299	951,299
Public safety services	-	28,387,783	-	-	4,695,656	33,083,439
Health and welfare services	-	-	-	-	511,641	511,641
Capital projects	-	-	-	67,856,814	7,467,410	75,324,224
ARPA funded projects	-	-	1,285,266	-	-	1,285,266
Debt service	-	-	-	-	9,915,017	9,915,017
Committed:						
Commissary purchases	-	-	-	-	12,020	12,020
Assigned:						
Use of reserves in subsequent budget	5,989,086	-	-	-	-	5,989,086
Infrastructure maintenance	11,222,611	-	-	-	-	11,222,611
Capital projects	1,000,000	-	-	-	7,229,537	8,229,537
Developer infrastructure projects	2,368,466	-	-	-	-	2,368,466
Supplies	2,824,297	-	-	-	-	2,824,297
Library	237,922	-	-	-	-	237,922
Landfill cost of closure	1,425,000	-	-	-	-	1,425,000
Unassigned	101,787,478	-	-	-	-	101,787,478
Total fund balances	127,528,507	28,387,783	1,285,266	67,856,814	30,789,801	255,848,171
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 138,513,365	$ 29,847,197	$ 26,921,321	$ 70,120,576	$ 31,577,756	$ 296,980,215

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PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Total fund balances - governmental funds		$ 255,848,171
Capital assets and subscription assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost of capital assets and subscription assets	$ 819,575,121	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(277,557,277)	542,017,844
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.		613,809
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds payable	$ (104,485,000)	
Bond Premium	(3,905,713)	
Bond Discount	7,131	
Unamortized deferred charge on refunding	2,323,283	
Accrued interest	(1,402,615)	
Leases payable	(86,718)	
Subscription based information technology agreement payable	(283,068)	
Compensated absences payable	(6,054,498)	(113,887,198)
The deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and the net pension liability related to the County's pension plan are not expected to be liquidated with expendable financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability	$ (33,567,720)	
Pension related deferred outflows of resources	14,923,200	
Pension related deferred inflows of resources	(906,098)	(19,550,618)
Total net position - governmental activities		$ 665,042,008

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PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Fire Tax	ARPA	SPLOST V	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Revenues:						
Taxes	$ 86,973,217	$ 20,061,829	$ -	$ 22,215,863	$ 20,510,308	$ 149,761,217
Licenses and permits	1,498,898	12,650	-	-	-	1,511,548
Intergovernmental	4,851,681	56,532	10,821,705	323,223	398	16,053,539
Fines and forfeitures	1,204,240	-	-	-	773,387	1,977,627
Charges for services	8,942,611	-	-	-	3,853,995	12,796,606
Interest income	4,055,422	958,962	1,246,503	1,546,501	115,328	7,922,716
Contributions	507,988	-	-	218,076	-	726,064
Miscellaneous	646,146	2,000	-	1,800	1,032,723	1,682,669
Total revenues	108,680,203	21,091,973	12,068,208	24,305,463	26,286,139	192,431,986
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	26,468,201	-	-	-	-	26,468,201
Judicial	10,495,118	-	-	-	1,471,221	11,966,339
Public safety	30,709,503	16,797,577	-	-	3,364,648	50,871,728
Public works	21,056,286	-	-	7,679,792	-	28,736,078
Health and welfare	1,269,450	-	-	-	-	1,269,450
Culture and recreation	4,703,560	-	-	-	-	4,703,560
Housing and development	9,729,578	-	-	-	44,130	9,773,708
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	2,910,278	-	2,910,278
Capital outlay	-	-	-	10,419,022	-	10,419,022
Debt service:						
Principal	582,192	-	-	-	7,750,305	8,332,497
Interest	20,844	-	-	-	3,657,811	3,678,655
Total expenditures	105,034,732	16,797,577	-	21,009,092	16,288,115	159,129,516
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	3,645,471	4,294,396	12,068,208	3,296,371	9,998,024	33,302,470
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in	1,796,177	-	-	-	-	1,796,177
Transfers out	(1,701,538)	-	(10,821,705)	-	(54,342)	(12,577,585)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	43,378	-	-	-	-	43,378
Issuance of long-term liabilities	951,978	-	-	-	-	951,978
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,089,995	-	(10,821,705)	-	(54,342)	(9,786,052)
Net change in fund balances	4,735,466	4,294,396	1,246,503	3,296,371	9,943,682	23,516,418
Fund balances, beginning of year	122,793,041	24,093,387	38,763	64,560,443	20,846,119	232,331,753
Fund balances, end of year	$ 127,528,507	$ 28,387,783	$ 1,285,266	$ 67,856,814	$ 30,789,801	$ 255,848,171

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PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ 23,516,418
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, and amortization expense for subscription assets. This is the amount by which depreciation and amortization exceeded capital outlays in the current period.		
Capital outlays	$ 17,131,065	
Depreciation and amortization expense	(21,076,327)	(3,945,262)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.		
Donations	$ 7,925,087	
Sale of capital assets	(63,372)	7,861,715
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		154,232
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to government funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences on the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		
Issuance of software based information technology arrangement liability	$ (849,493)	
Issuance of financed purchases	(102,485)	
Repayment of principal	8,332,497	7,380,519
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.		
Amortization of bond premium	$ 277,507	
Amortization of bond discount	(1,631)	
Amortization of deferred charges on refunding	(318,267)	
Change in compensated absences	(263,993)	
Change in accrued interest	80,934	
Change in claims payable	8,466,000	
Change in net pension liability and related deferrals	(2,722,887)	5,517,663
Change in net position - governmental activities		$ 40,485,285

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PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	Water & Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total
Current assets:			
Cash	$ 13,164,855	$ 2,459,478	$ 15,624,333
Receivables	5,851,821	173,860	6,025,681
Due from other funds	3,473,210	-	3,473,210
Inventory	1,818,734	-	1,818,734
Lease receivable	5,257	114,062	119,319
Restricted assets:			
Cash	58,936,664	-	58,936,664
Investments	8,548,235	-	8,548,235
Total current assets	91,798,776	2,747,400	94,546,176
Noncurrent assets:			
Lease Receivable	355,713	815,328	1,171,041
Capital assets:			
Capital assets, not being depreciated	27,080,075	622,390	27,702,465
Capital assets, being depreciated	541,214,556	5,892,954	547,107,510
Less accumulated depreciation	(130,199,194)	(4,049,533)	(134,248,727)
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	438,095,437	2,465,811	440,561,248
Total noncurrent assets	438,451,150	3,281,139	441,732,289
Total assets	530,249,926	6,028,539	536,278,465
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	2,321,352	149,205	2,470,557
Accrued expenses	468,756	-	468,756
Construction contracts payable	3,616,921	-	3,616,921
Retainage payable	904,403	-	904,403
Customer deposits payable	3,819,799	-	3,819,799
Due to other funds	33,241	61,247	94,488
Unearned revenue	665,202	-	665,202
Compensated absences, current	219,696	19,265	238,961
Notes payable, current	1,823,704	-	1,823,704
Landfill closure and postclosure, current	-	2,800,000	2,800,000
Revenue bonds payable, current	3,990,000	-	3,990,000
Total current liabilities	17,863,074	3,029,717	20,892,791
Long-term liabilities:			
Compensated absences	286,268	23,048	309,316
Notes payable	64,854,565	-	64,854,565
Landfill closure and postclosure	-	5,369,792	5,369,792
Revenue bonds payable	155,018,485	-	155,018,485
Total long-term liabilities	220,159,318	5,392,840	225,552,158
Total liabilities	238,022,392	8,422,557	246,444,949
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Leasing arrangements	342,041	889,311	1,231,352
Total deferred inflows of resources	342,041	889,311	1,231,352
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	207,887,359	2,465,811	210,353,170
Restricted:			
Debt Service	20,922,465	-	20,922,465
Capital Projects	45,185,983	-	45,185,983
Unrestricted	17,889,686	(5,749,140)	12,140,546
Total net position	$ 291,885,493	$ (3,283,329)	$ 288,602,164

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PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Water & Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for services	$ 50,965,947	$ -	$ 50,965,947
Penalties	787,533	-	787,533
Miscellaneous revenues	969,631	-	969,631
Landfill and recycling fees	-	2,531,676	2,531,676
Lease income	-	138,531	138,531
Total operating revenues	52,723,111	2,670,207	55,393,318
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and benefits	5,697,383	401,360	6,098,743
Other operating expenses	20,766,971	2,253,405	23,020,376
Depreciation expense	13,522,632	145,881	13,668,513
Water purchases	6,065,044	-	6,065,044
Total operating expenses	46,052,030	2,800,646	48,852,676
Operating income (loss)	6,671,081	(130,439)	6,540,642
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Interest income	1,042,151	38,844	1,080,995
Lease income	30,714	-	30,714
Interest expense	(5,807,621)	-	(5,807,621)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(4,734,756)	38,844	(4,695,912)
INCOME BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	1,936,325	(91,595)	1,844,730
Transfers in	10,781,408	-	10,781,408
Capital contributions	15,768,814	-	15,768,814
Total contributions and transfers	26,550,222	-	26,550,222
Change in net position	28,486,547	(91,595)	28,394,952
NET POSITION, beginning of year	263,398,946	(3,191,734)	260,207,212
NET POSITION, end of year	$ 291,885,493	$ (3,283,329)	$ 288,602,164

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PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Water & Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers	$ 49,644,147	$ 2,590,045	$ 52,234,192
Payments to suppliers and service providers	(25,762,452)	(2,249,955)	(28,012,407)
Payments to employees	(5,647,095)	(398,453)	(6,045,548)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	18,234,600	(58,363)	18,176,237
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of investments	53,169	-	53,169
Interest received	1,042,151	38,844	1,080,995
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,095,320	38,844	1,134,164
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of capital assets	(28,894,046)	(124,601)	(29,018,647)
Principal payments on notes	(1,792,464)	-	(1,792,464)
Principal payments on bonds	(3,815,000)	-	(3,815,000)
Interest and fiscal charges paid	(6,315,589)	-	(6,315,589)
Proceeds from borrowings on notes payable	171,090	-	171,090
Transfers in	9,079,870	-	9,079,870
Capital contributions received	15,768,814	-	15,768,814
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(15,797,325)	(124,601)	(15,921,926)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Transfers in	1,701,538	-	1,701,538
Lease income	21,107	-	21,107
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	1,722,645	-	1,722,645
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	5,255,240	(144,120)	5,111,120
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Beginning of year	66,846,279	2,603,598	69,449,877
End of year	$ 72,101,519	$ 2,459,478	$ 74,560,997
Classified as:			
Cash	$ 13,164,855	$ 2,459,478	$ 15,624,333
Restricted cash	58,936,664	-	58,936,664
Total	$ 72,101,519	$ 2,459,478	$ 74,560,997
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	$ 6,671,081	$ (130,439)	$ 6,540,642
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation	13,522,632	145,881	13,668,513
Decrease in accounts receivable	360,988	38,382	399,370
Increase in due from other funds	(3,473,210)	-	(3,473,210)
Increase in inventories	(1,170,943)	-	(1,170,943)
Decrease in lease receivable	-	108,469	108,469
Increase in accounts payable	2,207,265	65,897	2,273,162
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	33,241	(154,208)	(120,967)
Increase in customer deposits payable	99,080	-	99,080
Decrease in unearned revenue	(65,822)	-	(65,822)
Decrease in deferred inflows of resources - leasing arrangements	-	(127,044)	(127,044)
Decrease in post closure care costs	-	(8,208)	(8,208)
Increase in compensated absences	50,288	2,907	53,195
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	$ 18,234,600	$ (58,363)	$ 18,176,237

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PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 5,632,486
Taxes receivable	1,739,603
Total assets	7,372,089
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	3,202,763
Uncollected taxes	1,739,603
Total liabilities	4,942,366
NET POSITION	
Restricted:	
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	2,429,723
Total net position	$ 2,429,723

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PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Taxes	$ 119,457,038
Fines and fees	1,196,791
Criminal and civil bonds	9,932,666
Interest income	38
Total additions	130,586,533
DEDUCTIONS	
Taxes and fees paid to other governments	119,457,038
Other custodial disbursements	11,888,772
Total deductions	131,345,810
Change in fiduciary net position	(759,277)
NET POSITION, beginning of year	3,189,000
NET POSITION, end of year	$ 2,429,723

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity

The County is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and is governed by an elected County chairman and four elected commissioners. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements include the principal financial activities of the County. In accordance with GASB requirements, the County considered potential component units for inclusion in its financial reporting entity. The Paulding County Health Department, Paulding County Industrial Building Authority, and Paulding County Airport Authority are included in the reporting entity because the Paulding County Board of Commissioners directly appoints a majority of component unit board members and a financial benefit/burden exists.

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

Blended Component Unit

The Paulding County Industrial Building Authority (the "Industrial Building Authority") serves the citizens of Paulding County and is governed by a board of appointed officials. The Paulding County Board of Commissioners appoints the officials to this board. The Industrial Building Authority issued bonds to provide capital for the construction of the Industrial Building Park and a sewer plant to accommodate the park. The debt of the Industrial Building Authority is expected to be repaid entirely with County resources. The Industrial Building Authority operates on a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year. Separate financial statements are not prepared for the Industrial Building Authority.

Discretely Presented Component Units

The Paulding County Health Department (the "Health Department") serves the citizens of Paulding County and is governed by a board of appointed officials. The Paulding County Board of Commissioners appoints the officials to this board. Paulding County also makes monthly contributions to the Health Department to assist in operations. The Health Department operates on a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units (Continued)

A copy of the Paulding County Health Department's financial statements may be obtained by writing to the following address: Georgia Department of Human Resources District 1 Unit 1, 1305 Redmond Road, Building 614, Rome, GA 30165-1391.

The Paulding County Airport Authority (the "Airport Authority") serves the citizens of Paulding County and is governed by a board of appointed officials. The Paulding County Board of Commissioners appoints the officials to this board. Paulding County acts as the fiscal agent for the Airport Authority and provides personnel to oversee the construction and development of the airport. The Airport Authority operates on a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year. Separate financial statements are not prepared for the Paulding County Airport Authority.

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 primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the *primary government* is reported separately from certain legally separate *component units* for which the primary government is financially accountable.

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

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

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

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.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the County considers property taxes to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period for which they are levied. Other revenues susceptible to accrual are considered available if they are collected within 9 months 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 on general long-term debt, including lease liabilities, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions, including entering into contracts giving the County the right-to-use lease assets, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and financing through leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, alcoholic beverage taxes, licenses, sales taxes, franchise taxes, charges for services, 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 and are recognized as revenue at that time.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The ***Fire Tax Fund*** accounts for the operations of the fire department as well as capital purchases. A tax levy is placed on all property within Paulding County. The tax levy is restricted to the operational and capital expenditures of the fire department.

The ***ARPA Fund*** accounts for the activity related to the American Rescue Plan Act funding received from the federal government for COVID-19 relief.

The ***SPLOST V Capital Projects Fund*** accounts for resources which are used exclusively for roads, public safety, recreation, and economic development. The SPLOST V fund replaces SPLOST IV as the term for SPLOST IV expired in April 2017 and SPLOST V began in 2017.

The County reports the following major proprietary fund:

The ***Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund*** is the only major enterprise fund. This fund accounts for the operations of the water distribution and the sewer collection systems as well as related construction projects.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

The ***special revenue funds*** account for revenue sources that are legally restricted or committed to expenditure for specific purposes (not including major capital projects).

The ***Debt Service Fund*** accounts for the servicing of general long-term debt not being financed by proprietary or nonexpendable trust funds.

The ***capital projects funds*** account for resources which are used for the acquisition of capital assets for construction of major capital projects and to issue bonds to raise funds for various capital projects to promote economic development within the County.

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

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

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

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *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 revenue of the enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services provided. Operating expenses for the enterprise fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

D. Leases

Lessee

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Leases (Continued)

Lessee (Continued)

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

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

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

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

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

Lessor

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)

The County has a noncancellable SBITA of office productivity software. The County recognizes a SBITA liability and an intangible right-to-use SBITA asset on the Statement of Net Position. The County recognizes SBITA's with an initial, individual value of $100,000 or more.

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

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

- The County uses the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor is not provided, the County uses the prime rate at the SBITA inception date as the discount rate.

- The County term includes the noncancellable period of the SBITA. SBITA payments included in the measurement of the SBITA liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option prices that the SBITA is reasonably certain to exercise.

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

The County reports SBITA assets with capital assets and SBITA liabilities are reported separately on the Statement of Net Position.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

F. Deposits and Investments

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

The local government investment pool, "Georgia Fund 1," created by OCGA 36-83-8, is a stable asset value investment pool, which follows Standard and Poor's criteria for AAAf rated money market funds and is regulated by the Georgia Office of the State Treasurer. The pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. The pool's primary objectives are safety of capital, investment income, liquidity and diversification while maintaining principal ($1 per share value). The asset value is calculated weekly to ensure stability. The pool distributes earnings (net of management fees) on a monthly basis and determines participants' shares sold and redeemed based on $1 per share. The pool also adjusts the value of its investments to fair value as of year-end and the County's investment in the Georgia Fund 1 is reported at fair value. The County considers amounts held in Georgia Fund 1 as cash equivalents for financial statement presentation.

The remaining investments are recorded at fair value. Increases or decreases in the fair value during the year are recognized as a component of interest income.

State statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the U.S. Government or its agencies and corporations, obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies, prime bankers acceptances, the State of Georgia Local Government Investment Pool, obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia, and repurchase agreements.

G. 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."

H. Inventories and Prepaid Items

All inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when acquired (purchase method). Enterprise funds' inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, and are expensed when used (consumption method).

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets and subscription assets, which include property, plant, equipment, intangible assets, subscription assets, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of $5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. However, all additions to land and buildings are capitalized. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value. No depreciation is taken on the donated assets in the same year of contribution. The County has elected to capitalize all general infrastructure assets regardless of the acquisition date and has used the estimated historical cost to value these assets.

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

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

Asset Category	Years
Buildings and improvements	30
Furniture and Fixtures	5-10
Equipment	5-10
Water distribution system	40
Sewer system	40
Infrastructure	40
Right-to-use lease assets	3-5
Subscription assets	3-5

J. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The County has several items that qualify for reporting in this category. One is the deferred charge on refunding which 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 refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded debt or the refunding debt.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)

The other elements that qualify for reporting in this category pertain to the recording of changes in the County's net pension liability. Certain changes in the net pension liability are recognized as pension expense over time instead of all being recognized in the year of occurrence. The County reports a deferred outflow of resources for employer contributions made to the pension plan subsequent to the measurement date as these will be recognized as a reduction to the County's net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024.

The County reports deferred outflows of resources for experience gains or losses and deferred outflows of resources for assumption changes which are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. The County also reports deferred outflows of resources for the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension investments. This item will be amortized against pension expense over a five year period.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. One item arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes and these amounts are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amounts become available. Another item the County reports as a deferred inflow of resources is for experience gains or losses which is amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. The County also reports a deferred inflow of resources for leasing arrangements. The deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

K. Compensated Absences

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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 effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are expensed in the year of issuance.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued and any related premiums are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

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 and liabilities and 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 purpose for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Fund balances are classified as follows:

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

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Fund Equity (Continued)

Unassigned – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual classification for the County's General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. The County reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the General Fund. The County's policy is to maintain an adequate General Fund unassigned fund balance to provide liquidity in the event of an economic downturn or natural disaster. Through resolution, the Board of Commissioners has adopted a financial standard to maintain a General Fund minimum unassigned fund balance of 25 percent of budgeted expenditures.

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

For the year ending June 30, 2023, the County has reported $14,046,908 of encumbrances as assignments of fund balance in the General Fund.

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

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

N. Management Estimates

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

O. 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 Paulding 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.

NOTE 2. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS

A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general, debt service, and special revenue funds on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. Project-length budgets are adopted for capital projects funds. Annual budgets for the enterprise funds are adopted for management control purposes.

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is used in the governmental funds.

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

1. Prior to June 1, the Chairman submits to the Board of Commissioners a proposed operating budget for each department for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments, giving notice thereof at least ten days in advance by publication in the official organ of the County.
3. The budget is then reviewed and adopted or amended by the Board of Commissioners at the first meeting in August of the year to which it applies.
4. Budget amounts can be transferred between line items within any department; however, any revisions of the budget at the department level greater than $50,000 must be amended by formal action of the Board of Commissioners in a regular meeting. No increase can be made to increase budgeted expenditures without provision also being made for financing such an increase.
5. The budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
6. The legal level of budgetary control is at the department level.

NOTE 2. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS (CONTINUED)

B. Deficit Fund Equity

The Solid Waste Fund has deficit fund equity of $6,860,242 at June 30, 2023. The deficit occurred due to the recognition of the landfill closure and postclosure care liability as described in Note 8. The deficit will be reduced through transfers from the General Fund as the postclosure cost are incurred beginning in 2024.

C. Excess Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2023 expenditures exceeded the budget in the General Fund and Debt Service Fund as follows:

General Fund		
General government:		
Information technology	$	193,523
Judicial:		
District attorney		81,523
Health and welfare:		
General health grant		167
Housing and development:		
Community development		21,078
Airport		104,717
Debt service:		
Principal		582,192
Interest		20,844

The excess of expenditures over budget that are noted above were primarily funded by excess revenues and use of fund balance.

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Primary Government

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. As a means of limiting its exposure to credit risk of investments the County limits its investments to those types noted previously and by diversifying its investment portfolio. As a means of limiting its exposure to custodial risk securities are held by an independent third party in the name of the County.

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

Custodial credit risk. 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) amounts that exceed standard depository insurance limits are required to be collateralized either (1) individually by the financial institutions through pledged obligations of the U.S. Government, obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, obligations of the State of Georgia or other states, or obligations of counties, municipalities, or public authorities of the State of Georgia at a rate of at least 110 percent of the deposit amount, or (2) participation in the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program. As of June 30, 2023, all of the County's deposits were insured and collateralized as defined by State statutes.

Categorization of investments. At June 30, 2023, the County had the following investments:

Short-term Investments	Maturity	Credit Rating	Fair Value
United States Treasury Note	335 days weighted average	Aaa-mf	$ 8,548,235
Georgia Fund 1	28 days weighted average	AAAf/S1	225,173,780
			$ 233,722,015

Interest rate risk. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the County's investment policy limits the investments with maturities greater than one year to 25%.

Fair Value Measurements. The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The County has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023:

Investment	Level 2	Fair Value
United Statement Treasury Note	$ 8,548,235	$ 8,548,235
Total investments subject to level disclosure	$ 8,548,235	8,548,235
Investments not subject to level disclosure:		
Georgia Fund 1		225,173,780
Total investments measured at fair value		$ 233,722,015

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

The United States Treasury Note classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy is valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

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. As a result, the County does not disclose its investment in the Georgia Fund 1 within the fair value hierarchy.

NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES

A. Primary Government

Receivables at June 30, 2023, for the County's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate are as follows:

	General Fund	Fire Tax Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Receivables:			
Taxes	$ 716,819	$ 408,855	$ 265,549
Other governments	2,682,807	-	-
Accounts	689,291	13,159	577,944
Leases	3,656,767	-	-
Gross receivables	7,745,684	422,014	843,493
Less allowance for uncollectibles	(324,307)	(192,125)	(124,584)
Net receivables	$ 7,421,377	$ 229,889	$ 718,909

	Water & Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
Receivables:		
Taxes	$ -	$ -
Other governments	-	-
Accounts	7,190,549	173,860
Leases	360,970	929,390
Gross receivables	7,551,519	1,103,250
Less allowance for uncollectibles	(1,338,728)	-
Net receivables	$ 6,212,791	$ 1,103,250

NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

Property taxes for the 2023 fiscal year were levied on August 9, 2022, with property values assessed as of January 1, 2022. Bills are payable by the later of November 15, 2022 or sixty days from the date the property tax bills are mailed at which time the applicable property is subject to penalties and interest as assessed. Property taxes attached as an enforceable lien on property as of December 15, 2022.

Leases Receivable. The County also has leases receivable for land and buildings.

In prior years, the County entered into multiple lease agreements as the lessor for land and buildings. An initial lease receivable and deferred inflow of resources were recorded in the amount of $3,931,623 for General Fund and Governmental Activities. As of June 30, 2023, the value of the lease receivable was $3,656,767. The County received monthly principal and interest payments in the amounts ranging from $1,596 to $12,898. These leases have an interest rate of 2.66%.

The County has also entered into multiple lease agreements as the lessor for land and buildings for Business-Type Activities. An initial lease receivable and deferred inflow of resources were recorded in the amount of $1,514,042 for the DFACS Building Fund, Water and Sewer Fund and Business-Type Activities. As of June 30, 2023, the value of the lease receivable was $1,290,360. The County received monthly principal and interest payments in the amounts of $1,159 and $11,009. The lease has an interest rate of 2.66%.

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NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

A. Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	$ 63,228,186	$ 3,499,530	$ -	$ -	$ 66,727,716
Construction in progress	10,170,560	9,003,513	-	(3,930,197)	15,243,876
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	73,398,746	12,503,043	-	(3,930,197)	81,971,592
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	246,061,697	524,001	-	1,036,610	247,622,308
Equipment	70,235,358	3,254,528	(520,497)	517,892	73,487,281
Infrastructure	405,389,497	7,925,087	-	2,375,695	415,690,279
Total capital assets, being depreciated	721,686,552	11,703,616	(520,497)	3,930,197	736,799,868
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and improvements	69,983,769	6,625,530	-	-	76,609,299
Equipment	52,897,745	4,073,888	(457,125)	-	56,514,508
Infrastructure	134,102,393	9,810,580	-	-	143,912,973
Total accumulated depreciation	256,983,907	20,509,998	(457,125)	-	277,036,780
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	464,702,645	(8,806,382)	(63,372)	3,930,197	459,763,088
Governmental activities capital assets, net excluding subscription assets	$ 538,101,391	$ 3,696,661	$ (63,372)	$ -	541,734,680
Subscription assets, net (Note 6)					283,164
Total capital assets, net as reported in the statement of net position					$ 542,017,844

NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Business-type Activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	$ 7,350,011	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 7,350,011
Construction in progress	6,804,700	15,688,784	-	(2,141,030)	20,352,454
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	14,154,711	15,688,784	-	(2,141,030)	27,702,465
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	14,527,018	19,130	-	-	14,546,148
Equipment	7,508,741	368,216	(186,360)	-	7,690,597
Infrastructure	507,288,369	12,941,366	-	2,141,030	522,370,765
Intangible assets	2,500,000	-	-	-	2,500,000
Total capital assets, being depreciated	531,824,128	13,328,712	(186,360)	2,141,030	547,107,510
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and improvements	4,111,212	293,472	-	-	4,404,684
Equipment	6,688,593	326,770	(186,360)	-	6,829,003
Infrastructure	109,416,769	12,998,271	-	-	122,415,040
Intangible assets	550,000	50,000	-	-	600,000
Total accumulated depreciation	120,766,574	13,668,513	(186,360)	-	134,248,727
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	411,057,554	(339,801)	-	2,141,030	412,858,783
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 425,212,265	$ 15,348,983	$ -	$ -	$ 440,561,248

NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

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

Governmental activities:		
General government	$	4,264,780
Judicial		10,263
Public safety		3,435,676
Public works		10,259,018
Health and welfare		139,635
Culture and recreation		1,317,545
Housing and development		1,649,410
Total depreciation and amortization expense - governmental activities	$	21,076,327
Business-type activities:		
Water and Sewer Fund		13,522,632
Solid Waste Fund		68,019
DFACS Building Fund		77,862
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	$	13,668,513

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NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

B. Discretely Presented Component Unit – Airport Authority

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Airport Authority:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	$ 5,796,229	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,796,229
Construction in progress	362,319	2,928,301	-	(1,133,990)	2,156,630
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	6,158,548	2,928,301	-	(1,133,990)	7,952,859
Capital assets, being depreciated and amortized:					
Buildings	3,387,646	-	-	1,133,990	4,521,636
Infrastructure	3,194,127	-	-	-	3,194,127
Equipment and vehicles	74,030	-	-	-	74,030
Land improvements	1,373,947	-	-	-	1,373,947
Total capital assets, being depreciated	8,029,750	-	-	1,133,990	9,163,740
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization for:					
Buildings	431,277	84,691	-	-	515,968
Infrastructure	558,974	79,853	-	-	638,827
Equipment and vehicles	28,813	11,579	-	-	40,392
Land improvements	85,299	45,542	-	-	130,841
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	1,104,363	221,665	-	-	1,326,028
Total capital assets, being depreciated and amortized, net	6,925,387	(221,665)	-	1,133,990	7,837,712
Airport Authority capital assets, net excluding lease assets	$ 13,083,935	$ 2,706,636	$ -	$ -	15,790,571
Lease assets, net (Note 6)					192,198
Total capital assets, net as reported in the statement of net position					$ 15,982,769

NOTE 6. LEASE AND SUBSCRIPTION ASSETS

A summary of right-to-use lease and subscription asset activity for the County for the year ended June 30, 2023, is as follows:

A. Primary Government

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Subscription assets				
Subscription assets, being amortized				
Office productivity software subscription	$ -	$ 849,493	$ -	$ 849,493
Total	-	849,493	-	849,493
Less accumulated amortization:				
Office productivity software subscription	-	(566,329)	-	(566,329)
Total accumulated amortization	-	(566,329)	-	(566,329)
Governmental activities, subscription assets, net	$ -	$ 283,164	$ -	$ 283,164

B. Discretely Presented Component Unit – Airport Authority

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Airport Authority				
Right-to-use lease assets:				
Lease assets, being amortized				
Equipment and vehicles	$ 222,962	$ -	$ -	$ 222,962
Total	222,962	-	-	222,962
Less accumulated amortization:				
Equipment and vehicles	15,602	15,162	-	30,764
Total accumulated amortization	15,602	15,162	-	30,764
Airport Authority, lease assets, net	$ 207,360	$ (15,162)	$ -	$ 192,198

NOTE 7. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2023, is as follows:

Due to/from other funds:

Payable fund	Receivable fund	Amount
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	$ 650,029
Nonmajor governmental funds	General Fund	124,927
Fire Tax	General Fund	1,218,958
SPLOST V	General Fund	63,228
ARPA	General Fund	222,470
ARPA	Water	3,473,210
Water	General Fund	33,241
Nonmajor proprietary funds	General Fund	61,247
		$ 5,847,310

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) payment between funds are made. Interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

The composition of interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2023, is as follows:

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount
General Fund	Water	$ 1,701,538
ARPA	Water	9,079,870
ARPA	General Fund	1,741,835
Nonmajor proprietary funds	General Fund	54,342
		$ 12,577,585

Transfers are used to (1) report revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them, to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, (3) to move proceeds from the County's federal grant programs to other funds to finance allowable costs accounted for in other funds, and (4) to move grant funding from nonmajor governmental funding to General Fund once the County has met all grant program requirements.

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT

A. Primary Government

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
General obligation bonds:					
Direct placement bonds	$ 42,960,000	$ -	$ (4,970,000)	$ 37,990,000	$ 3,750,000
Public offering bonds	62,320,000	-	(1,375,000)	60,945,000	1,415,000
Revenue bonds:					
Direct placement bonds	1,000,000	-	(495,000)	505,000	505,000
Public offering bonds	5,735,000	-	(690,000)	5,045,000	705,000
Less: Discounts	(8,762)	-	1,631	(7,131)	-
Plus: Premiums	4,183,220	-	(277,507)	3,905,713	-
Total bonds payable	116,189,458	-	(7,805,876)	108,383,582	6,375,000
Intergovernmental payable	220,305	-	(220,305)	-	-
Financed purchases	-	102,485	(15,767)	86,718	50,060
Subscription based information technology agreements	-	849,493	(566,425)	283,068	283,068
Claims payable	8,466,000	-	(8,466,000)	-	-
Net pension liability	20,953,168	18,195,839	(5,581,287)	33,567,720	-
Compensated absences	5,790,505	4,011,463	(3,747,470)	6,054,498	4,238,149
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	$ 151,619,436	$ 23,159,280	$ (26,403,130)	$ 148,375,586	$ 10,946,277
Business-type Activities:					
Revenue Bonds	$ 156,615,000	$ -	$ (3,815,000)	$ 152,800,000	$ 3,990,000
Plus: Premiums	6,663,306	-	(454,821)	6,208,485	-
Total bonds payable	163,278,306	-	(4,269,821)	159,008,485	3,990,000
Notes from direct borrowings	68,299,643	171,090	(1,792,464)	66,678,269	1,823,704
Landfill closure/ postclosure costs	8,178,000	-	(8,208)	8,169,792	2,800,000
Compensated absences	495,082	328,952	(275,757)	548,277	238,961
Business-type activities long-term liabilities	$ 240,251,031	$ 500,042	$ (6,346,250)	$ 234,404,823	$ 8,852,665

For governmental activities, compensated absences, claims payable and the net pension liability are being liquidated primarily by the General Fund. For business-type activities, compensated absences are liquidated by the Water and Sewer and Solid Waste funds.

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

Governmental Activities:

Revenue Bonds. On October 25, 2012, the Industrial Building Authority issued $7,315,000 in Revenue Bonds for the purpose of retiring the 2003 Revenue Bonds. The Bonds were issued in two separate series for various purposes. The Series 2012A Taxable Revenue Bonds in the amount of $2,225,000 were issued to pay off the Series 2003A Taxable Revenue Bonds. The Series 2012A bonds will be serviced through an annual payment from the County, commencing on December 1, 2013 of $180,000 to $220,000 through December 1, 2023 at an interest rate of 1.0% to 3.0%. As of June 30, 2023, the outstanding principal amount is $220,000.

The Series 2013 direct placement bonds were issued by the Industrial Building Authority to provide funds to finance the cost of certain road projects of the County. The Series 2013 bonds will be serviced through an annual payment from the County, commencing on February 1, 2015 of $415,000 to $505,000 through February 1, 2024 at an interest rate of 2.25%. As of June 30, 2023, the outstanding principal amount is $505,000.

On December 19, 2019, the Industrial Building Authority issued $5,530,000 in Refunding Revenue Bonds for the purpose of partially refunding the Series 2011A Revenue Bonds and fully refunding the Series 2011B Revenue Bonds. The Series 2019 bonds will be serviced through an annual payment from the County, commencing on August 1, 2020 of $135,000 to $590,000 through August 1, 2031 at an interest rate of 1.8% to 2.75%. As of June 30, 2023, the outstanding principal amount is $4,825,000. The refunding transaction undertaken by the County resulted in aggregate debt service savings of $674,813 and an economic gain (net present value of the aggregate debt service savings) of $574,121. The refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the carrying amount of the old debt of $411,746. This difference is reported in the accompanying financial statements as a deferred outflow of resources, and is being charged to operations through year 2032 using the straight-line method.

General Obligation Bonds. During fiscal year 2014, the County issued $41,030,000 of Series 2013 direct placement general obligation bonds. The 2013 bonds were issued to refund $35,575,000 of the $58,230,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Series 2007B Bonds maturing February 1, 2018 through 2028. The bonds, which bear interest at a rate of 2.45%, mature February 1, 2028. As of June 30, 2023, the outstanding principal amount is $18,970,000.

During fiscal year 2015, the County issued $27,775,000 of Series 2015 direct placement general obligation bonds. The 2015 bonds were issued to refund $25,345,000 of the $30,760,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Series 2007 general obligation bonds maturing August 1, 2017 through 2022 and February 1, 2029 through 2032. The bonds bear interest rates of 1.777% and 2.601%. As of June 30, 2023, the outstanding principal amount is $19,020,000. The refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the carrying amount of the old debt of $1,553,723. This difference is reported in the accompanying financial statements as a deferred outflow of resources, and is being charged to operations through year 2032 using the straight-line method. The current outstanding amount of debt considered legally defeased equals $18,215,000 as of June 30, 2023.

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

General Obligation Bonds (Continued)

During fiscal year 2018, the County issued $67,385,000 of Series 2017 general obligation bonds. Proceeds from the bonds will be used to acquire, construct, equip and furnish a replacement Paulding County Sheriff's Office detention center and other related facilities located in the County. The bonds bear interest at rates from 3.0% to 5.0%, and will mature February 1, 2048. As of June 30, 2023, the outstanding principal amount is $60,945,000.

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

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 1,415,000	$ 2,389,088	$ 3,804,088
2025	1,470,000	2,346,638	3,816,638
2026	1,535,000	2,287,838	3,822,838
2027	1,615,000	2,211,088	3,826,088
2028	1,695,000	2,130,338	3,825,338
2029-2033	9,865,000	9,288,938	19,153,938
2034-2038	11,985,000	7,139,456	19,124,456
2039-2043	14,215,000	4,957,225	19,172,225
2044-2048	17,150,000	2,113,000	19,263,000
Total	$ 60,945,000	$ 34,863,609	$ 95,808,609

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

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 3,750,000	$ 959,475	$ 4,709,475
2025	3,840,000	867,396	4,707,396
2026	3,930,000	773,105	4,703,105
2027	4,030,000	676,609	4,706,609
2028	4,130,000	577,655	4,707,655
2029-2032	18,310,000	1,205,824	19,515,824
Total	$ 37,990,000	$ 5,060,064	$ 43,050,064

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

The County's debt service requirements to maturity on the publicly offered revenue bonds are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 705,000	$ 110,878	$ 815,878
2025	500,000	96,828	596,828
2026	505,000	85,213	590,213
2027	520,000	72,733	592,733
2028	535,000	59,625	594,625
2029-2032	2,280,000	93,695	2,373,695
Total	$ 5,045,000	$ 518,972	$ 5,563,972

The County's debt service requirements to maturity on the direct placement revenue bonds are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 505,000	$ 11,363	$ 516,363

Financed Purchase. The County has entered into a financed purchase agreement for the acquisition of two vehicles used in governmental activities. The agreement qualifies as a financed purchase for accounting purposes as the titles to the vehicles transfer to the County at the end of the agreement terms and therefore, the liability has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum financed purchase payments as of the date of its inception. Payments are due in monthly installments.

The original cost of the County's assets under the financed purchase arrangement at June 30, 2023 is $100,000 and there has been $5,808 of accumulated depreciation as of year-end. Annual depreciation of these assets is included in depreciation expense.

Principal and interest requirements to maturity for the financed purchase as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 50,060	$ 5,444	$ 55,504
2025	36,658	1,204	37,862
Total	$ 86,718	$ 6,648	$ 93,366

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

Subscription based information technology arrangement (SBITA) liabilities. The County entered into a SBITA for a period between of three (3) years for the use of certain information technology items. Interest is calculated at a rate of 3.25% on all SBITA's.

Principal and interest requirements to maturity for the SBITA as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 283,068	$ 9,200	$ 292,268

Business Type Activities

Revenue Bonds. Series 2016 Water and Sewer Revenue Improvement and Refunding Bonds – In September 2016, the County Water and Sewer Fund issued $158,360,000 in revenue bonds to partially refund the 2009 and 2009A Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds and to provide financing for system improvements and a new reservoir. As of June 30, 2023, the outstanding principal amount is $152,280,000. The County has determined the refunding will reduce the debt service payments by $931,715 on an aggregate basis and a net present savings of $860,126. The County's obligations are payable solely from the net revenues of the Water and Sewer System. The bonds bear interest at rates from 2.5% to 5.0%, and will mature December 1, 2048. The current outstanding amount of the 2009 and 2009A bonds considered legally defeased is $4,555,000 as of June 30, 2023. The Series 2016 bonds contain (1) a provision that in an event of default, the timing of repayment of outstanding amounts become immediately due if pledged revenues during the year are less than 110% of debt service coverage due in the following year and (2) a provision that if the County is unable to make payment, outstanding amounts are due immediately.

The County has pledged 100% of future water customer revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay the water system revenue bonds noted above

On October 25, 2012, the Industrial Building Authority issued $7,315,000 in Revenue Bonds for the purpose of retiring the 2003 Revenue Bonds. The Bonds were issued in two separate series for various purposes. The Series 2012B Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds in the amount of $5,090,000 were issued to pay off the Series 2003B and 2003C Tax-Exempt Revenue bonds. The Series 2012B bonds will be serviced through an annual payment from the County, commencing on December 1, 2013 of $405,000 to $520,000 through December 1, 2023 at an interest rate of 2.0% to 3.0%. As of June 30, 2023, the outstanding principal amount is $520,000.

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

Revenue Bonds. (Continued)

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

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 3,990,000	$ 4,947,925	$ 8,937,925
2025	3,700,000	4,763,150	8,463,150
2026	3,975,000	4,571,275	8,546,275
2027	4,175,000	4,388,400	8,563,400
2028	4,340,000	4,250,650	8,590,650
2029-2033	24,005,000	18,755,025	42,760,025
2034-2038	28,610,000	14,197,200	42,807,200
2039-2043	33,160,000	9,572,550	42,732,550
2044-2048	38,450,000	4,211,250	42,661,250
2049	8,395,000	125,925	8,520,925
Total	$ 152,800,000	$ 69,783,350	$ 222,583,350

Direct borrowings. In January 2010, the County entered into an agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the construction of water reuse lines. The agreement was originally executed for $660,000, with an interest rate of 3.0%. The agreement is paid each month beginning September 1, 2011 through August 1, 2031. As of June 30, 2023, the outstanding principal amount is $334,846.

In fiscal year 2013, the County entered into an agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the engineering and mitigation cost of the Reservoir project. The agreement was originally executed for $2,860,000, with an interest rate of 3.13%. The agreement is paid each month beginning September 1, 2015 through February 1, 2026. As of June 30, 2023, the outstanding principal amount is $834,365.

Also in fiscal year 2013, the County entered into an agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the construction costs of the Reservoir project. As of June 30, 2023, the loan has a balance of $28,958,942. The loan bears an interest rate of zero percent for three years following the first draw under the loan agreement. After this period and during the construction phase interest is being paid monthly at 1.0% of the outstanding amount. Following the construction phase this note will become permanent with an interest rate of 1.82% and payable over a forty year period beginning October 1, 2021 and maturing October 1, 2061.

In fiscal year 2017, the County entered into an agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the construction costs of the Reservoir project. As of June 30, 2023, the loan has a balance of $5,835,077. During the construction phase, this note shall bear no interest. Following the construction phase this note will become permanent with an interest rate of 2.03% and payable over a forty year period beginning October 1, 2021 and maturing October 1, 2061.

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

Direct borrowings. (Continued)

Also, in fiscal year 2017, the County entered into an agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the construction costs of the Reservoir project. As of June 30, 2023, the loan has a balance of $20,948,423. The loan bears an interest rate of zero percent for three years following the first draw under the loan agreement. After this period and during the construction phase interest is being paid monthly at 1.0% of the outstanding amount. Following the construction phase this note will become permanent with an interest rate of 1.40% and payable over a thirty year period beginning October 1, 2021 and maturing October 1, 2051.

In fiscal year 2019, the County entered into an agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the construction costs of the Reservoir project. As of June 30, 2023, the loan has a balance of $9,595,526. During the construction phase, this note shall bear no interest. Following the construction phase this note will become permanent with an interest rate of 2.03% and payable over a thirty year period beginning October 1, 2022 and maturing October 1, 2051.

In fiscal year 2023, the County entered into an agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the construction costs of a water treatment facility project. As of June 30, 2023, the loan is in the drawdown phase, is accruing no interest, and has a balance of $171,089. During the construction phase, this note shall bear no interest.

The debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 1,823,704	$ 1,157,569	$ 2,981,273
2025	1,859,788	1,121,486	2,981,274
2026	1,896,653	1,084,621	2,981,274
2027	1,658,990	1,050,171	2,709,161
2028	1,632,801	1,021,938	2,654,739
2029-2033	8,536,265	4,673,447	13,209,712
2034-2038	9,133,148	3,922,039	13,055,187
2039-2043	9,947,126	3,106,950	13,054,076
2044-2048	10,835,467	2,218,609	13,054,076
2049-2053	9,540,143	1,276,630	10,816,773
2054-2058	5,692,464	653,030	6,345,494
2059-2062	4,121,720	131,351	4,253,071
Total	$ 66,678,269	$ 21,417,841	$ 88,096,110

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

Landfill postclosure costs. State and federal laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on its landfill when closed and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for thirty years after closure. Governmental accounting standards require the County to estimate and accrue for future costs associated with the closure and postclosure care of the landfill. In addition to operating expenses related to current activities of the landfill, an expense provision and related liability are recognized based on the future closure and postclosure care costs that will be incurred near or after the date the landfill no longer accepts waste. The recognition of these landfill closure and postclosure care costs is based on the amount of the landfill capacity used during the year. The recorded liability for landfill closure and postclosure care costs at year end totaled $8,169,792. This amount is based on the total estimated cost of closure and postclosure costs multiplied by management's estimate of the percentage of landfill capacity used at year end (96%). The estimated total current cost of the landfill closure and postclosure care (approximately $8,510,200) is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to close, monitor, and maintain the landfill were acquired as of June 30, 2023. However, the actual cost of closure and postclosure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations. The County plans to cap a portion of the landfill in the subsequent fiscal year. As of June 30, 2023 it is estimated that the remaining life of the landfill is one year.

Non-exchange financial guarantee. In May 2012, Paulding County, Georgia guaranteed the 30-year, $31,250,000 Revenue Anticipation Certificates, Series 2012A issuance of the Paulding County Hospital Authority, a legally separate entity located within Paulding County, Georgia, in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I (a) and (c) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, and by the Hospital Authorities Act. The bonds mature annually through April 1, 2042, with semiannual interest payments. In the event that the Paulding County Hospital Authority is unable to make a payment, Paulding County, Georgia will be required to make that payment. The County does not currently anticipate making the debt service payments.

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

B. Discretely Presented Component Unit – Airport Authority

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Bonds payable	$ 220,305	$ -	$ (220,305)	$ -	$ -
Lease liabilities	210,015	-	(13,255)	196,760	13,570
Notes from direct borrowings	36,000	-	(12,000)	24,000	12,000
Due to Silver Comet Terminal Partnership	360,000	-	-	360,000	-
Intergovernmental payable - Paulding County Industrial Building Authority	47,132	-	(14,967)	32,165	15,271
Total	$ 873,452	$ -	$ (260,527)	$ 612,925	$ 40,841

Notes from direct borrowings. During fiscal year 2017, the Authority entered into a note payable with Prime Contractors for $100,000. This note payable is due in monthly installments of $1,000 for 100 months with no interest due.

The Airport Authority's debt service requirements to maturity on the notes are as follows:

June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 12,000	$ -	$ 12,000
2025	12,000	-	12,000
Total	$ 24,000	$ -	$ 24,000

Due to Silver Comet Terminal Partnership. On October 7, 2013, the Authority entered into an agreement with Silver Comet Terminal Partners, LLC (the "Company"), whereby the Company will pay the Authority annual amounts equal to the bonded indebtedness for the Paulding County Airport Authority issued Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport Project, Series 2014 Revenue Bonds. To the extent the Authority receives any reimbursement from a grant for the costs associated with the project funded by the debt issuance, the Authority will repay the Company any amounts associated with the principal portion of the payments made by the Company under the agreement, reduce the remaining principal outstanding, and repay the interest paid by the Company. If the grant reimbursement is insufficient to repay interest paid to date, the Authority will not be responsible for repaying the interest portion of the payments made by the Company. The Authority anticipates a reimbursement from a grant for the project costs but does not expect this reimbursement to occur within the next fiscal year. The total debt service requirements on the bonds is $4,035,220 (Principal: $3,600,000, Interest: $435,220). A liability of $360,000 to the Company for the principal payment made during fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 has been reflected in the accompanying financial statements. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the Company ceased making payments to the Authority to cover the debt service requirements. The County has entered into an intergovernmental contract with the Paulding County Airport Authority to pay the remaining Series 2014 Revenue bond payments.

NOTE 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

B. Discretely Presented Component Unit – Airport Authority (Continued)

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

The City has entered into agreements with a third party to lease a 3000 gallon refueling truck and a 1200 gallon refueling truck terminating October 31, 2035 and June 30, 2036, respectively. Aggregate monthly payments of $950 and $550 are required over the term of the individual leases. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of $222,962. The lease has an interest rate of 2.35%. At June 30, 2023, the outstanding balance on the Airport's lease liabilities for refueling trucks were $196,760. The refueling trucks have an estimated useful life of 15 years and the value of the right-to-use asset as of the end of the current fiscal year was $222,962 and had accumulated amortization of $30,764.

The Airport Authority's debt service requirements to maturity on the leases are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 13,570	$ 4,430	$ 18,000
2025	13,892	4,108	18,000
2026	14,222	3,778	18,000
2027	14,560	3,440	18,000
2028-2032	78,156	11,844	90,000
2033-2036	62,360	2,515	64,875
Total	$ 196,760	$ 30,115	$ 226,875

Intergovernmental payable – Industrial Building Authority. On June 17, 2020, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with the Paulding County Industrial Building Authority in the amount of $75,000 to provide financing for various capital improvements and miscellaneous expenses. The note bears interest of 2% annually, and principal and interest payments are due monthly beginning August 1, 2020 and maturing July 1, 2025. The loan has an outstanding balance of $32,165 as of June 30, 2023.

The Airport Authority's debt service requirements to maturity on the loan are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 15,271	$ 504	$ 15,775
2025	15,579	196	15,775
2026	1,315	1	1,316
Total	$ 32,165	$ 701	$ 32,866

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

A. Primary Government

Plan Description

The County, as authorized by the County Commission, has established a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan, The Paulding County Defined Benefit Plan (the "Plan"), covering substantially all of the County's employees. The County's pension plan is administered through the Association 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 County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan benefits are provided for Plan participants who were participants in the Plan before January 1, 2004 whereby retirees receive between 1% and 1.75% multiplied by the average of the highest five consecutive years of earnings multiplied by the total credited years of service. Plan benefits are provided for Plan participants who were participants in the Plan on or after January 1, 2004 whereby retirees receive 1% multiplied by the average of the highest five consecutive years of earnings multiplied by the total credited years of service. 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 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 or by writing to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, Retirement Services, 191 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 or by calling (800) 736-7166.

Effective April 1, 2020, the Plan was amended to include the following: Class 2 for certain public safety employees; Class 2 employees are required to contribute 4%-8% of compensation; Class 2 employee's accrued benefit attributable to credited service while employed in a position included in Class 2 shall be calculated using a 1.75% multiplier; unreduced early retirement pension to Class 2 employees upon satisfying the "Rule of 80"; No more than 35 years of credited service while employed in a position included in Class 2 shall be taken into account under the Plan; and if following termination of employment a Participant receives a refund of Class 2 employee contributions, the Participant shall forfeit eligibility for Class 2 benefits.

Plan membership. As of January 1, 2023, pension plan membership consisted of the following:

Retirees, Beneficiaries and Disabled receiving benefits	250
Terminated plan participants entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	439
Active employees participating in the Plan	655
Total number of Plan participants	1,344

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

Plan Description (Continued)

Contributions. The Plan is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards law. The Board of Trustees of the ACCG Plan 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 Commission, 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. No contributions are made by plan participants. Class two employees make pre-tax employee payroll contributions to the Plan equal to four percent (4%) of Compensation, and not to exceed eight percent (8%) of compensation. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the County's contribution rate was 10.9% of annual payroll. County contributions to the Plan were $3,707,269 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Net Pension Liability of the County

The County’s net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2023 with update procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of December 31, 2022.

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.00%
Salary increases	4.0% - 5.0%, 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 of 50% of the General Employees Table and 50% of the Public Safety Employees with Scale AA projection to year 2022.

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study through February 2019.

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (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 (25%) and 30-year benchmarks (25%), as well as forward-looking capital market assumptions for a moderate asset allocation (50%), 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 weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30%	3.60%
Large Cap equity	30%	8.20
International equity	15%	8.90
Other equity	20%	8.90
Real estate	5%	8.50
Total	100%	

* Rates shown are net of the 2.00% assumed rate of inflation

Discount rate. The discount rate of 7.00% has not changed since the prior measurement date. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that County contributions will be made based on the average County contribution made to the Plan over the prior five years. Based on this assumption, 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. As of December 31, 2022 the expected long-term rate of return was 7.00%.

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (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, 2023, were as follows:

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at 6/30/2022	$ 88,530,888	$ 67,577,720	$ 20,953,168
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	1,726,156	-	1,726,156
Interest	6,223,323	-	6,223,323
Differences between expected and actual differences	(1,132,623)	-	(1,132,623)
Assumption changes	157,482	-	157,482
Plan changes	-	-	-
Contributions—employer	-	3,707,269	(3,707,269)
Net investment income	-	(9,942,153)	9,942,153
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(2,645,337)	(1,903,942)	(741,395)
Administrative expense	-	(146,725)	146,725
Net changes	4,329,001	(8,285,551)	12,614,552
Balances at 6/30/2023	$ 92,859,889	$ 59,292,169	$ 33,567,720

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

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 percent, 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 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
County's net pension liability	$ 48,288,794	$ 33,567,720	$ 21,556,007

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

A. Primary Government (Continued)

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, 2022 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the County recognized pension expense of $6,850,917. At June 30, 2023, the County reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Plan contributions made subsequent to the measurement period	$ 2,965,874	$ -
Differences between expected and actual experience	3,947,723	906,098
Assumption changes	1,330,779	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	6,678,824	-
Total	$ 14,923,200	$ 906,098

County contributions subsequent to the measurement date of $2,965,874 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2024	$ 2,597,934
2025	2,693,008
2026	2,830,874
2027	2,929,412
Total	$ 11,051,228

NOTE 10. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The County adopted the Paulding County Supplemental Retirement Plan on June 1, 2004. This plan is administered by AIG VALIC. The 401 (a) is a defined contribution plan that covers substantially all employees.

The County will match any contribution made by an employee to the deferred compensation plan on a 1 to 1 basis up to a maximum contribution by the County of 1% of employee's annual salary. Contributions are calculated and made on a biweekly payroll basis. Forfeitures are used to reduce future employer contributions under the plan. Employees are eligible and fully vested immediately upon entering the Plan. The Board of Commissioners establishes required contribution and matching percentages.

Employees become eligible for the plan on the date of hire provided they are full-time and work a minimum of 30 hours per week. Actual participation in the plan begins with the first payroll following their date of hire. Participants are fully vested in the plan after five years of service. The plan was established by resolution of the Board of Commissioners. It may also be amended by resolution of same.

The County has made the following contributions to the plan:

Year ending June 30,	County Contributions	Employee Contributions	Total Contributions
2022	$ 532,235	$ 1,488,316	2,020,551
2023	637,754	1,634,041	2,271,795

NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; injuries to employees; and losses resulting from providing accident and health benefits to employees and their dependents.

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

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

NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

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

Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the last three years. There have been no significant reductions of insurance coverage from the prior year.

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Contractual Commitments

In addition to the liabilities enumerated in the balance sheet, at June 30, 2023, the County has contractual commitments on uncompleted contracts of approximately $71,753,970, consisting of Water and Sewer Department contracts of $21,909,958, Department of Transportation contracts of $2,043,000, and other various governmental fund contracts of $47,801,012 .

Other Commitments

In December 2016, Paulding County transferred a total of 163.84 acres to Paulding County Airport Authority with a net book value of $815,000. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, Paulding County and the Paulding County Airport Authority entered into an agreement, approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, whereby the Paulding County Airport Authority would transfer back to Paulding County approximately 123 acres of the original 163.84 acres. Additionally, the Paulding County Airport Authority will transfer to the County approximately 40 acres of property in the general vicinity of the General Aviation Terminal Area Expansion project. This transfer has not occurred as of June 30, 2023.

Litigation

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

Grant Contingencies

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

NOTE 13. JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the area, is a member of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the County paid $154,277 in such dues. Membership in the Commission is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the Commission in Georgia.

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

Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
P.O. Box 1798
Rome, GA 30162-1798

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 84,930,000	$ 86,000,000	$ 86,973,217	$ 973,217
Licenses and permits	1,710,000	1,400,000	1,498,898	98,898
Intergovernmental	997,200	4,800,000	4,851,681	51,681
Fines and forfeitures	1,216,000	1,100,000	1,204,240	104,240
Charges for services	7,600,000	8,500,000	8,942,611	442,611
Interest income	250,000	3,081,083	4,055,422	974,339
Contributions and donations	15,000	50,000	507,988	457,988
Miscellaneous	566,000	360,000	646,146	286,146
Total revenues	97,284,200	105,291,083	108,680,203	3,389,120
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Legislative	923,600	929,600	913,227	16,373
Public information	176,700	176,700	171,483	5,217
Executive	440,700	447,700	446,080	1,620
Elections	909,300	992,700	988,981	3,719
Finance	779,800	872,200	870,735	1,465
Information technology	2,415,100	2,415,100	2,608,623	(193,523)
Human resources	1,092,000	492,000	468,913	23,087
Government facilities	2,129,500	2,129,500	1,905,572	223,928
Tax assessors	1,993,252	1,993,252	1,905,314	87,938
Tax commissioners	1,332,400	1,332,400	1,289,637	42,763
General appropriations	8,176,500	14,969,560	14,899,636	69,924
Total general government	20,368,852	26,750,712	26,468,201	282,511
Judicial:				
Superior court	1,137,600	1,231,700	1,168,014	63,686
Clerk superior court	1,911,400	1,909,000	1,660,588	248,412
Probate court	836,600	972,400	970,082	2,318
Magistrate court	669,200	692,700	684,425	8,275
District attorney	1,860,900	2,227,500	2,309,023	(81,523)
Juvenile court	1,185,000	1,185,000	1,047,194	137,806
Public defender	1,152,000	1,152,000	1,088,281	63,719
State court	1,480,600	1,829,800	1,567,511	262,289
Total judicial	10,233,300	11,200,100	10,495,118	704,982
Public safety:				
Coroner	166,200	166,200	138,676	27,524
Sheriff	20,245,500	20,245,500	19,059,099	1,186,401
Jail	10,175,100	10,175,100	9,500,295	674,805
Marshal	924,800	956,600	953,742	2,858
Animal control	998,850	1,051,850	1,033,691	18,159
General appropriations	25,000	25,000	24,000	1,000
Total public safety	32,535,450	32,620,250	30,709,503	1,910,747
Public works:				
Roads and bridges	19,544,180	27,900,000	17,077,000	10,823,000
Stormwater	1,686,600	1,686,600	1,197,022	489,578
Utility coordinator	1,300,000	1,500,000	1,496,780	3,220
Maintenance shop	1,198,265	1,198,265	893,815	304,450
Recycling	364,500	394,200	391,669	2,531
Total public works	24,093,545	32,679,065	21,056,286	11,622,779

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PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
Expenditures: (Continued)				
Current: (Continued)				
Health and welfare:				
Mental health grant	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ -
General health grant	342,300	342,300	342,467	(167)
General welfare grant	14,066	14,066	12,693	1,373
Senior citizens center	286,900	354,100	352,388	1,712
Senior citizens van	166,500	178,800	132,255	46,545
Bus service	283,200	300,600	299,215	1,385
General appropriations	76,000	81,500	80,432	1,068
Total health and welfare	1,218,966	1,321,366	1,269,450	51,916
Culture and recreation:				
Library	1,572,370	1,572,370	1,565,523	6,847
Recreation	3,477,600	3,477,600	3,130,352	347,248
General appropriations	9,000	9,000	7,685	1,315
Total culture and recreation	5,058,970	5,058,970	4,703,560	355,410
Housing and development:				
County extension service	104,100	104,100	102,808	1,292
Community development	2,310,400	2,472,100	2,493,178	(21,078)
Airport	275,000	6,473,200	6,577,917	(104,717)
General appropriations	577,500	577,500	555,675	21,825
Total housing and development	3,267,000	9,626,900	9,729,578	(102,678)
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	582,192	(582,192)
Interest	-	-	20,844	(20,844)
Total debt service	-	-	603,036	(603,036)
Total expenditures	96,776,083	119,257,363	105,034,732	14,222,631
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	508,117	(13,966,280)	3,645,471	17,611,751
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	40,000	40,000	43,378	3,378
Transfers in	-	-	1,796,177	1,796,177
Transfers out	(2,409,700)	(2,509,700)	(1,701,538)	808,162
Issuance of long-term liabilities	-	-	951,978	951,978
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,369,700)	(2,469,700)	1,089,995	3,559,695
Net change in fund balances	(1,861,583)	(16,435,980)	4,735,466	21,171,446
Fund balances, beginning of year	122,793,041	122,793,041	122,793,041	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 120,931,458	$ 106,357,061	$ 127,528,507	$ 21,171,446

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

FIRE TAX FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 20,035,000	$ 20,035,000	$ 20,061,829	$ 26,829
Licenses and permits	5,000	5,000	12,650	7,650
Intergovernmental revenue	-	-	56,532	56,532
Investment income	15,000	15,000	958,962	943,962
Miscellaneous revenue	-	-	2,000	2,000
Total revenues	20,055,000	20,055,000	21,091,973	1,036,973
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	18,728,060	18,728,060	16,797,577	1,930,483
Total expenditures	18,728,060	18,728,060	16,797,577	1,930,483
Net changes in fund balances	1,326,940	1,326,940	4,294,396	2,967,456
Fund balances, beginning of year	24,093,387	24,093,387	24,093,387	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 25,420,327	$ 25,420,327	$ 28,387,783	$ 2,967,456

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

ARPA FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	$ -	$ 28,000,000	$ 10,821,705	$ (17,178,295)
Investment income	-	-	1,246,503	1,246,503
Total revenues	-	28,000,000	12,068,208	(15,931,792)
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	-	(28,000,000)	(10,821,705)	17,178,295
Total other financing uses	-	(28,000,000)	(10,821,705)	17,178,295
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	1,246,503	1,246,503
Fund balances, beginning of year	38,763	38,763	38,763	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 38,763	$ 38,763	$ 1,285,266	$ 1,246,503

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total pension liability					
Service cost	$ 935,935	$ 912,802	$ 939,349	$ 1,009,288	$ 1,109,950
Interest on total pension liability	2,565,038	2,854,196	3,257,612	3,423,882	3,633,019
Assumption change	-	1,614,968	1,709,675	109,113	2,766,237
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,152,809)	(1,359,894)	(1,417,535)	(1,493,984)	(1,634,452)
Experience (Gain)/Loss	-	1,274,958	(96,338)	436,119	1,622,244
Net change in total pension liability	2,348,164	5,297,030	4,392,763	3,484,418	7,496,998
Total pension liability - beginning	34,776,907	37,125,071	42,422,101	46,814,864	50,299,282
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 37,125,071	$ 42,422,101	$ 46,814,864	$ 50,299,282	$ 57,796,280
Plan fiduciary net position					
Contributions - employer	$ 1,198,002	$ 1,152,078	$ 1,879,341	$ 2,287,071	$ 2,504,007
Net investment income	1,897,270	65,189	2,209,040	5,335,551	(2,098,568)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,152,809)	(1,359,894)	(1,417,535)	(1,493,984)	(1,634,452)
Administrative expenses	(99,561)	(104,931)	(104,886)	(106,368)	(113,708)
Other	(2,493)	(54,592)	-	-	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	1,840,409	(302,150)	2,565,960	6,022,270	(1,342,721)
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	28,626,090	30,466,499	30,164,349	32,730,309	38,752,579
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	$ 30,466,499	$ 30,164,349	$ 32,730,309	$ 38,752,579	$ 37,409,858
County's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	$ 6,658,572	$ 12,257,752	$ 14,084,555	$ 11,546,703	$ 20,386,422
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.1%	71.1%	69.9%	77.0%	64.7%
Covered payroll	$ 24,261,213	$ 24,283,073	$ 24,248,412	25,344,624	$ 27,558,981
County's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	27.4%	50.5%	58.1%	45.6%	74.0%

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total pension liability				
Service cost	$ 1,302,802	$ 1,422,452	$ 1,725,339	$ 1,726,156
Interest on total pension liability	4,071,472	4,634,695	5,520,185	6,223,323
Assumption change	3,116,715	123,296	151,310	157,482
Plan changes	-	7,686,057	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,866,518)	(2,096,491)	(2,418,754)	(2,645,337)
Experience (Gain)/Loss	1,814,065	437,903	5,110,080	(1,132,623)
Net change in total pension liability	8,438,536	12,207,912	10,088,160	4,329,001
Total pension liability - beginning	57,796,280	66,234,816	78,442,728	88,530,888
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 66,234,816	$ 78,442,728	$ 88,530,888	$ 92,859,889
Plan fiduciary net position				
Contributions - employer	$ 5,706,711	$ 1,242,973	$ 5,973,258	$ 3,707,269
Net investment income	7,959,820	6,324,166	8,578,810	(9,942,153)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,866,518)	(2,096,491)	(1,242,421)	(1,903,942)
Administrative expenses	(133,136)	(134,102)	(145,208)	(146,725)
Other	-	-	-	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	11,666,877	5,336,546	13,164,439	(8,285,551)
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	37,409,858	49,076,735	54,413,281	67,577,720
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	$ 49,076,735	$ 54,413,281	$ 67,577,720	$ 59,292,169
County's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	$ 17,158,081	$ 24,029,447	$ 20,953,168	$ 33,567,720
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	74.1%	69.4%	76.3%	63.9%
Covered payroll	$ 29,286,201	$ 30,516,727	$ 34,085,451	$ 33,759,449
County's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	58.6%	78.7%	61.5%	99.4%

Notes to the Schedule
Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Actuarially determined contribution	$ 741,395	$ 1,290,255	$ 1,242,973	$ 1,319,662	$ 1,077,797
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	3,707,269	3,833,655	3,382,576	3,125,120	2,581,591
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ (2,965,874)	$ (2,543,400)	$ (2,139,603)	$ (1,805,458)	$ (1,503,794)
Covered payroll	$ 33,922,450	$ 32,301,089	$ 29,901,464	$ 28,422,591	$ 26,451,803
Contributions as a percentage of Covered payroll	10.9%	11.9%	11.3%	11.0%	9.8%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Actuarially determined contribution	$ 1,267,071	$ 1,173,863	$ 1,152,078	$ 1,198,002	$ 1,505,262
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	2,504,007	2,287,071	2,142,433	2,086,988	2,271,702
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ (1,236,936)	$ (1,113,208)	$ (990,355)	$ (888,986)	$ (766,440)
Covered payroll	$ 24,796,518	$ 24,265,743	$ 24,272,143	$ 24,058,931	23,562,608
Contributions as a percentage of Covered payroll	10.1%	9.4%	8.8%	8.7%	9.6%

Notes to the Schedule

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022
Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Asset Valuation Method	Smoothed market value with a 5-year smoothing period.
Assumed Rate of Return On Investments	7.00%
Projected Salary Increases	3.0% - 5.00% (including 2.00% for inflation)
Cost-of-living Adjustment	2.00%
Amortization Method	Closed level dollar for unfunded liability
Remaining Amortization Period	None remaining

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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds

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

Victims-Witness Assistance Fund - to account for five percent additional fee placed on fines and used for victim witness services.

Emergency 911 Fund - to account for the fee collection and the operation of the Emergency 911 system within the County.

Jail Fund - to account for a portion of fine money received from the court system and expended on outside services within the juvenile court system.

Supplemental Juvenile Fund - to account for a portion of fines within the juvenile court and expended on outside services within the juvenile court system.

Drug Use Treatment Fund - to account for a portion of fine money received from the court system and expended on drug treatment or education.

Clerk's Technology Fund - to account for money received from the state. This fee is assessed every time a deed is purchased on-line. This money is expended on technology in the Clerk of Superior Court's office.

Law Library Fund - to account for the operation and maintenance of the County's law library.

Sheriff Commissary Fund - to account for the receipts and purchases inmates incur while they are incarcerated.

Drug Confiscation Fund - to account for the resources public safety officers confiscate during a drug charge and expended in the fight against drugs.

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

Debt Service Fund

Debt Service Fund - to account for the servicing of general long-term debt not being financed by proprietary funds.

Capital Projects Funds

Capital Projects Fund - accounts for the acquisition of capital assets for construction of major capital projects not being financed by proprietary funds or SPLOST funds.

SPLOST IV Fund - accounts for resources which are used exclusively for roads, public safety, recreation, and economic development. The SPLOST IV fund replaced SPLOST III as the term for SPLOST III expired in April 2011 and SPLOST IV began in 2011.

SPLOST VI Fund - accounts for resources which are used exclusively for roads, public safety, recreation, and economic development.

Industrial Building Authority – a blended component unit of the County used to account for the economic development projects of the County.

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds						
ASSETS	**Victims-Witness Assistance Fund**	**Emergency 911 Fund**	**Jail Fund**	**Supplemental Juvenile Fund**	**Drug Use Treatment Fund**	**Clerk's Technology Fund**	**Law Library Fund**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 26,264	$ 2,648,001	$ 641,542	$ 166,432	$ 244,742	$ 879,435	$ 45,600
Accounts receivable	-	572,056	5,605	-	283	-	-
Taxes receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	598,967	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land held for development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	$ 26,264	$ 3,819,024	$ 647,147	$ 166,432	$ 245,025	$ 879,435	$ 45,600
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES							
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 66,506	$ -	$ 1,765	$ -	$ -	$ -
Due to other funds	-	-	117,121	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	66,506	117,121	1,765	-	-	-
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES							
Nonspendable:							
Prepaids	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted:							
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial services	26,264	-	-	-	-	879,435	45,600
Public safety services	-	3,752,518	530,026	164,667	245,025	-	-
Health and welfare services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed:							
Commissary purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned:							
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	26,264	3,752,518	530,026	164,667	245,025	879,435	45,600
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 26,264	$ 3,819,024	$ 647,147	$ 166,432	$ 245,025	$ 879,435	$ 45,600

Special Revenue Funds					Capital Projects				
Sheriff Commissary Fund	Drug Confiscation Fund	Opiod Remediation Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	SPLOST IV Fund	SPLOST VI Fund	Industrial Building Authority	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
$ 12,020	$ 3,420	$ 511,641	$ 9,895,795	$ 718,302	$ 447,588	$ 4,240,527	$ 3,677,497	$ 24,158,806
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	577,944
-	-	-	140,965	-	-	-	-	140,965
-	-	-	-	-	-	2,486,141	-	2,486,141
-	-	-	-	51,062	-	-	-	650,029
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,221	7,221
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,556,650	3,556,650
$ 12,020	$ 3,420	$ 511,641	$ 10,036,760	$ 769,364	$ 447,588	$ 6,726,668	$ 7,241,368	$ 31,577,756
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 103,289	$ -	$ 372,921	$ 4,610	$ 549,091
-	-	-	7,806	-	-	-	-	124,927
-	-	-	7,806	103,289	-	372,921	4,610	674,018
-	-	-	113,937	-	-	-	-	113,937
-	-	-	113,937	-	-	-	-	113,937
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,221	7,221
-	-	-	-	666,075	447,588	6,353,747	-	7,467,410
-	-	-	9,915,017	-	-	-	-	9,915,017
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	951,299
-	3,420	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,695,656
-	-	511,641	-	-	-	-	-	511,641
12,020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,020
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,229,537	7,229,537
12,020	3,420	511,641	9,915,017	666,075	447,588	6,353,747	7,236,758	30,789,801
$ 12,020	$ 3,420	$ 511,641	$ 10,036,760	$ 769,364	$ 447,588	$ 6,726,668	$ 7,241,368	$ 31,577,756

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds						
	Victims-Witness Assistance Fund	Emergency 911 Fund	Jail Fund	Supplemental Juvenile Fund	Drug Use Treatment Fund	Clerk's Technology Fund	Law Library Fund
Revenues:							
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental		398	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	92,696	-	147,839	17,665	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	3,326,297	-	-	44,981	139,255	85,366
Investment income	-	11,486	3,236	873	-	4,558	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	92,696	3,338,181	151,075	18,538	44,981	143,813	85,366
Expenditures:							
Current:							
Judicial	85,506	-	-	-	-	201,938	71,385
Public safety	-	2,825,024	114,602	7,999	39,186	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:							
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	85,506	2,825,024	114,602	7,999	39,186	201,938	71,385
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	7,190	513,157	36,473	10,539	5,795	(58,125)	13,981
Other financing (uses):							
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	(54,342)	-	-
Total other financing (uses)	-	-	-	-	(54,342)	-	-
Net change in fund balances	7,190	513,157	36,473	10,539	(48,547)	(58,125)	13,981
Fund balances, beginning of year	19,074	3,239,361	493,553	154,128	293,572	937,560	31,619
Fund balances, end of year	$ 26,264	$ 3,752,518	$ 530,026	$ 164,667	$ 245,025	$ 879,435	$ 45,600

Special Revenue Funds				Capital Projects				
Sheriff Commissary Fund	Drug Confiscation Fund	Opiod Remediation Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	SPLOST IV Fund	SPLOST VI Fund	Industrial Building Authority	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 13,074,458	$ -	$ -	$ 7,435,850	$ -	$ 20,510,308
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	398
-	10,578	504,609	-	-	-	-	-	773,387
258,096	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,853,995
-	-	7,032	51,480	3,818	-	30,289	2,556	115,328
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,032,723	1,032,723
258,096	10,578	511,641	13,125,938	3,818	-	7,466,139	1,035,279	26,286,139
-	-	-	-	-	-	1,112,392	-	1,471,221
367,927	9,910	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,364,648
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,130	44,130
-	-	-	7,750,305	-	-	-	-	7,750,305
-	-	-	3,657,811	-	-	-	-	3,657,811
367,927	9,910	-	11,408,116	-	-	1,112,392	44,130	16,288,115
(109,831)	668	511,641	1,717,822	3,818	-	6,353,747	991,149	9,998,024
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(54,342)
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(54,342)
(109,831)	668	511,641	1,717,822	3,818	-	6,353,747	991,149	9,943,682
121,851	2,752	-	8,197,195	662,257	447,588	-	6,245,609	20,846,119
$ 12,020	$ 3,420	$ 511,641	$ 9,915,017	$ 666,075	$ 447,588	$ 6,353,747	$ 7,236,758	$ 30,789,801

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
VICTIMS-WITNESS ASSISTANCE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 40,000	$ 90,000	$ 92,696	$ 2,696
Total revenues	40,000	90,000	92,696	2,696
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	50,000	90,000	85,506	4,494
Total expenditures	50,000	90,000	85,506	4,494
Net changes in fund balances	(10,000)	-	7,190	7,190
Fund balances, beginning of year	19,074	19,074	19,074	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 9,074	$ 19,074	$ 26,264	$ 7,190

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
EMERGENCY 911 FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	$ -	$ -	$ 398	$ 398
Charges for services	3,344,000	3,344,000	3,326,297	(17,703)
Interest income	-	-	11,486	11,486
Total revenues	3,344,000	3,344,000	3,338,181	(5,819)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	3,644,000	3,644,000	2,825,024	818,976
Total expenditures	3,644,000	3,644,000	2,825,024	818,976
Net changes in fund balances	(300,000)	(300,000)	513,157	813,157
Fund balances, beginning of year	3,239,361	3,239,361	3,239,361	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 2,939,361	$ 2,939,361	$ 3,752,518	$ 813,157

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
JAIL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 100,000	$ 140,000	$ 147,839	$ 7,839
Investment income	-	-	3,236	3,236
Total revenues	100,000	140,000	151,075	11,075
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	150,000	140,000	114,602	25,398
Total expenditures	150,000	140,000	114,602	25,398
Net changes in fund balances	(50,000)	-	36,473	36,473
Fund balances, beginning of year	493,553	493,553	493,553	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 443,553	$ 493,553	$ 530,026	$ 36,473

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 8,000	$ 12,000	$ 17,665	$ 5,665
Investment income	-	-	873	873
Total revenues	8,000	12,000	18,538	6,538
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	12,000	12,000	7,999	4,001
Total expenditures	12,000	12,000	7,999	4,001
Net changes in fund balances	(4,000)	-	10,539	10,539
Fund balances, beginning of year	154,128	154,128	154,128	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 150,128	$ 154,128	$ 164,667	$ 10,539

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
DRUG USE TREATMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 50,000	$ 40,000	$ 44,981	$ 4,981
Total revenues	50,000	40,000	44,981	4,981
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	150,000	40,000	39,186	814
Total expenditures	150,000	40,000	39,186	814
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(100,000)	-	5,795	5,795
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	-	(55,000)	(54,342)	658
Total other financing uses	-	(55,000)	(54,342)	658
Net changes in fund balances	(100,000)	(55,000)	(48,547)	6,453
Fund balances, beginning of year	293,572	293,572	293,572	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 193,572	$ 238,572	$ 245,025	$ 6,453

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
CLERK'S TECHNOLOGY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 250,000	$ 138,000	$ 139,255	$ 1,255
Interest income	-	2,000	4,558	2,558
Total revenues	250,000	140,000	143,813	3,813
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	250,000	220,000	201,938	18,062
Total expenditures	250,000	220,000	201,938	18,062
Net changes in fund balances	-	(80,000)	(58,125)	21,875
Fund balances, beginning of year	937,560	937,560	937,560	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 937,560	$ 857,560	$ 879,435	$ 21,875

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
LAW LIBRARY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 50,000	$ 75,000	$ 85,366	$ 10,366
Total revenues	50,000	75,000	85,366	10,366
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	75,000	75,000	71,385	3,615
Total expenditures	75,000	75,000	71,385	3,615
Net changes in fund balances	(25,000)	-	13,981	13,981
Fund balances, beginning of year	31,619	31,619	31,619	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 6,619	$ 31,619	$ 45,600	$ 13,981

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 150,000	$ 250,000	$ 258,096	$ 8,096
Total revenues	150,000	250,000	258,096	8,096
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	225,000	370,000	367,927	2,073
Total expenditures	225,000	370,000	367,927	2,073
Net changes in fund balances	(75,000)	(120,000)	(109,831)	10,169
Fund balances, beginning of year	121,851	121,851	121,851	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 46,851	$ 1,851	$ 12,020	$ 10,169

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
DRUG CONFISCATION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 15,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,578	$ 578
Total revenues	15,000	10,000	10,578	578
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	24,000	10,000	9,910	90
Total expenditures	24,000	10,000	9,910	90
Net changes in fund balances	(9,000)	-	668	668
Fund balances, beginning of year	2,752	2,752	2,752	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ (6,248)	$ 2,752	$ 3,420	$ 668

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
OPIOID REMEDIATION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ -	$ 500,000	$ 504,609	$ 4,609
Interest income	-	-	7,032	7,032
Total revenues	-	500,000	511,641	11,641
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	-	500,000	-	500,000
Total expenditures	-	500,000	-	500,000
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	511,641	511,641
Fund balances, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ -	$ -	$ 511,641	$ 511,641

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 11,200,000	$ 11,500,000	$ 13,074,458	$ 1,574,458
Investment income	-	-	51,480	51,480
Total revenues	11,200,000	11,500,000	13,125,938	1,625,938
Expenditures:				
Debt service:				
Principal	5,716,564	6,592,500	7,750,305	(1,157,805)
Interest and fees	5,483,436	4,907,500	3,657,811	1,249,689
Total expenditures	11,200,000	11,500,000	11,408,116	91,884
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	1,717,822	1,717,822
Fund balances, beginning of year	8,197,195	8,197,195	8,197,195	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 8,197,195	$ 8,197,195	$ 9,915,017	$ 1,717,822

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Project	Estimated Cost		Expenditures			
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	% Complete
SPLOST IV						
Roads, streets and bridges	$ 47,528,348	$ 44,350,000	$ 44,341,462	$ -	$ 44,341,462	99.98%
Public safety and fire protection facilities and equipment	17,554,024	16,260,000	16,258,343	-	16,258,343	99.99%
Recreation	16,560,400	15,716,428	15,716,428	-	15,716,428	100.00%
Economic Development: Fiber Optic Communications	1,159,228	1,100,000	609,249	-	609,249	55.39%
Payments to City of Dallas	6,840,000	6,413,927	6,413,927	-	6,413,927	100.00%
Payments to City of Hiram	5,358,000	5,024,244	5,024,244	-	5,024,244	100.00%
Total SPLOST IV expenditures	$ 95,000,000	$ 88,864,599	$ 88,363,653	$ -	$ 88,363,653	
Non-SPLOST expenditures*						
Roads, streets and bridges			$ 1,280,346	$ -		
Public safety and fire protection facilities and equipment			1,310,510	-		
Total non-SPLOST expenditures			2,590,856	-		
Total Project expenditures			$ 90,954,509	$ -		

*Paulding County uses Intergovernmental Revenues as well as contributions from other parties to expand our SPLOST projects. Contributions to the SPLOST Projects are as follows:

State Department of Transportation	$ 307,255	$ -
Georgia Emergency Management Agency	176,000	-
Federal Emergency Management Agency	934,091	-
Developers	503,800	-
Sale of surplus property	469,291	-
City of Dallas	56,994	-
City of Hiram	64,639	-
West Metro	590	-
Paulding County Board of Education	78,196	-
	$ 2,590,856	$ -

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Project	Estimated Cost		Expenditures			
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	% Complete
SPLOST V						
Roads, streets and bridges	$ 54,868,660	$ 51,784,246	$ 20,331,492	$ 11,677,384	$ 32,008,876	61.81%
Public safety and fire protection facilities and equipment	22,176,880	22,176,880	10,007,082	3,100,765	13,107,847	59.11%
Recreation	17,206,200	17,206,200	3,651,592	2,779,366	6,430,958	37.38%
Economic Development: Fiber Optic Communications	1,338,260	1,338,260	263,677	-	263,677	19.70%
Payments to City of Dallas	8,030,000	9,748,797	8,127,039	1,621,758	9,748,797	100.00%
Payments to City of Hiram	6,380,000	7,745,617	6,457,097	1,288,520	7,745,617	100.00%
Total SPLOST V expenditures	$ 110,000,000	$ 110,000,000	$ 48,837,979	$ 20,467,793	$ 69,305,772	63.01%
Non-SPLOST expenditures*						
Roads, streets and bridges			$ 3,144,804	$ 541,299		
Public safety and fire protection facilities and equipment			310,000	-		
Total non-SPLOST expenditures			3,454,804	541,299		
Total Project expenditures			$ 52,292,783	$ 21,009,092		

*Paulding County uses Intergovernmental Revenues as well as contributions from other parties to expand our SPLOST projects. Contributions to the SPLOST Projects are as follows:

State Department of Transportation	$ 2,226,680	$ -
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	11,606	-
Atlanta Regional Commission	373,585	323,223
Developers	47,800	218,076
Cobb County	444,133	-
Georgia Nature Conservancy	325,000	-
Paulding County Board of Education	26,000	-
	$ 3,454,804	$ 541,299

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Project	Estimated Cost		Expenditures			% Complete
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
SPLOST VI						
Roads, streets and bridges	$ 97,127,800	$ 97,127,800	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Public safety and fire protection facilities and equipment	59,826,400	59,826,400	-	-	-	0.00%
Recreation	20,723,000	20,723,000	-	-	-	0.00%
Economic Development: Fiber Optic Communications	2,522,800	2,522,800	-	-	-	0.00%
Payments to City of Dallas	19,080,000	19,080,000	-	667,435	667,435	3.50%
Payments to City of Hiram	12,720,000	12,720,000	-	444,957	444,957	3.50%
Total SPLOST IV expenditures	$ 212,000,000	$ 212,000,000	$ -	$ 1,112,392	$ 1,112,392	

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise funds are used to account for external activities that are usually self-sustaining, primarily through user charges for services rendered.

Solid Waste Fund - to account for the operation of the County's landfill.

DFACS Building Fund - to account for activity related to the lease of the DFACS building.

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
NONMAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

	Solid Waste Fund	DFACS Building Fund	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash	$ 343,000	$ 2,116,478	$ 2,459,478
Receivables	173,860	-	173,860
Lease receivable	-	114,062	114,062
Total current assets	516,860	2,230,540	2,747,400
Noncurrent assets:			
Lease receivable	-	815,328	815,328
Capital assets:			
Capital assets, not being depreciated	622,390	-	622,390
Capital assets, being depreciated	2,778,459	3,114,495	5,892,954
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,394,965)	(1,654,568)	(4,049,533)
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,005,884	1,459,927	2,465,811
Total noncurrent assets	1,005,884	2,275,255	3,281,139
Total assets	1,522,744	4,505,795	6,028,539
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	148,806	399	149,205
Due to other funds	22,075	39,172	61,247
Compensated absences, current	19,265	-	19,265
Postclosure care cost, current	2,800,000	-	2,800,000
Total current liabilities	2,990,146	39,571	3,029,717
Long-term liabilities:			
Compensated absences	23,048	-	23,048
Postclosure care cost	5,369,792	-	5,369,792
Total long-term liabilities	5,392,840	-	5,392,840
Total liabilities	8,382,986	39,571	8,422,557
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Leasing arrangements	-	889,311	889,311
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	889,311	889,311
NET POSITION			
Investment in capital assets	1,005,884	1,459,927	2,465,811
Unrestricted (deficit)	(7,866,126)	2,116,986	(5,749,140)
Total net position	$ (6,860,242)	$ 3,576,913	$ (3,283,329)

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION NONMAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Solid Waste Fund	DFACS Building Fund	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
OPERATING REVENUES			
Landfill and recycling fees	$ 2,531,676	$ -	$ 2,531,676
Lease income	-	138,531	138,531
Total operating revenues	2,531,676	138,531	2,670,207
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and benefits	401,360	-	401,360
Other operating expenses	2,069,474	183,931	2,253,405
Depreciation expense	68,019	77,862	145,881
Total operating expenses	2,538,853	261,793	2,800,646
Operating loss	(7,177)	(123,262)	(130,439)
NONOPERATING REVENUES			
Interest income	12,553	26,291	38,844
Total nonoperating revenues	12,553	26,291	38,844
Change in net position	5,376	(96,971)	(91,595)
NET POSITION, beginning of year	(6,865,618)	3,673,884	(3,191,734)
NET POSITION, end of year	$ (6,860,242)	$ 3,576,913	$ (3,283,329)

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
NONMAJOR PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Solid Waste Fund	DFACS Building Fund	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers	$ 2,570,058	$ 19,987	$ 2,590,045
Payments to suppliers and service providers	(2,047,004)	(202,951)	(2,249,955)
Payments to employees	(398,453)	-	(398,453)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	124,601	(182,964)	(58,363)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received	12,553	26,291	38,844
Net cash provided by investing activities	12,553	26,291	38,844
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of capital assets	(124,601)	-	(124,601)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(124,601)	-	(124,601)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	12,553	(156,673)	(144,120)
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Beginning of year	330,447	2,273,151	2,603,598
End of year	$ 343,000	$ 2,116,478	$ 2,459,478
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Operating loss	$ (7,177)	$ (123,262)	$ (130,439)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation	68,019	77,862	145,881
Decrease in accounts receivable	38,382	-	38,382
Decrease in lease receivable	-	108,469	108,469
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	84,917	(19,020)	65,897
Decrease in due to other funds	(54,239)	(99,969)	(154,208)
Decrease in post closure care costs	(8,208)	-	(8,208)
Decrease in deferred inflows of resources - leasing arrangements	-	(127,044)	(127,044)
Increase in compensated absences	2,907	-	2,907
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	$ 124,601	$ (182,964)	$ (58,363)

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

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

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

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

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

Clerk of Superior Court
Probate Court
Court Administration

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	Tax Commissioner	Sheriff	Clerk of Superior Court	Probate Court	Court Administration	Total
Cash	$ 2,391,833	$ 326,629	$ 2,853,961	$ 27,999	$ 32,064	$ 5,632,486
Taxes receivable	1,739,603	-	-	-	-	1,739,603
Total assets	$ 4,131,436	$ 326,629	$ 2,853,961	$ 27,999	$ 32,064	$ 7,372,089
LIABILITIES						
Due to others	$ 2,391,833	$ 326,629	$ 450,864	$ 11,739	$ 21,698	$ 3,202,763
Uncollected taxes	1,739,603	-	-	-	-	1,739,603
Total liabilities	$ 4,131,436	$ 326,629	$ 450,864	$ 11,739	$ 21,698	$ 4,942,366
NET POSITION						
Restricted:						
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	$ -	$ -	$ 2,403,097	$ 16,260	$ 10,366	$ 2,429,723
Total net position	$ -	$ -	$ 2,403,097	$ 16,260	$ 10,366	$ 2,429,723

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Tax Commissioner	Sheriff	Clerk of Superior Court	Probate Court	Court Administration	Total
ADDITIONS						
Taxes	$ 119,457,038	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 119,457,038
Fines and fees	-	1,196,791	-	-	-	1,196,791
Criminal and civil bonds	-	-	8,585,909	476,318	870,439	9,932,666
Interest income	-	38	-	-	-	38
Total additions	119,457,038	1,196,829	8,585,909	476,318	870,439	130,586,533
DEDUCTIONS						
Taxes and fees paid to other governments	119,457,038	-	-	-	-	119,457,038
Other custodial disbursements	-	1,196,829	9,345,213	473,572	873,158	11,888,772
Total deductions	119,457,038	1,196,829	9,345,213	473,572	873,158	131,345,810
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	-	-	(759,304)	2,746	(2,719)	(759,277)
Net position, beginning of year	-	-	3,162,401	13,514	13,085	3,189,000
Net position, end of year	$ -	$ -	$ 2,403,097	$ 16,260	$ 10,366	$ 2,429,723

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
COMPONENT UNIT - PAULDING COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	$	492,076
Payments to suppliers and service providers		(471,122)
Payments to employees for salaries and benefits		(372,977)
Net cash used in operating activities		(352,023)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Operating grants from Paulding County		400,000
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		400,000
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of capital assets		(2,928,301)
Principal payments on lease liability		(13,255)
Principal payments on notes payable		(12,000)
Principal payments on intergovernmental payable		(14,967)
Principal payments on revenue bonds		(220,305)
Interest payments on long term debt		(8,561)
Capital grants from Paulding County		3,081,395
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(115,994)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest on investments		5,997
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		5,997
Net decrease in cash		(62,020)
Cash:		
Beginning of year		96,666
End of year	$	34,646
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating loss	$	(854,206)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization		236,827
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase in intergovernmental receivable		(2,265)
Increase in inventory		(20,901)
Decrease in lease receivable		38,409
Increase in accounts payable		250,113
Net cash used in operating activities	$	(352,023)
NONCASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Change in leasing arrangements	$	41,933

STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of Paulding 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 **97-101**

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the government's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.

Revenue Capacity **102-105**

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the government's most significant local revenue source, property tax.

Debt Capacity **106-110**

These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the government's current levels of outstanding debt and the government's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

Demographic and Economic Information ..... **111 and 112**

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the government's financial activities take place.

Operating Information **113-115**

These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the government's financial report relates to the services the government provides and the activities it performs.

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

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

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES										
Net investment in capital assets	$ 348,388	$ 352,136	$ 353,602	$ 378,740	$ 392,645	$ 415,094	$ 410,409	$ 415,229	$ 423,802	$ 432,936
Restricted:	40,910	43,627	50,425	44,813	46,140	51,394	64,725	84,271	104,393	123,665
Unrestricted:	37,004	38,231	40,481	51,155	53,800	58,584	75,268	87,098	96,323	108,441
Total governmental activities net position	$ 426,302	$ 433,994	$ 444,508	$ 474,708	$ 492,585	$ 525,072	$ 550,402	$ 586,598	$ 624,518	$ 665,042
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES										
Net investment in capital assets	$ 109,486	$ 109,802	$ 115,440	$ 131,297	$ 136,087	$ 152,845	$ 166,812	$ 187,230	$ 192,502	$ 210,353
Restricted	16,337	25,633	32,292	33,702	45,061	47,393	56,571	48,100	50,475	66,108
Unrestricted	19,199	15,779	14,780	9,156	7,787	9,457	2,821	7,753	17,230	12,141
Total business-type activities net position	$ 145,022	$ 151,214	$ 162,512	$ 174,155	$ 188,935	$ 209,695	$ 226,204	$ 243,083	$ 260,207	$ 288,602
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT										
Net investment in capital assets	$ 457,874	$ 461,938	$ 469,042	$ 510,038	$ 528,731	$ 567,939	$ 577,221	$ 602,460	$ 616,304	$ 643,289
Restricted	57,247	69,260	82,717	78,514	91,201	98,787	121,296	132,370	154,868	189,773
Unrestricted	56,203	54,010	55,261	60,311	61,588	68,041	78,089	94,851	113,553	120,582
Total primary government net position	$ 571,324	$ 585,208	$ 607,020	$ 648,863	$ 681,520	$ 734,767	$ 776,606	$ 829,681	$ 884,725	$ 953,644
Restatements	$ (5,798)	$ 1,684	$ -	$ -	$ 7,686	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total primary government net position, after restatements	$ 565,526	$ 586,892	$ 607,020	$ 648,863	$ 689,206	$ 734,767	$ 776,606	$ 829,681	$ 884,725	$ 953,644

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN NET POSITION
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year									
Expenses	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Governmental activities:										
General government	$ 16,161,698	$ 13,467,900	$ 17,912,892	$ 16,900,789	$ 16,929,301	$ 18,864,128	$ 20,903,054	$ 31,534,308	$ 20,784,737	$ 34,396,214
Judicial	4,988,519	5,369,441	6,159,356	5,891,909	6,439,003	7,015,410	7,194,109	7,813,302	8,678,747	11,854,498
Public safety	32,541,547	34,910,648	35,793,907	37,680,165	38,810,813	40,389,831	44,350,280	48,293,802	52,018,534	51,173,594
Public works	15,932,680	16,861,667	21,218,229	19,507,720	22,481,048	24,885,808	26,232,556	27,112,624	40,024,653	29,903,202
Health and welfare	1,101,925	1,090,330	1,101,180	1,112,089	1,131,064	1,134,005	1,220,277	1,238,369	1,271,673	1,409,085
Culture and recreation	3,887,285	4,119,985	4,210,910	4,297,563	4,930,312	4,548,677	5,058,617	5,417,433	5,922,504	5,449,018
Housing and development	3,494,755	3,115,861	6,660,286	2,839,882	3,093,355	6,426,825	5,541,394	4,508,952	5,592,075	11,418,889
Interest on long term debt	3,228,459	3,054,321	2,614,976	2,510,741	4,730,793	4,540,907	4,177,706	3,980,038	3,810,011	3,640,112
Bond issuance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	161,614	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	9,217,651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities expenses	81,336,868	91,207,804	95,671,736	90,740,858	98,545,689	107,805,591	114,839,607	129,898,828	138,102,934	149,244,612
Business-type activities:										
Water and sewer	25,070,543	26,610,733	28,389,824	31,639,600	36,941,935	37,634,160	41,667,283	44,309,061	45,509,471	51,859,651
DFACS building	129,039	206,940	133,476	87,167	82,235	93,953	104,706	189,029	154,031	261,793
Solid waste	845,047	899,740	1,318,065	1,604,773	1,377,194	2,612,556	2,331,009	2,731,164	5,390,239	2,538,853
Total business-type activities expense	26,044,629	27,717,413	29,841,365	33,331,540	38,401,364	40,340,669	44,102,998	47,229,254	51,053,741	54,660,297
Total primary government expense	$ 107,381,497	$ 118,925,217	$ 125,513,101	$ 124,072,398	$ 136,947,053	$ 148,146,260	$ 158,942,605	$ 177,128,082	$ 189,156,675	$ 203,904,909
Program Revenues										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services										
General government	$ 2,045,515	$ 2,209,102	$ 2,359,472	$ 2,630,665	$ 2,868,199	$ 3,044,998	$ 2,969,848	$ 3,227,691	$ 3,703,004	$ 4,066,856
Judicial	2,656,769	2,475,097	2,614,298	2,796,435	2,714,496	2,577,208	2,663,306	3,173,204	3,503,076	3,231,538
Public safety	3,412,588	3,610,189	3,521,329	4,282,488	3,853,697	4,736,047	4,296,060	4,553,375	4,740,622	5,145,714
Public works	1,199,716	1,205,856	1,256,622	1,356,297	1,282,100	1,638,226	1,734,886	1,903,379	2,212,148	2,037,910
Housing and development	810,710	859,955	833,725	1,549,347	2,346,564	2,402,326	2,014,875	2,901,156	2,402,629	2,905,939
Other activities	504,372	517,190	600,916	641,921	617,179	626,603	364,298	511,794	588,716	582,072
Operating grants and contributions	350,281	361,075	422,534	331,296	562,905	1,054,507	1,127,213	3,282,022	1,784,247	3,417,137
Capital grants and contributions	17,904,480	10,840,920	9,267,047	17,056,632	3,361,004	9,148,655	3,519,748	13,042,599	13,507,057	22,832,475
Total governmental activities program revenues	$ 28,884,431	$ 22,079,384	$ 20,875,943	$ 30,645,081	$ 17,606,144	$ 25,228,570	$ 18,690,234	$ 32,595,220	$ 32,441,499	$ 44,219,641

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PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN NET POSITION
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position	Fiscal Year									
Business-type activities:	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Charges for services										
Water and sewer	$ 26,599,779	$ 28,566,440	$ 30,458,757	$ 34,403,385	$ 36,278,944	$ 38,711,999	$ 42,501,018	$ 45,337,609	$ 49,645,315	$ 52,753,825
DFACS building	343,569	371,466	342,978	342,989	343,094	343,757	357,664	342,980	106,526	138,531
Solid waste	749,898	786,626	1,152,120	1,536,372	1,114,735	1,184,767	1,209,404	1,785,232	2,026,793	2,531,676
Capital grants and contributions	3,095,368	3,954,969	6,419,862	8,402,225	13,046,445	17,445,938	14,706,523	16,619,944	15,131,486	15,768,814
Total business-type activities program revenues	30,788,614	33,679,501	38,373,717	44,684,971	50,783,218	57,686,461	58,774,609	64,085,765	66,910,120	71,192,846
Total primary government program revenues	$ 59,673,045	$ 55,758,885	$ 59,249,660	$ 75,330,052	$ 68,389,362	$ 82,915,031	$ 77,464,843	$ 96,680,985	$ 99,351,619	$ 115,412,487
Net (expense)/revenue										
Governmental activities	$ (52,452,437)	$ (69,128,420)	$ (74,795,793)	$ (60,095,777)	$ (80,939,545)	$ (82,577,021)	$ (96,149,373)	$ (97,303,608)	$ (105,661,435)	$ (105,024,971)
Business-type activities	4,743,985	5,962,088	8,532,352	11,353,431	12,381,854	17,345,792	14,671,611	16,856,511	15,856,379	16,532,549
Total primary government net (expense) revenue	$ (47,708,452)	$ (63,166,332)	$ (66,263,441)	$ (48,742,346)	$ (68,557,691)	$ (65,231,229)	$ (81,477,762)	$ (80,447,097)	$ (89,805,056)	$ (88,492,422)
Governmental activities:										
Taxes										
Property taxes, levied for general purposes	$ 27,837,664	$ 27,923,398	$ 27,834,758	$ 27,654,274	$ 32,189,827	$ 34,388,677	$ 39,914,827	$ 42,502,446	$ 44,350,260	$ 45,674,691
Property taxes, levied for debt service	6,383,258	7,348,110	8,203,298	8,317,260	9,184,256	9,995,403	11,133,465	12,159,476	12,295,242	12,657,574
Property taxes, levied for fire service	8,561,817	9,876,468	11,093,884	12,067,843	13,314,305	14,527,396	15,560,226	17,072,362	18,890,368	19,439,945
Intangible recording tax	941,803	1,018,672	1,352,739	1,538,672	1,600,911	1,670,646	2,267,878	3,346,587	3,224,290	1,943,994
Local option sales tax	12,085,054	12,723,171	12,905,919	13,251,618	14,348,628	15,720,051	18,318,739	20,737,927	23,805,659	25,150,366
Special local option sales tax	14,129,720	14,896,039	15,108,307	15,510,716	16,781,606	18,407,285	21,412,474	24,317,591	27,885,388	29,651,713
Insurance premium tax	5,897,844	6,222,989	6,663,849	7,091,400	7,593,509	8,196,485	8,783,926	9,331,010	9,693,747	11,652,299
Alcoholic beverage tax	690,005	644,953	733,214	790,732	848,245	870,228	907,367	1,001,449	1,012,167	992,185
Cable TV franchise tax	1,359,280	1,458,951	1,553,825	1,530,011	1,578,821	1,544,285	1,562,503	1,519,534	1,483,871	1,422,214
Real estate transfer tax	234,686	308,685	363,140	435,857	547,278	582,585	603,984	748,367	1,275,433	759,301
Business tax	300,165	330,013	462,836	616,319	618,233	500,958	602,151	538,512	-	14,900
Railroad equipment excise tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,157	526,105	556,267
Energy excise tax	5,925	3,028	-	-	-	-	-	-	387,937	6,376,215
Interest earned on investments	47,075	51,874	82,275	231,967	892,488	2,667,673	1,512,039	65,281	-	-
Gain on sale of capital assets	30,530	11,125	-	1,459,167	68,162	37,882	-	128,783	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(200,000)	(200,000)	(2,731,528)	(200,000)	(750,000)	(1,732,017)	(1,099,970)	-	(1,210,000)	(10,781,408)
Total governmental activities	78,304,826	82,617,476	83,626,516	90,295,836	98,816,269	107,377,537	121,479,609	133,499,482	143,620,467	145,510,256
Business-type activities	239,630	230,659	2,765,400	289,503	2,398,345	3,414,225	1,836,968	23,050	1,267,389	11,862,403
Total primary government	$ 78,544,456	$ 82,848,135	$ 86,391,916	$ 90,585,339	$ 101,214,614	$ 110,791,762	$ 123,316,577	$ 133,522,532	$ 144,887,856	$ 157,372,659
Changes in Net Position										
Governmental activities	$ 25,852,389	$ 13,489,056	$ 8,830,723	$ 30,200,059	$ 17,876,724	$ 24,800,516	$ 25,330,236	$ 36,195,874	$ 37,959,032	$ 40,485,285
Business-type activities	4,983,615	6,192,747	11,297,752	11,642,934	14,780,199	20,760,017	16,508,579	16,879,561	17,123,768	28,394,952
Total primary government	$ 30,836,004	$ 19,681,803	$ 20,128,475	$ 41,842,993	$ 32,656,923	$ 45,560,533	$ 41,838,815	$ 53,075,435	$ 55,082,800	$ 68,880,237

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Fund										
Non-spendable fund balance	$ 515,676	$ 134,263	$ 154,717	$ 130,037	$ 709,604	$ 1,130,327	$ 1,214,152	$ 1,211,035	$ 134,505	$ 673,647
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	12,029,959	12,029,959	12,029,959	8,466,662	-
Assigned	9,143,060	7,153,172	6,077,143	12,017,200	11,216,994	15,819,742	13,936,840	12,989,305	12,420,174	25,067,382
Unassigned	30,845,409	37,771,468	41,927,160	47,747,071	52,535,197	43,289,613	58,968,090	83,787,061	101,771,700	101,787,478
Total General Fund	$ 40,504,145	$ 45,058,903	$ 48,159,020	$ 59,894,308	$ 64,461,795	$ 72,269,641	$ 86,149,041	$ 110,017,360	$ 122,793,041	$ 127,528,507
All other governmental funds										
Non-spendable fund balance	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 17,039	$ 6,270	$ 322	$ 5,548	$ 7,221
Restricted	40,289,627	42,976,052	49,807,071	44,361,945	115,534,125	81,211,754	68,162,536	84,134,443	103,132,489	121,070,886
Committed	201,105	197,478	180,058	213,677	202,180	194,029	90,790	84,545	121,851	12,020
Assigned fund	133,769	-	-	-	-	2,955,468	6,655,819	6,145,889	6,240,061	7,229,537
Total all other governmental funds	$ 40,624,501	$ 43,173,530	$ 49,987,129	$ 44,575,622	$ 115,736,305	$ 84,378,290	$ 74,915,415	$ 90,365,199	$ 109,499,949	$ 128,319,664

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenues										
Taxes	$ 78,530,992	$ 83,052,074	$ 86,457,235	$ 89,263,548	$ 99,129,094	$ 106,211,697	$ 121,186,445	$ 133,421,238	$ 144,466,298	$ 149,761,217
Licenses and permits	700,449	799,445	866,137	1,035,364	1,724,697	1,669,202	1,599,112	2,268,389	1,798,338	1,511,548
Intergovernmental*	8,478,505	2,745,819	4,058,427	5,163,802	2,843,444	3,975,672	4,151,180	13,342,164	4,638,836	16,053,539
Fines and forfeitures	1,665,816	1,393,119	1,371,176	1,443,550	1,392,996	1,332,382	1,178,925	1,098,600	1,420,431	1,977,627
Charges for services	7,822,728	8,193,060	8,584,244	10,030,752	9,956,301	11,177,745	10,562,629	11,915,591	12,536,764	12,796,606
Investment earnings	104,227	92,462	155,505	377,639	1,119,509	3,193,464	1,929,110	86,470	423,413	7,922,716
Contributions and donations	270,244	322,073	1,021,920	338,273	53,888	265,596	198,151	394,344	392,586	726,064
Miscellaneous	349,094	381,653	514,840	582,910	559,681	732,734	498,671	552,091	1,000,844	1,682,669
Total revenues	97,922,055	96,979,705	103,029,484	108,235,838	116,779,610	128,558,492	141,304,223	163,078,887	166,677,510	192,431,986
Expenditures										
General government	11,954,367	12,176,378	12,632,078	11,360,379	12,485,009	13,205,815	15,540,092	16,395,801	17,376,337	26,468,201
Judicial	4,978,802	5,321,765	6,122,941	5,861,159	6,444,890	7,042,888	7,117,155	7,764,506	8,634,795	11,966,339
Public Safety	31,055,954	33,174,672	33,815,083	35,872,195	37,834,655	40,193,634	42,459,404	47,571,495	48,269,672	50,871,728
Public works	9,485,961	10,282,390	13,343,685	12,434,833	16,532,068	16,661,466	16,906,893	16,387,353	22,094,576	28,736,078
Health and welfare	1,057,318	1,062,506	1,046,380	1,032,947	1,107,254	1,135,986	1,124,956	1,153,134	1,239,464	1,269,450
Culture and recreation	3,335,714	3,367,942	3,451,854	3,562,865	4,098,989	4,297,968	4,076,008	4,422,716	4,566,849	4,703,560
Housing and development	2,715,439	2,331,184	2,051,360	2,107,320	2,047,652	5,202,246	3,202,224	3,498,267	4,441,651	9,773,708
Capital outlay	26,934,285	18,466,921	12,757,654	22,386,818	21,667,575	53,494,731	34,939,442	11,981,099	11,668,857	10,419,022
Debt service										
Principal	3,470,000	4,155,000	5,130,000	5,340,000	5,555,000	7,090,000	7,270,000	7,570,000	7,730,000	8,332,497
Interest	2,864,914	2,709,634	2,314,268	2,280,938	2,643,073	4,549,345	4,249,089	4,048,476	3,856,464	3,678,655
Issuance costs	550,005	328,665	-	-	770,580	-	161,614	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	1,813,713	1,912,651	1,939,884	1,997,490	2,412,726	2,411,354	2,805,034	3,185,595	3,651,408	2,910,278
Total expenditures	100,216,472	95,289,708	94,605,187	104,236,944	113,599,471	155,285,433	139,851,911	123,978,442	133,530,073	159,129,516
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,294,417)	1,689,997	8,424,297	3,998,894	3,180,139	(26,726,941)	1,452,312	39,100,445	33,147,437	33,302,470
Other financing sources (uses)										
Transfers in	436,954	553,237	-	2,058,806	2,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,796,177
Transfers out	(636,954)	(753,237)	(200,000)	(2,258,806)	(2,950,000)	(1,732,017)	(1,099,970)	-	-	(12,577,585)
Refunding bonds issued	46,591,069	33,049,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds issued	-	-	-	-	67,385,000	-	5,530,000	-	-	-
Loans issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on bonds issued	-	-	-	-	5,385,580	-	(5,352,052)	-	-	-
Discount on bonds issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11,959)	-	-	-
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	(40,562,979)	(27,446,335)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from debt issuance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	951,978
Sale of capital assets	30,530	11,125	5,540	2,524,887	527,451	-	3,898,194	217,658	11,757	43,378
Total other financing sources (uses)	5,858,620	5,413,790	(194,460)	2,324,887	72,548,031	(1,732,017)	2,964,213	217,658	11,757	(9,786,052)
Net change in fund balances	$ 3,564,203	$ 7,103,787	$ 8,229,837	$ 6,323,781	$ 75,728,170	$ (28,458,958)	$ 4,416,525	$ 39,318,103	$ 33,159,194	$ 23,516,418
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	8.66%	9.11%	9.17%	9.46%	10.33%	10.33%	11.03%	10.64%	9.59%	8.46%

* Intergovernmental revenue varies according to the grants received.

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

Digest Year	Real Property	Privately Owned Public Utilities	Personal and Business	Total Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Taxable Value
2013	$ 2,159,641	$ 88,138	$ 806,351	$ 3,054,130	13.54	$ 7,530,228
2014	2,545,886	103,722	768,704	3,418,312	12.57	7,635,326
2015	2,965,322	107,620	692,974	3,765,916	11.85	9,414,790
2016	3,218,186	106,898	668,763	3,993,847	11.36	9,984,618
2017	3,622,035	116,084	642,600	4,380,719	11.67	10,951,798
2018	4,013,976	121,766	646,349	4,782,091	11.25	11,955,228
2019	4,489,366	121,766	657,232	5,268,364	11.38	13,170,910
2020	4,920,636	133,898	655,706	5,710,240	10.95	14,275,600
2021	5,500,370	137,493	722,648	6,360,511	10.31	15,901,278
2022	7,129,767	153,994	781,826	8,065,587	8.32	20,163,968

Source: Paulding County Tax Assessors

Note: Property in the county is reassessed annually. The County assesses property at approximately 40 percent of actual value.

A regular $2,000 Homestead Exemption is allowed on all owner-occupied homes except for purposes of bond tax levies. A special $4,000 Homestead Exemption (from all state and county ad valorem taxes) is allowed on owner-occupied residences of persons who meet age and income requirements. A special $10,000 Homestead Exemption is allowed on owner-occupied residences of persons who meet age and income requirements. This exemption applies to all Paulding County school ad valorem taxes except to pay interest on and retire bond indebtedness. Other special exemptions apply as to school ad valorem taxes based on age and income levels which entitle the taxpayer to credits of 50% to 100% of the tax due.

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

PROPERTY TAX RATES
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Paulding County					Overlapping Rates						
						Board of Education						
Digest Year	Operating Millage Incorporated	Operating Millage Unincorporated	Debt Service Millage	Fire Tax Millage	Total County Millage	Operating Millage	Debt Service Millage	Total School Millage	State of Georgia	City of Dallas	City of Hiram	Total Direct & Overlapping Rates
2013	8.22	8.22	2.22	3.10	13.54	18.88	0.00	18.88	0.15	4.17	-	36.74
2014	7.25	7.25	2.22	3.10	12.57	18.88	0.00	18.88	0.10	4.17	-	35.72
2015	6.53	6.53	2.22	3.10	11.85	18.88	0.00	18.88	0.05	4.17	-	34.95
2016	6.19	6.19	2.07	3.10	11.36	18.88	0.00	18.88	0.00	4.17	-	34.41
2017	6.50	6.50	2.07	3.10	11.67	18.88	0.00	18.88	0.00	4.17	-	34.72
2018	6.08	6.08	2.07	3.10	11.25	18.88	0.00	18.88	0.00	4.17	-	34.30
2019	6.08	6.08	2.20	3.10	11.38	18.75	0.00	18.75	0.00	4.17	-	34.30
2020	5.65	5.65	2.20	3.10	10.95	18.75	0.00	18.75	0.00	4.17	-	33.87
2021	5.21	5.21	2.00	3.10	10.31	18.75	0.00	18.75	0.00	4.17	-	33.23
2022	4.22	4.22	1.60	2.50	8.32	18.75	0.00	18.75	0.00	4.17	-	31.24

Source: Paulding County Board of Commissioners Minutes

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
Current Year and Nine Years Ago
June 30, 2023

	2023			2014		
Taxpayer	Taxes Levied	Rank	Percentage of Total Tax Levy	Taxes Levied	Rank	Percentage of Total Tax Levy
Greystone Power	$ 606,658	1	0.95%	$ 434,298	1	1.28%
Progress Residential Borrower	511,253	2	0.80%			
Ocean Harris Bridge	198,217	3	0.31%			
AMH Development	150,327	4	0.23%			
Dogwood Enterprise	147,152	5	0.23%			
Georgia Transmission Corp.	145,554	6	0.23%	278,659	2	0.82%
SFR JV 1 2020 1 Borrower LLC	136,372	7	0.21%			
IA Hiram Smith L.L.C.	129,149	8	0.20%	174,507	3	0.51%
PM Lost Mountain Dallas LLC	124,165	9	0.19%			
SFR JV 1 2019 1 Borrower LLC	121,037	10	0.19%			
City of Atlanta				165,399	4	0.49%
Norfolk Southern				146,503	5	0.43%
Jones Co. Ltd.				136,280	6	0.40%
Georgia Power Company				131,932	7	0.39%
BellSouth Communications				123,407	8	0.36%
Walmart Real Estate Business				109,778	9	0.32%
MRP Paulding LLC				103,446	10	0.30%

Source: Paulding County Tax Commissioner

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
Last Ten Years

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total Tax Levy	Current Tax Collection	Percent of Levy Collected	Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Tax Collections	Total Collections as Percent of Current Levy
2014	$ 34,050,505	$ 33,383,040	98.04%	$ 656,803	$ 34,039,843	99.97%
2015	36,998,622	36,426,765	98.45%	563,818	36,990,583	99.98%
2016	39,677,598	39,032,168	98.37%	639,356	39,671,524	99.98%
2017	41,195,303	40,678,769	98.75%	505,732	41,184,501	99.97%
2018	47,063,427	46,544,359	98.90%	458,890	47,003,249	99.87%
2019	50,238,396	49,692,390	98.91%	490,838	50,183,228	99.89%
2020	56,394,415	55,703,755	98.78%	642,771	56,346,526	99.92%
2021	59,266,534	58,841,461	99.28%	397,091	59,238,552	99.95%
2022	62,205,452	61,588,043	99.01%	453,797	62,041,840	99.74%
2023	64,016,847	63,355,522	98.97%	-	63,355,522	98.97%

Source: Paulding County Tax Commissioner

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Governmental Activities					Business-Type Activities					
Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds	Intergovernmental Payable	Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements	Financed Purchases	Notes Payable	Revenue Bonds	Notes Payable	Intergovernmental Payable	Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income	Per Capita
2014	$ 76,691,519	$ 4,590,000	$ -	$ -	$ 1,739,559	$ 37,850,544	$ 1,166,964	$ 4,685,000	$ 126,723,586	2.26%	$ 862
2015	74,670,176	11,480,000	-	-	7,013,559	34,076,056	951,393	4,265,000	132,456,184	2.80%	889
2016	70,518,668	13,665,000	-	-	-	30,212,710	16,394,166	3,835,000	134,625,544	2.68%	884
2017	66,215,000	12,020,305	-	-	-	182,964,358	59,556,877	3,395,000	324,151,540	6.09%	2,080
2018	134,468,727	10,910,305	-	-	-	178,454,859	59,271,122	2,945,000	386,050,013	7.09%	2,421
2019	137,961,720	1,325,305	-	-	-	176,378,404	64,911,300	6,520,719	387,097,448	6.70%	2,360
2020	131,325,099	965,305	-	-	-	171,349,222	68,678,471	-	372,318,097	5.85%	2,207
2021	123,830,232	595,305	-	-	-	167,397,561	68,522,829	-	360,345,927	5.02%	2,137
2022	116,189,458	220,305	-	-	-	163,278,306	68,299,643	-	347,987,712	4.71%	2,002
2023	108,383,582	-	283,068	86,718	-	159,008,485	66,678,269	-	334,440,122	4.06%	1,874

Note: Details regarding the County's debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.
See the Demographic Statistics for personal income and population data.

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

RATIOS OF GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Population	Assessed Value (thousands)	Gross Bonded Debt	Less: Amount Available in Debt Service Fund	Net Bonded Debt	Ratio of Net bonded Debt to Assessed Value	Net Bonded Debt per Capita
2014	146,950	$ 3,054,131	$ 76,691,519	$ 2,146,542	$ 74,544,977	2.44%	$ 507
2015	148,987	3,418,312	74,670,176	3,370,229	71,299,947	2.09%	479
2016	152,238	3,765,916	70,518,668	5,125,839	65,392,829	1.74%	430
2017	155,825	3,993,847	66,215,000	6,096,361	60,118,639	1.51%	386
2018	159,445	4,380,719	134,468,727	7,138,204	127,330,523	2.79%	765
2019	164,044	4,782,091	137,961,720	5,779,486	132,182,234	2.66%	775
2020	168,667	5,268,364	131,325,099	5,801,730	125,523,369	2.29%	716
2021	168,661	5,710,240	123,830,232	6,982,934	116,847,298	1.97%	666
2022	173,780	6,360,511	116,189,458	8,282,688	107,906,770	1.63%	597
2023	178,421	8,065,587	108,383,582	10,028,954	98,354,628	1.22%	551

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

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT
As of June 30, 2023

Governmental Unit	Debt Outstanding	Estimated* Percentage Applicable	Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt
Direct:			
General Obligation Bonds	$ 108,383,582	100%	$ 108,383,582
Intergovernmental Payable	-	100%	-
Total Direct	108,383,582		108,383,582
Overlapping:			
Paulding County School District:			
General Obligation Bonds	92,320,000	100%	92,320,000
City of Dallas:			
GTIB Loan	473,166	7%	33,122
Intergovernmental Contracts	4,580,000	7%	320,600
GEFA Loans	29,129,179	7%	2,039,043
Total Overlapping	126,502,345		94,712,765
Total Direct and Overlapping	$ 234,885,927		$ 203,096,347

* Estimated percentage applicable is calculated based on assessed property value.

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Assessed Value of Property	$ 3,054,130,546	$ 3,418,312,210	$ 3,765,916,177	$ 3,993,847,069	$ 4,380,718,757	$ 4,782,091,272	$ 5,268,363,722	$ 5,710,239,562	$ 6,360,510,642	$ 8,065,587,936
Less: Special Homestead Exemption	(221,222,794)	(204,932,223)	(216,990,163)	(224,776,729)	(228,530,047)	(235,807,356)	(193,120,258)	(208,826,590)	(285,811,498)	(276,340,371)
Assessed Value for Bond Purposes	$ 2,832,907,752	$ 3,213,379,987	$ 3,548,926,014	$ 3,769,070,340	$ 4,152,188,710	$ 4,546,283,916	$ 5,075,243,464	$ 5,501,412,972	$ 6,074,699,144	$ 7,789,247,565
Debt Limit - 10% of Assessed Value	$ 283,290,775	$ 321,337,999	$ 354,892,601	$ 376,907,034	$ 415,218,871	$ 454,628,392	$ 507,524,346	$ 550,141,297	$ 607,469,914	$ 778,924,757
Amount of Debt Applicable to Debt Limit:										
General Obligation Bonds	$ 76,691,519	$ 74,670,176	$ 70,518,668	$ 66,215,000	$ 134,468,727	$ 137,961,720	$ 131,325,099	$ 119,370,000	$ 112,015,000	$ 108,383,582
Less: Available in Debt Service Fund	(2,146,542)	(3,370,229)	(5,125,839)	(6,096,361)	(7,138,204)	(5,779,486)	(5,801,730)	(6,982,934)	(8,282,688)	(10,028,954)
Net Debt Applicable to Debt Limit	$ 74,544,977	$ 71,299,947	$ 65,392,829	$ 60,118,639	$ 127,330,523	$ 132,182,234	$ 125,523,369	$ 112,387,066	$ 103,732,312	$ 98,354,628
Legal Debt Margin	$ 208,745,798	$ 250,038,052	$ 289,499,772	$ 316,788,395	$ 287,888,348	$ 322,446,158	$ 382,000,977	$ 437,754,231	$ 503,737,602	$ 680,570,129
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	28.01%	23.53%	20.39%	15.95%	30.67%	29.07%	24.73%	20.43%	17.08%	12.63%

NOTE: The Constitutional debt limit for direct general obligation tax bonds which may be issued by the Commissioners of Paulding County is 10% of the assessed valuation of taxable property within the County.

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

PLEDGED REVENUE COVERAGE
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Operating Revenues (1)	Operating Expenses (2)	Net Revenue Available for Debt Services	Debt Service Requirements (3)			Coverage
				Principal	Interest	Total	
2014	$ 26,046,079	$ 18,174,022	$ 7,872,057	$ 3,285,000	$ 1,495,281	$ 4,780,281	1.65
2015	27,812,318	19,835,391	7,976,927	3,455,000	1,369,619	4,824,619	1.65
2016	29,639,875	21,573,430	8,066,445	3,570,000	1,264,944	4,834,944	1.67
2017	33,474,887	23,559,698	9,915,189	3,670,000	4,345,109	8,015,109	1.24
2018	36,811,934	25,333,340	11,478,594	3,820,000	5,859,725	9,679,725	1.19
2019	40,381,413	25,776,375	14,605,038	4,390,000	5,865,421	10,255,421	1.42
2020	42,385,591	29,808,765	12,576,826	4,455,000	5,906,932	10,361,932	1.21
2021	45,348,171	31,938,639	13,409,532	3,425,000	6,042,647	9,467,647	1.42
2022	49,658,928	26,281,885	23,377,043	3,635,000	5,294,950	8,929,950	2.62
2023	53,765,262	32,529,398	21,235,864	3,815,000	5,127,925	8,942,925	2.37

(1) Total operating revenues inclusive of interest revenue.
(2) Total operating expenses exclusive of depreciation.
(3) Includes principal and interest of revenue bonds only. It does not include the GEFA loans reported in the Water and Sewer Department.

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Population (1)	Personal Income (amounts expressed in thousands)	Per Capita Income (2)	Unemployment Rate (3)
2014	146,950	$ 5,596,003	$ 38,081	7.8%
2015	148,987	4,724,825	31,713	5.5%
2016	152,238	5,025,529	33,011	4.8%
2017	155,825	5,324,088	34,167	4.9%
2018	159,445	5,447,757	34,167	4.9%
2019	164,044	5,778,837	35,227	3.7%
2020	168,667	6,363,300	37,727	6.8%
2021	168,661	7,184,115	42,595	3.5%
2022	173,780	7,384,222	42,491	3.1%
2023	178,421	8,233,935	47,381	2.9%

(1) Source: U. S. Census Bureau estimate

(2) Source: Bureau of Economic Accounts

(3) Source: Georgia Department of Labor

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
Current Year and Nine Years Ago

	2023			2014		
Employer	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Paulding County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Paulding County Employment
Paulding County Board of Education	3,916	1	4.17%	3,808	1	5.66%
WellStar Health System Inc	1,509	2	1.61%	3,789	2	5.63%
Paulding County Government	1,066	3	1.14%	806	4	1.20%
Publix Super Markets	375	4	0.40%	175	7	0.26%
Chick-fil-a	375	5	0.40%			
HES Facilities	300	6	0.32%	176	6	0.26%
Walmart Associates Inc.	282	7	0.30%	1,715	3	2.55%
Metromont Corporation	221	8	0.24%	150	10	0.22%
Kroger	210	9	0.22%	671	5	1.00%
McDonalds	186	10	0.20%			
Home Depot				150	9	0.22%
Target Corporation				160	8	0.24%

Source: Georgia Department of Labor
Number of employees are estimated
** 2014 WellStar Health System includes Cobb

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

Function	Full-time Equivalent Employees as of June 30									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Government	76	76	75	75	77	96	97	98	102	102
Judicial	76	76	77	77	74	95	98	106	138	142
Public Safety	51	51	54	58	66	58	58	58	66	66
Firefighters	140	140	158	153	167	169	187	191	202	215
Sheriff	276	276	280	294	289	304	332	336	345	348
Public Works	81	81	87	87	88	112	105	89	22	22
Department of Transportation	58	58	63	63	63	67	68	68	77	77
Health and welfare	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	9	8	8
Culture and recreation	38	38	43	43	43	46	46	50	52	54
Housing and development	17	17	17	17	24	23	28	28	30	32
Total	820	820	862	875	899	979	1028	1033	1042	1066

Source: Paulding County Finance Department - Budget Documents

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function	Fiscal Year 2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Public Safety										
Animal Control cases	3,368	3,241	3,102	3,282	3,124	2,980	2,878	2,674	2,888	2,900
Emergency 911 call volume	286,846	283,326	294,814	327,625	327,634	405,270	374,718	314,242	343,598	345,145
Marshal call volume	2,861	2,246	2,259	3,303	2,562	3,968	2,292	1,255	3,646	3,988
Fire call volume	11,865	12,667	13,613	14,740	15,006	15,481	16,259	16,164	18,660	17,883
Sheriff call volume	59,871	57,456	66,907	68,029	64,904	46,481	51,626	50,227	53,846	49,703
Health and welfare										
Senior Programs	1,085	1,282	1,309	1,512	1,470	1,424	27	327	915	1,319
Transit Trips	43,200	33,414	27,965	17,749	15,990	15,907	10,728	11,879	14,585	12,238
Meals on Wheels	29,150	26,009	28,293	18,871	24,811	23,278	25,551	24,201	25,064	23,854
Culture and recreation										
Recreation programs	180	168	209	271	304	299	135	182	288	241
Housing and development										
Permits issued	1,086	2,725	3,030	3,612	3,898	3,802	4,724	4,673	3,855	2,926

Source: Paulding County Departments

PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Government										
Buildings	52	52	52	53	53	55	56	57	57	57
Public Safety										
Fire stations	12	13	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
Culture and recreation										
Acreage	1,204.6	1,381.6	1,381.6	1,381.6	1,381.6	1,381.6	1,413.6	1,413.6	1,496.0	1,496.0
Parks	12	12	12	13	13	13	14	14	14	14

Source: Paulding County Government asset records