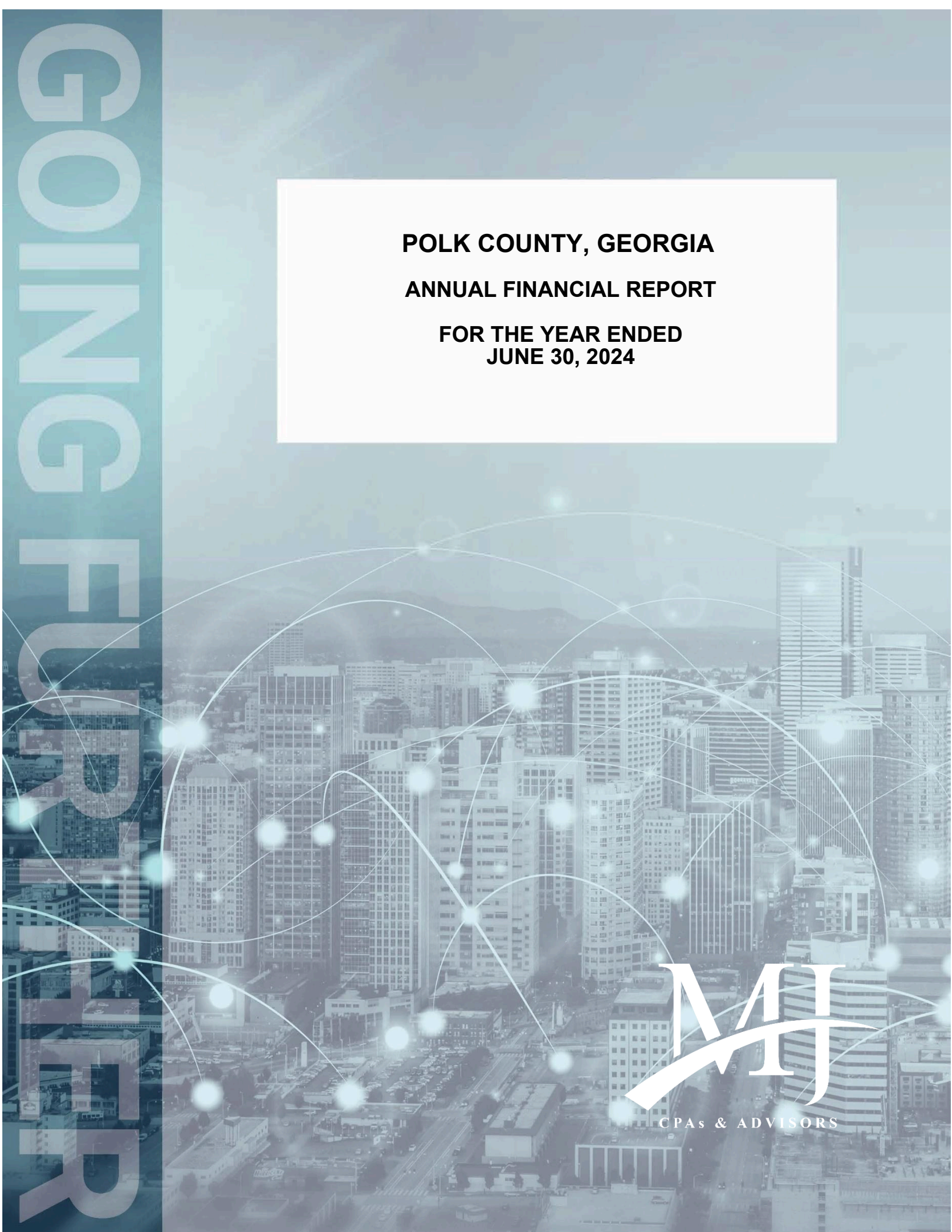
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
of Polk County, 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 **Polk County, Georgia** (the "County") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, 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, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Polk County, Georgia, as of June 30, 2024, 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 Polk County Health Department, which represents 49%, 27%, and 82%, respectively, of the assets and deferred outflows of resources, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Polk County Health Department, is based solely on the report of the other auditor.

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.

Emphasis of Matter – Change within the Financial Reporting Entity

As discussed in Note 15, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, as of July 1, 2023. This standard significantly changed the accounting for changes in accounting principle, changes in accounting estimate, changes to or within the financial reporting entity, and error corrections. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the General Fund and ARPA Fund budgetary comparison schedule, the schedule of changes in the County's net pension liability and related ratios, the schedule of County contributions, and the schedule of changes in the County's total OPEB liability and related ratios, 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.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, and the schedule of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds (the "supplementary information") 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 supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 21, 2025 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
August 21, 2025

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Primary Government			Component Units	
ASSETS	**Governmental Activities**	**Business-Type Activities**	**Total**	**Health Department**	**Development Authority**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 25,765,961	$ 14,355,166	$ 40,121,127	$ 1,441,334	$ 1,867,298
Investments	1,313,316	-	1,313,316	-	-
Property held for redevelopment	-	-	-	-	310,118
Internal balances	1,693,371	(1,693,371)	-	-	-
Due from other governments	3,008,460	-	3,008,460	86,302	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	845,275	196,176	1,041,451	749	-
Lease receivable, due within one year	223,998	-	223,998	-	-
Lease receivable, due in more than one year	159,942	-	159,942	-	-
Prepaid items	834,857	-	834,857	58	-
Inventories	38,046	-	38,046	30,105	-
Restricted cash	-	335,688	335,688	-	-
Restricted investments	-	5,182,673	5,182,673	-	-
Net OPEB asset	-	-	-	64,069	-
Capital assets, nondepreciable	4,653,770	180,890	4,834,660	-	-
Capital assets, depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	41,895,671	139,379	42,035,050	22,412	-
Total assets	80,432,667	18,696,601	99,129,268	1,645,029	2,177,416
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
OPEB related items	2,845,821	-	2,845,821	328,083	-
Pension related items	2,582,301	-	2,582,301	143,400	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	5,428,122	-	5,428,122	471,483	-
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	890,715	40,125	930,840	-	-
Due to other governments	321,271	-	321,271	-	-
Accrued liabilities	1,238,478	121,195	1,359,673	-	-
Unearned revenue	103,375	5,000	108,375	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities due within one year					
Compensated absences	794,361	-	794,361	5,044	7,707
Landfill closure and postclosure	-	31,601	31,601	-	-
Financed purchases	314,427	-	314,427	-	-
Lease liability	-	-	-	6,109	-
Total OPEB liability	239,871	-	239,871	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities due in more than one year					
Compensated absences	264,786	-	264,786	45,399	2,434
Advanced funding - postclosure trust agreement	-	5,518,360	5,518,360	-	-
Landfill postclosure	-	877,813	877,813	-	-
Lease liability	-	-	-	16,380	-
Total OPEB liability	13,574,588	-	13,574,588	-	-
Net pension liability	9,458,410	-	9,458,410	1,189,479	-
Total liabilities	27,200,282	6,594,094	33,794,376	1,262,411	10,141
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Leases	395,209	-	395,209	-	-
OPEB related items	7,215,473	-	7,215,473	62,842	-
Pension related items	-	-	-	2,787	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	7,610,682	-	7,610,682	65,629	-
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	45,971,123	320,269	46,291,392	-	-
Restricted for:					
Capital projects	11,008,892	-	11,008,892	-	-
Public safety activities	1,101,147	-	1,101,147	-	-
Health and welfare	449,825	-	449,825	-	-
Judicial activities	308,710	-	308,710	-	-
Unrestricted	(7,789,872)	11,782,238	3,992,366	788,472	2,167,275
Total net position	$ 51,049,825	$ 12,102,507	$ 63,152,332	$ 788,472	$ 2,167,275

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

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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	$ 8,239,987	$ 2,015,103	$ 365,303	$ -
Judicial	4,469,384	47,023	-	-
Public safety	17,522,357	1,878,721	767,893	-
Public works	9,217,679	617,149	494,397	1,357,586
Health and welfare	300,569	-	33,676	-
Culture and recreation	334,898	7,437	-	-
Housing and development	1,670,481	-	-	-
Sanitation	15,259	-	-	-
Interest	13,732	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	41,784,346	4,565,433	1,661,269	1,357,586
Business-type activities:				
Solid waste management	951,979	1,379,471	-	-
Total business-type activities	951,979	1,379,471	-	-
Total primary government	$ 42,736,325	$ 5,944,904	$ 1,661,269	$ 1,357,586
Component units:				
Health Department	$ 1,423,978	$ 620,645	$ 671,720	$ -
Development Authority	195,089	-	267,397	-
	$ 1,619,067	$ 620,645	$ 939,117	$ -
General revenues:				
Property taxes				
Sales taxes				
Insurance premium taxes				
Other taxes				
County funding				
Unrestricted net investment earnings				
Miscellaneous				
Transfers				
Total general revenues and transfers				
Change in net position				
Net position, beginning of year				
Net position, end of year				

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

Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position					
Primary Government				Component Units	
Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total		Health Department	Development Authority
$ (5,859,581)	$ -	$ (5,859,581)		$ -	$ -
(4,422,361)	-	(4,422,361)		-	-
(14,875,743)	-	(14,875,743)		-	-
(6,748,547)	-	(6,748,547)		-	-
(266,893)	-	(266,893)		-	-
(327,461)	-	(327,461)		-	-
(1,670,481)	-	(1,670,481)		-	-
(15,259)	-	(15,259)		-	-
(13,732)	-	(13,732)		-	-
(34,200,058)	-	(34,200,058)		-	-
-	427,492	427,492		-	-
-	427,492	427,492		-	-
(34,200,058)	427,492	(33,772,566)		-	-
-	-	-		(131,613)	-
-	-	-		-	72,308
-	-	-		(131,613)	72,308
11,755,588	-	11,755,588		-	-
12,334,606	-	12,334,606		-	-
2,197,351	-	2,197,351		-	-
2,750,619	-	2,750,619		-	-
-	-	-		181,155	-
707,769	865,825	1,573,594		1,766	46,685
-	60,671	60,671		-	-
1,854,359	(1,854,359)	-		-	-
31,600,292	(927,863)	30,672,429		182,921	46,685
(2,599,766)	(500,371)	(3,100,137)		51,308	118,993
53,649,591	12,602,878	66,252,469		737,164	2,048,282
$ 51,049,825	$ 12,102,507	$ 63,152,332		$ 788,472	$ 2,167,275

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS	General Fund	SPLOST Fund	Capital Projects Fund	(Previously Nonmajor) ARPA Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 6,687,054	$ 10,535,345	$ 5,817,369	$ 297,289	$ 2,428,904	$ 25,765,961
Investments	1,313,316	-	-	-	-	1,313,316
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	696,501	-	-	-	148,774	845,275
Inventories	38,046	-	-	-	-	38,046
Due from other governments	1,914,478	694,190	-	399,792	-	3,008,460
Due from other funds	3,384,036	-	-	4,575	17,681	3,406,292
Prepaid items	834,857	-	-	-	-	834,857
Lease receivable	383,940	-	-	-	-	383,940
Total assets	$ 15,252,228	$ 11,229,535	$ 5,817,369	$ 701,656	$ 2,595,359	$ 35,596,147
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	$ 561,175	$ 155,682	$ 108,209	$ 775	$ 64,874	$ 890,715
Due to other governments	-	321,271	-	-	-	321,271
Other accrued liabilities	1,075,905	-	-	116,549	46,024	1,238,478
Due to other funds	-	7,581	484,158	596,403	624,779	1,712,921
Unearned revenue	103,375	-	-	-	-	103,375
Total liabilities	1,740,455	484,534	592,367	713,727	735,677	4,266,760
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	429,119	-	-	-	-	429,119
Unavailable revenue - intergovernmental	245,794	-	-	368,948	-	614,742
Deferred inflows related to leases	395,209	-	-	-	-	395,209
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,070,122	-	-	368,948	-	1,439,070
FUND BALANCES						
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Prepaid items	834,857	-	-	-	-	834,857
Inventories	38,046	-	-	-	-	38,046
Restricted for:						
Capital projects	-	10,745,001	-	-	-	10,745,001
Public safety	-	-	-	-	1,101,147	1,101,147
Law library operations	-	-	-	-	449,825	449,825
Judicial activities	-	-	-	-	308,710	308,710
Committed for:						
Fire services	1,039,589	-	-	-	-	1,039,589
Assigned for:						
Capital projects	-	-	5,225,002	-	-	5,225,002
Unassigned	10,529,159	-	-	(381,019)	-	10,148,140
Total fund balances	12,441,651	10,745,001	5,225,002	(381,019)	1,859,682	29,890,317
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 15,252,228	$ 11,229,535	$ 5,817,369	$ 701,656	$ 2,595,359	$ 35,596,147

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

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2024

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Total fund balances - governmental funds		$ 29,890,317
Capital assets and subscription assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost of capital assets	$ 106,336,723	
Less accumulated depreciation	(59,787,282)	46,549,441
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures, and therefore, are unavailable in the governmental funds.		1,043,861
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Financed purchases	$ (314,427)	
Compensated absences payable	(1,059,147)	(1,373,574)
The deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, 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 governmental funds.		
Net pension liability	$ (9,458,410)	
Pension related deferred outflows of resources	2,582,301	(6,876,109)
The deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, the total OPEB liability related to the County's OPEB plan are not expected to be liquidated with expendable financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Total OPEB liability	$ (13,814,459)	
OPEB related deferred outflows of resources	2,845,821	
OPEB related deferred inflows of resources	(7,215,473)	(18,184,111)
Total net position - governmental activities		$ 51,049,825

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

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	SPLOST Fund	Capital Projects Fund	(Previously Nonmajor) ARPA Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Revenues:						
Taxes	$ 20,908,077	$ 8,168,244	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 29,076,321
Licenses and permits	291,484	-	-	-	-	291,484
Fines and forfeitures	843,692	-	-	-	211,169	1,054,861
Charges for services	1,052,020	-	-	-	1,411,550	2,463,570
Investment earnings	392,046	380,026	315,370	-	353	1,087,795
Intergovernmental	918,525	977,560	-	236,250	257,152	2,389,487
Contributions and donations	10,628	-	-	-	33,676	44,304
Miscellaneous	695,953	-	59,565	-	-	755,518
Total revenues	25,112,425	9,525,830	374,935	236,250	1,913,900	37,163,340
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	4,618,596	285,092	218,233	-	7,268	5,129,189
Judicial	4,094,087	5,932	-	490,593	55,859	4,646,471
Public safety	12,868,385	1,611,326	312,255	5,831	2,516,432	17,314,229
Public works	3,107,858	1,067,827	807,303	-	-	4,982,988
Health and welfare	261,721	-	3,002	-	7,031	271,754
Culture and recreation	334,898	-	-	-	-	334,898
Planning and development	1,443,158	-	-	-	-	1,443,158
Sanitation	15,259	-	-	-	-	15,259
Intergovernmental	-	3,780,263	-	-	-	3,780,263
Debt service:						
Principal	-	619,001	-	-	-	619,001
Interest and fees	-	13,732	-	-	-	13,732
Total expenditures	26,743,962	7,383,173	1,340,793	496,424	2,586,590	38,550,942
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,631,537)	2,142,657	(965,858)	(260,174)	(672,690)	(1,387,602)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in	1,886,001	186,081	-	4,574	1,072,332	3,148,988
Transfers out	(1,057,799)	-	(236,830)	-	-	(1,294,629)
Total other financing sources (uses)	828,202	186,081	(236,830)	4,574	1,072,332	1,854,359
Net change in fund balances	(803,335)	2,328,738	(1,202,688)	(255,600)	399,642	466,757
Fund balances, July 1	13,244,986	8,416,263	6,427,690	-	1,334,621	29,423,560
Adjustment - change within reporting entity	-	-	-	(125,419)	125,419	-
Fund balances, beginning of year, as restated	13,244,986	8,416,263	6,427,690	(125,419)	1,460,040	29,423,560
Fund balances, end of year	$ 12,441,651	$ 10,745,001	$ 5,225,002	$ (381,019)	$ 1,859,682	$ 29,890,317

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POLK 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, 2024

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ 466,757
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 exceeded capital outlays in the current		
Capital outlays	$ 2,715,682	
Depreciation expense	(3,475,288)	(759,606)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.		(3,140)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.		166,881
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.		
Repayment of principal		619,001
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.		
Change in compensated absences	$ (208,931)	
Change in total OPEB liability and related deferrals	(228,677)	
Change in net pension liability and related deferrals	(2,652,051)	(3,089,659)
Change in net position - governmental activities		$ (2,599,766)

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POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Solid Waste Management Fund
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash	$ 14,355,166
Receivables	196,176
Due from other funds	7,536
Total current assets	14,558,878
Noncurrent assets:	
Restricted assets:	
Cash	335,688
Investments	5,182,673
Capital assets:	
Capital assets, not being depreciated	180,890
Capital assets, being depreciated	4,989,937
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,850,558)
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	320,269
Total assets	20,397,508
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	40,125
Other accrued liabilities	121,195
Unearned revenue	5,000
Due to other funds	1,700,907
Landfill postclosure, current	31,601
Total current liabilities	1,898,828
Long-term liabilities:	
Advanced funding - postclosure trust agreement	5,518,360
Landfill postclosure	877,813
Total long-term liabilities	6,396,173
Total liabilities	8,295,001
NET POSITION	
Investment in capital assets	320,269
Unrestricted	11,782,238
Total net position	$ 12,102,507

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POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Solid Waste Management Fund
OPERATING REVENUES	
Rental and royalty fees	$ 60,000
Recycling sales	1,319,471
Total operating revenues	1,379,471
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Operating	939,519
Depreciation expense	12,460
Total operating expenses	951,979
Operating income	427,492
NONOPERATING INCOME	
Investment income	865,825
Miscellaneous income	60,671
Total nonoperating income	926,496
Income before transfers	1,353,988
Transfers in	18,136
Transfers out	(1,872,495)
Change in net position	(500,371)
NET POSITION, beginning of year	12,602,878
NET POSITION, end of year	$ 12,102,507

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POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Solid Waste Management Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	$ 2,608,002
Payments to suppliers and service providers	(446,922)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,161,080
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Transfer in from other funds	(1,872,495)
Miscellaneous reimbursements	60,671
Postclosure funding by operator	539,175
Net cash used in noncapital financing activities	(1,272,649)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Transfer out to other funds	18,136
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	18,136
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of investments	3,428,060
Sale of investments	(4,182,660)
Interest received	865,825
Net cash provided by investing activities	111,225
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,017,792
Cash and cash equivalents:	
Beginning of year	13,673,062
End of year	$ 14,690,854
Classified as:	
Cash	$ 14,355,166
Restricted cash	335,688
Total	$ 14,690,854
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income	$ 427,492
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	12,460
Increase in receivables	(16,619)
Increase in accounts payable	153,424
Increase in landfill postclosure costs	32,422
Increase in due to other funds	1,551,901
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 2,161,080

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POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 321,774
Taxes receivable	1,243,335
Total assets	1,565,109
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	66,972
Uncollected taxes	1,243,335
Total liabilities	1,310,307
NET POSITION	
Restricted:	
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	254,802
Total net position	$ 254,802

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POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Property taxes collected for other governments	$ 38,529,179
Fines and fees collected	1,080,923
Total additions	39,610,102
DEDUCTIONS	
Property taxes distributed to other governments	38,532,588
Fines and fees disbursed	873,721
Other custodial disbursements	213,531
Total deductions	39,619,840
Change in fiduciary net position	(9,738)
NET POSITION, beginning of year	264,540
NET POSITION, end of year	$ 254,802

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Polk County, Georgia (the "County") is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and was created by a legislative act in 1851. Named after President James K. Polk, the County is located in the Coosa Valley area of Northwest Georgia. The County operates under a Commission-Manager form of government and is governed by a six member elected board of county commissioners, which is governed by state statutes and regulations and elected from single-member districts. There are certain elected officials whose operations are wholly included within the financial records and financial statements of the County. These elected officials include the Tax Commissioner, Clerk of Superior Court, Magistrate Court, Sheriff, Probate Court, County Probation, and Juvenile Court. The County's major services include general government, judicial, public safety, public works, housing and development, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and sanitation.

The financial statements of Polk 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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units

The Health Department works to promote and preserve the health of the citizens of the County. The Health Department's Board consists of seven members, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Chairman of the Cedartown City Commission, the Superintendent of the Polk County Board of Education, three members appointed by the County Commission, and one member appointed by the City of Cedartown. The County, by virtue of its' appointments and the presence of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners on the Board of the Health Department, controls much of the Health Department's governing positions. Although the County does not have the authority to approve or modify the Health Department's budgets, it does have the ability to control the amount of funding it provides to the Health Department and such funding is significant to the overall operations of the Health Department. The Health Department is reported as a discretely presented component unit in the County's financial statements because the entity is legally separate, the primary government appoints a voting majority of the entity's board, the primary government is able to impose its will on the entity, the entity does not provide services entirely or almost entirely to the primary government, and in most cases, the entity and primary government do not have boards that are substantively the same. The fiscal year end of the Health Department is June 30th. Complete financial statements for the Health Department may be obtained from its administrative office at 125 E Ware St, Cedartown, Georgia 30125.

The Development Authority of Polk County's (the "Authority") purpose is to develop and promote trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities within Polk County. The Authority exists to promote economic development in the County by working with existing industries to expand as well as by recruiting additional business to the community. The Authority was created by a resolution of the Board of Commissioners. All board members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The Authority is responsible for adopting its own annual budget and making its own operational decisions however, the County provides substantial financial support each year and has contractually obligated itself to use its taxing powers to guarantee the repayment of principal and interest on certain bank loans issued by the Authority. The Authority is presented as a governmental fund type component unit. There are no separately issued financial statements available for the Development Authority of Polk County. The fiscal year end of the Authority is June 30th.

Blended Component Unit

The Polk County Public Purpose Corporation (the "Corporation") is governed by a three member board appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Although it is legally separate from the County (pursuant to Georgia law), the Corporation is reported as if it were part of the primary government because its primary purpose was to acquire and construct rental property and subsequently sell the assets to the County pursuant to an installment agreement that includes annual funding provisions. This entity did not have any activity for this fiscal year.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the proprietary fund and the fiduciary fund financial statements. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

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

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

The ***Capital Projects Fund*** is used to account for the financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major general government capital facilities and improvements.

The ***ARPA Fund*** is used to account for the revenue and expenditures related to the ARPA grant funding.

The County reports the following major proprietary fund:

The ***Solid Waste Fund*** is used to account for the activity at the County landfill for which operation is contracted to a private sector vendor.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

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

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 cash bonds, traffic fines, support payments, and ad valorem and property taxes.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

In accounting and reporting for its proprietary operations, the County applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

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

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

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.

D. Deposits and Investments

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

The local government investment pool, "Georgia Fund 1," created by OCGA 36-83-8, 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.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

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.

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

Investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices. The reported value of funds invested in Georgia Fund 1 is the same as the fair value of the pool shares. Georgia law authorizes the County to invest in the following type of obligations:

- Obligations of the State of Georgia or of any other states
- Obligations of the United States Government
- Obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States Government or United States Government Agency
- Obligations of any corporation of the United States Government
- Prime bankers' acceptances
- The State of Georgia local government investment pool (i.e., Georgia Fund 1)
- Repurchase agreements
- Obligations of the other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia

E. Restricted Assets

Pursuant to the landfill operating agreement, a trust was established to provide for postclosure costs on the existing Grady Road Landfill. These resources can only be used for postclosure costs until all mandated requirements are met. Liabilities payable from these restricted assets are reported separately to indicate that the source of payment is the restricted assets.

Additionally, ARPA and other grant funds, SPLOST and E-911 proceeds can only be used for costs specifically allowed in the grant agreement or referendum, respectively.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

F. 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."

G. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, 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. The County maintains a capitalization threshold for machinery and equipment, buildings, and infrastructure of five, fifteen, and twenty thousand dollars, respectively. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. The County has elected to capitalize all general infrastructure assets regardless of the acquisition date and has used the estimated historical cost to value these assets.

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

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

Asset Category	Years
Improvements other than buildings	10 - 40
Buildings	20 - 60
Building improvements	10 - 60
Machinery and equipment	3 - 15
Vehicles	5 - 20
Infrastructure	20 - 40

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County reports deferred inflows of resources in both its governmental funds balance sheet and statement of net position.

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

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 grants 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.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Compensated Absences

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is based on the County's past experience of making termination payments. All vacation and annual leave pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds when due for payment.

K. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Notes are recognized as a liability in the governmental fund financial statements when due.

L. Fund Equity

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

Fund Balance – Generally, fund balance represents the difference between 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.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Equity (Continued)

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 (passage of a resolution) of the Board of Commissioners. The same formal action is required to subsequently remove a commitment of fund balance.

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. By passage of a resolution establishing the County's fund balance policy, the Board of Commissioners has delegated the County Manager the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

Unassigned – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual classification for the County's General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In addition, any remaining deficits in the County's governmental funds which remain after all other fund balances have been exhausted are classified as unassigned. The County reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the General Fund.

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.

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.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Use of Estimates

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

N. Pensions

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 Polk 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.

O. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the total OPEB liability of The Healthcare Plan of Polk County (the “Plan”) and additions to/deductions from the total OPEB liability have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, the Plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

P. Leases

Lessor

The County is a lessor for a noncancellable lease of building space. The County recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes lease receivables with an initial, individual value of $10,000 or more.

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

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

- The County uses the interest rate it charges to the lessee as the discount rate. When the Authority does not charge interest, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease receivable are composed of fixed payments and purchase option prices that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

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

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

NOTE 2. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS

A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for the General Fund and special revenue funds. Project length budgets are adopted for capital project funds in the normal budget process or de facto through the SPLOST referendum process. For administrative control purposes, a budget is also adopted for the enterprise fund.

The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) for each adopted annual operating budget generally is the expenditure level within each individual fund. Any change in total to a fund or changes between department appropriations within a fund requires approval of the Board of Commissioners. The County Manager may approve budget transfers within departments. The Board of Commissioners must approve any transfers of personnel or capital appropriations. During the year, the Board of Commissioners approved budget revisions.

All annual appropriations lapse at year end. There were no encumbrances outstanding as of June 30, 2024.

B. Deficit Fund Balance

The ARPA Fund had a deficit fund balance of $381,019 at June 30, 2024. The deficit will be funded through grant revenues in future years.

NOTE 2. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS (CONTINUED)

C. Excess Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2024 the following funds and departments' expenditures exceeded the budget as follows:

General Fund:		
Public Safety:		
Jail	$	208,118
Planning and Development:		
Northwest GA Regional Commission		1,800
Health and Welfare:		
General appropriations		64,416
Culture and Recreation:		
Parks and Recreation		13,780
Sanitation:		
Sanitation		15,259
Law Library Fund		3,404
District Attorney Fund		5,630
Sheriff Other Programs Fund		31,202

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

Credit risk. State statutes authorize the County to invest in U.S. Government obligations; U.S. Government agency obligations; obligations of the State of Georgia; obligations of other counties; municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the State of Georgia which are rated "AA" or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.; negotiable certificates of deposit issued by any bank or trust company organized under the laws of any state of the United States of America or any national banking association; repurchase agreements when collateralized by the U.S. Government or agency obligations; and pooled investment programs sponsored by the State of Georgia for the investment of local government funds. Investments are stated at fair value, based on quoted market prices.

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 and County policy require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. Government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities of the State of Georgia. Amounts that exceed standard depository insurance limits are required to be collateralized either: (1) individually by the financial institutions through pledged obligations of the U.S. Government, obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, obligations of the State of Georgia or other states, or obligations of counties, municipalities, or public authorities of the State of Georgia, or (2) participation in the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program. As of December 31, 2024, the County's deposits were insured and/or collateralized as defined by state statutes and GASB pronouncements. Additionally, as of June 30, 2024, the County had deposits with two (2) financial institutions collateralized by the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program, which is administered by the Office of the State Treasurer, and requires participating banks holding deposits of public funds to pledge collateral at varying rates depending on the tier assigned by the State. As of June 30, 2024, all of the County's deposits with financial institutions were insured and/or collateralized as required by State statutes.

Categorization of investments. At June 30, 2024, the County had the following investments:

Investments	Maturity	Credit Rating	Fair Value
United States Treasury Note	January 31, 2029	Aaa-mf	$ 4,132,914
United States Treasury Note	July 31, 2027	Aaa-mf	1,049,759
Certificates of deposit	January 11, 2025	N/A	1,313,316
Georgia Fund 1	33 days weighted average	AAAf/S1	31,029,639
			$ 37,525,628

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%.

NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fair value measurements. The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for 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, 2024:

Investment	Level 1	Fair Value
United States Treasury Notes	$ 5,182,673	$ 5,182,673
Total investments subject to level disclosure	$ 5,182,673	5,182,673
Investments not subject to level disclosure:		
Certificates of deposit		1,313,316
Georgia Fund 1		31,029,639
Total investments measured at fair value		$ 37,525,628

The United States Treasury Notes are classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

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

Receivables at June 30, 2024, for the County's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate are as follows:

	General Fund	SPLOST Fund	ARPA Fund
Receivables:			
Taxes	$ 606,274	$ -	$ -
Other governments	1,914,478	694,190	404,367
Accounts	3,329,365	-	-
Gross receivables	5,850,117	694,190	404,367
Less allowance for uncollectibles	(3,239,138)	-	-
Net receivables	$ 2,610,979	$ 694,190	$ 404,367

	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Solid Waste Management Fund
Receivables:		
Taxes	$ -	$ -
Other governments	148,774	-
Accounts	-	196,176
Gross receivables	148,774	196,176
Less allowance for uncollectibles	-	-
Net receivables	$ 148,774	$ 196,176

Property taxes for the 2024 fiscal year were levied on August 25, 2023, with property values assessed as of January 1, 2023. Bills are payable by the later of December 1, 2023 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 May 18, 2024.

Leases receivable. The County also has leases receivable for buildings.

In prior years, the County entered into a lease agreement as the lessor for buildings. An initial lease receivable and deferred inflow of resources were recorded in the amount of $824,783 for General Fund and Governmental Activities. As of June 30, 2024, the value of the lease receivable was $383,940. The County received monthly principal and interest payments in the amount of $16,500. These leases have an interest rate of 3.24%.

NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land and improvements	$ 3,265,319	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,265,319
Construction in progress	272,846	1,115,605	-	-	1,388,451
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	3,538,165	1,115,605	-	-	4,653,770
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Improvements other than buildings	9,572,612	86,370	-	-	9,658,982
Buildings	20,212,364	-	-	-	20,212,364
Building improvements	3,909,018	-	-	-	3,909,018
Machinery and equipment	13,700,388	558,188	(167,276)	-	14,091,300
Vehicles	10,050,530	955,519	(285,526)	-	10,720,523
Infrastructure	43,090,766	-	-	-	43,090,766
Total capital assets, being depreciated	100,535,678	1,600,077	(452,802)	-	101,682,953
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Improvements other than buildings	2,124,391	546,160	-	-	2,670,551
Buildings	8,380,390	420,891	-	-	8,801,281
Building improvements	3,124,083	96,345	-	-	3,220,428
Machinery and equipment	8,067,513	1,060,173	(164,136)	-	8,963,550
Vehicles	6,271,102	668,444	(285,526)	-	6,654,020
Infrastructure	28,794,177	683,275	-	-	29,477,452
Total accumulated depreciation	56,761,656	3,475,288	(449,662)	-	59,787,282
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	43,774,022	(1,875,211)	(3,140)	-	41,895,671
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 47,312,187	$ (759,606)	$ (3,140)	$ -	$ 46,549,441

NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Business-Type Activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	$ 180,890	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 180,890
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	180,890	-	-	-	180,890
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Improvements other than buildings	4,989,937	-	-	-	4,989,937
Total capital assets, being depreciated	4,989,937	-	-	-	4,989,937
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Improvements other than buildings	4,838,098	12,460	-	-	4,850,558
Total accumulated depreciation	4,838,098	12,460	-	-	4,850,558
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	151,839	(12,460)	-	-	139,379
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 332,729	$ (12,460)	$ -	$ -	$ 320,269

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	$ 224,421
Judicial	12,169
Public safety	1,537,270
Public works	1,098,305
Health and welfare	24,083
Housing and development	579,040
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 3,475,288

Business-type activities:	
Solid waste	$ 12,460

NOTE 6. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Due to/from other funds:

Receivable fund	Payable fund	Amount
General Fund	SPLOST	$ 7,581
General Fund	Nonmajor Govt Funds	621,631
General Fund	ARPA	596,403
General Fund	Capital Projects	457,514
General Fund	Solid Waste	1,700,907
Solid Waste	Capital Projects	7,536
Nonmajor Govt Funds	Capital Projects	14,533
Nonmajor Govt Funds	Nonmajor Govt Funds	3,148
ARPA	Capital Projects	4,575
		$ 3,413,828

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that: (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. The SPLOST Fund interfund payable is for reimbursement of allowable SPLOST expenditures that were originally incurred by other funds.

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
General	Solid Waste	$ 1,686,414
SPLOST	Solid Waste	186,081
General	Capital Projects	199,587
Nonmajor Govt	Capital Projects	14,533
ARP	Capital Projects	4,574
Solid Waste	Capital Projects	18,136
Nonmajor Govt	General	1,057,799

Transfers are used to: (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that the statute or budget requires to expend them, and (2) provide unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Interfund transfers into the SPLOST Fund from other funds were used to supplement allowable SPLOST projects.

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Financed purchases	$ 933,428	$ -	$ (619,001)	$ 314,427	$ 314,427
Total OPEB liability	11,381,651	3,721,667	(1,288,859)	13,814,459	239,871
Net pension liability	10,131,219	2,809,188	(3,481,997)	9,458,410	-
Compensated absences	850,216	719,136	(510,205)	1,059,147	794,361
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	$ 23,296,514	$ 7,249,991	$ (5,900,062)	$ 24,646,443	$ 1,348,659
Business-Type Activities:					
Landfill postclosure costs	$ 876,992	$ 32,422	$ -	$ 909,414	$ 31,601

For governmental activities, compensated absences, the net pension liability, and the total OPEB liability are liquidated by the General Fund. For business-type activities, compensated absences are liquidated by the Solid Waste Fund.

Financed purchases. In January 2020, Polk County entered into a financed purchase agreement to finance E-911 radio tower equipment. The financed purchase carries an interest rate of 2.11% and is due in equal monthly installments of $52,728 until December 2024.

The County's debt service requirements on this agreement are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 314,427	$ 1,941	$ 316,368
Total	$ 314,427	$ 1,941	$ 316,368

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Landfill postclosure costs. State and federal laws and regulations required the County to place a final cover on its Highway 278 landfill when it stopped accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for a minimum of 5 years after closure. Although closure and postclosure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the County reports a portion of these closure and postclosure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date. The $909,414 reported as landfill postclosure cost liability at fiscal year-end represents the cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of 100% of the estimated capacity of the landfill, net of related expenditures to date of $225,937. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all postclosure in 2024. The County stopped receiving waste in this landfill prior to April 9, 1994, but will be required to monitor the site for 30 years. The 30-year requirement began July 1, 1999 but was frozen in 2015 and, therefore, the monitoring will be in effect for 13 more years. Actual cost may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations.

State and federal laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on its Grady Road landfill when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for 30 years after closure. Although closure and postclosure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the County reports a portion of these closure and postclosure care costs as operating expenses in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date. The gross landfill closure/postclosure liability at year end for this site is $15,617,860 and is based on the use of 54% of the estimated capacity of the Phase I, II, and III of the landfill, net of related expenditures to date of $- and lessee closure contractual obligations of $15,617,860. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and postclosure in 2024. As described below, all closure and postclosure costs are a contractual obligation of the lessee, and therefore the County does not expect to incur any additional costs associated with the closure and postclosure of Phase I, II, and III of the landfill. Actual cost may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. Changes in closure and postclosure care financial assurance requirements will be met by the lessee’s contractual commitments secured by a funded trust, bank letters of credit and performance bonds.

The County and contractor have obtained approval for certain major/minor modifications of the original Design & Operations (D & O) applicable to Phases I, II, and III of the Grady Road Landfill, including the remaining 40 acres that are under an existing D & O plan. These changes were effective in 2012 and updated by the County in 2015 with guidance from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Landfill postclosure costs (Continued). On December 4, 2001, (finalized February 26, 2002) the County entered into a sanitary operation agreement with ETC of Georgia, Inc. (the "Contractor") (assigned to Waste Connections, Inc.). This agreement provides, among other things, that the Contractor will manage, operate, and maintain the Polk County Sanitary Landfill located at 316 Grady Road. The Contractor is responsible for all closure and postclosure costs as mandated by federal and state authorities. A trust agreement requires that the Contractor make monthly payments to provide sufficient funds for the estimated costs. The Contractor paid the County the sum of one million ($1,000,000) dollars as an origination fee. The County will be charged a tipping fee of fourteen and 50/100 ($14.50) dollars per ton subject to consumer price index (CPI) increases beginning on the third (3rd) anniversary of the agreement. The County will also receive a "host" fee of four and 00/100 ($4) dollars per ton of tonnage up to 1,000 tons per day and two and 00/100 ($2) dollars for all tonnage in excess of 1,000 tons per day up to and including 4,000 tons per day. If the cap of 4,000 tons per day is exceeded, then the host fee will revert to four and 00/100 ($4) dollars per ton on all garbage generated and collected outside of the geographical boundary of Polk County. The Contractor has guaranteed an annual amount of five hundred twenty thousand and 00/100 ($520,000) dollars under this section. The Contractor will also make an annual charitable donation of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars to the County for purposes of solid waste and recycling education in the County.

NOTE 8. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

Plan description. The County participates in the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan, an agent-multiple employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating counties in Georgia. The plan is administered by the Government Employee Benefits Corporation of Georgia (GEB Corp). The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan participants and beneficiaries. The ACCG, in its role as the plan sponsor, has the sole authority to amend the provisions of the plan, as provided in Section 19.03 of the ACCG plan document.

The specific benefit provisions of the County's plan, as provided by Section 19.02 of the ACCG plan document, were established by an adoption agreement executed by the Board of Commissioners. The Plan provides for benefits upon retirement, death, disablement, and termination of employment, if certain eligibility conditions are met.

NOTE 8. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTUNUED)

Plan description (Continued). All full-time eligible employees participate in the ACCG Plan (Plan) after completing three years of service. Benefits are fully vested after five years of service. The County sponsors the Plan. The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan participants. The plan assets shall be used only for the payment of benefits to the members of the Plan, in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

Participants become eligible to retire at the later of the date: 1) the participant attains 65 years of age or, 2) the third anniversary of the first day of the Plan year in which the participant commences participation in the Plan; 3) all participants are eligible for normal retirement at age 70 even if they have not completed three years of participation in the Plan. Upon reaching normal retirement age, as defined above, participants are entitled to a monthly pension of 2% of average annual compensation multiplied by each year of credited service. Average annual compensation is the highest average of the participant's compensation over three consecutive plan years during the ten plan years preceding the participant's date of retirement or other termination. The Plan provides benefits in the event of death or disability. The Plan also provides for early retirement subject to certain early retirement reduction factors. If the participant has 30 years of service with the County or another adopting employer (at least 25 years must be with the County), there will not be an early retirement reduction in benefits.

Complete financial statements of the pension plan trust can be obtained from the plan administrator at www.gebcorp.com or by writing to the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, Retirement Services.

Plan membership. As of January 1, 2023, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, pension plan membership consisted of the following:

Retireees, Beneficiaries and Disabled receiving benefits	95
Terminated plan participants entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	174
Active employees participating in the Plan	156
Total number of Plan participants	425

The ACCG Defined Benefit Plan is closed to new participants as of July 1, 2021. All new employees after July 1, 2021 are enrolled in a 401(a) defined contribution plan with the County matching 4% of salary in addition to the 457 plan which contains a 100% match up to 3% of employee contributions.

NOTE 8. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (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. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County's contribution rate was 13.93% of annual payroll. County contributions to the Plan were $887,903 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Net pension liability of the County. The County's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023. 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 rollforward to the total pension liability measured as of December 31, 2023.

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	3.5% - 5.5%, 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 2024.

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study through February 2024.

NOTE 8. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (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, 2023 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%	8.60
Real estate	5%	8.50
Total	100%	

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

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that 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, 2023 the expected long-term rate of return remained the same at 7.00%.

NOTE 8. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (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, 2024, were as follows:

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at 06/30/23	$ 30,146,211	$ 20,014,992	$ 10,131,219
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	350,498	-	350,498
Interest	2,110,235	563,882	1,546,353
Differences between expected and actual experience	216,844	-	216,844
Assumption changes	342,014	-	342,014
Contributions—employer	-	1,068,451	(1,068,451)
Net investment income	-	2,413,546	(2,413,546)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,406,512)	(1,557,581)	151,069
Administrative expense	-	(88,805)	88,805
Plan changes	113,605	-	113,605
Net changes	1,726,684	2,399,493	(672,809)
Balances at 06/30/24	$ 31,872,895	$ 22,414,485	$ 9,458,410

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%, as well as what the County's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
County's net pension liability	$ 13,524,848	$ 9,458,410	$ 6,072,159

NOTE 8. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate (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, 2023 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, 2024, the County recognized pension expense of $1,935,471. At June 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Assumption changes	$ 255,663
Plan contributions made subsequent to the measurement period	638,318
Experience differences	753,783
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	934,537
Total	$ 2,582,301

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:	
2025	$ 912,599
2026	618,454
2027	720,893
2028	(307,963)
Total	$ 1,943,983

NOTE 9. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The County maintains a single employer sponsored money purchase retirement plan covering all full-time employees hired after January 1, 2005. The Association County Commissioners of Georgia ("ACCG") 401(a) Deferred Contribution Plan for Employees of Polk County (the "Plan") is a defined contribution plan established by the Board of Commissioners on February 1, 2005. A defined contribution plan provides retirement benefits in return for services rendered, provides an individual account for each participant and specifies how contributions to the individual's account are to be determined instead of specifying the amount of benefits the individual is to receive.

Under a defined contribution plan, the benefits a participant will receive depends solely on the amount contributed to the participant's account, the returns earned on investments of those contributions and forfeitures of other participant's benefits that may be allocated to such participant's account. As established by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, all employees who have been employed for one year are eligible to participate in the Plan. Participants are fully vested after five years of service. There is partial vesting prior to the five-year anniversary. A participant that terminates employment with the County is entitled to their account balance, if vesting requirements are satisfied. The Plan does not provide for participant contributions that are treated as employer pick-up contributions under Code Section 414(h). The Plan does not allow employee after-tax contributions. The County makes contributions to the Plan of 4% of employees' salaries for employees hired after July 1, 2021. Investment options are selected by each Plan participant. Plan members do not make contributions to the Plan, except as described below.

As part of the Plan, Polk County adopted a funding plan feature that gives certain 401(k) aspects to the defined contribution plan. Under the provisions, the County will match contributions made by an employee to the County's Section 457 deferred compensation plan on a 1 for 1 basis up to a maximum contribution by the County of 3%. Therefore, an employee who contributes 3% to the plan will receive an additional 3% contribution from the County.

The County has made the following contributions to the Plan:

Year ending June 30,	County Contributions	Employee Contributions	Total Contributions
2023	$ 64,302	$ 182,201	$ 246,503
2024	310,734	194,941	505,675

There were no forfeitures allocated to participants' accounts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 10. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan administration and benefits. The County, as authorized by the Board of Commissioners, administers a single-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan, the "Healthcare Plan of Polk County" (the "Plan"). The Plan is administered by the County management, under the direction of the County's Board of Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes participation in the Plan and sets the contribution rates and benefits. Coverage under the Plan includes medical and prescription drug for retirees and dependents. To be eligible for this benefit upon retirement, the retiree must comply with the Rule of 80. Employees attaining full retirement status, and only such employees, shall have the right to carry and retain insurance coverage at employee-portion rates into retirement. Retirees may stay on the Plan for their lifetime by making the required contribution. Life insurance is offered to retirees, but must be paid entirely by the retiree.

The County's Board of Commissioners established and may amend the benefit provisions. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 and a separate report was not issued for the Plan.

Plan membership. Membership of the Plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2023, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Active participants	175
Retirees currently receiving benefits	36
Total	211

NOTE 10. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Contributions. Article 1, Section 12 of the County Code grants the authority to establish and amend the contribution requirements of the County. The Board establishes rates based on an actuarial valuation. The Plan is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the County contributed $310,734 to the Plan. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County's average contribution rate was 4.02% of covered-employee payroll. Employees are not required to contribute to the Plan. There are no assets accumulated in a trust to pay related benefits.

Total OPEB liability of the County

The County's total OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023.

Actuarial assumptions. The County's total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.00%
Real wage growth	0.50%
Wage inflation	2.50%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	2.50% - 4.50%
Municipal Bond Index Rate:	
Prior measurement date	3.54%
Measurement date	3.65%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates:	
Pre-Medicare medical and prescription drug	7.00% for 2023 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2033
Medicare medical and prescription drug	5.125% for 2023 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2026

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Amount Weighted with Scale AA to 2023.

The demographic actuarial assumptions for retirement, disability incidence, withdrawal, and salary increases used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the pension valuation prepared by ACCG as of January 1, 2023.

NOTE 10. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Total OPEB liability of the County (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions (Continued). The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, healthcare cost trends, etc.) used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2023 valuation.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was changed from 3.54% to 3.65%.

Changes in the total OPEB liability of the County. The changes in the total OPEB liability of the County for the year ended June 30, 2024, were as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability
Balances at June 30, 2023	$ 11,381,651
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	517,453
Interest	415,217
Difference between expected and actual experience	(338,805)
Assumption changes	(607,460)
Change in benefit terms	2,788,997
Net benefit payments and implicit subsidy credit	(342,594)
Net changes	2,432,808
Balances at June 30, 2024	$ 13,814,459

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

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.65%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.65%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.65%)	Discount Rate (3.65%)	1% Increase (4.65%)
Total OPEB liability	$ 16,473,849	$ 13,814,459	$ 11,710,940

NOTE 10. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB liability	$ 11,586,368	$ 13,814,459	$ 16,711,237

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revisions as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of June 30, 2024 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and inactive employees.

OPEB expense and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County recognized OPEB expense of $2,915,514. At June 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Assumption changes	$ 68,813	$ (3,052,244)
Experience differences	2,513,545	(4,163,229)
Contributions subsequent to measurement date	263,463	-
Total	$ 2,845,821	$ (7,215,473)

NOTE 10. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

OPEB expense and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB (Continued)

County contributions subsequent to the measurement date of $263,463 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. 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:		
2025	$	(712,407)
2026		(712,407)
2027		(712,407)
2028		(665,449)
2029		(515,933)
Thereafter		(1,314,512)
Total	$	(4,633,115)

NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County has joined together with other counties in the state as part of the Interlocal Risk Management Agency (IRMA) for property and liability insurance operated by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) and the ACCG-Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund (WCSIF), public entity risk pools currently operating as common risk management and insurance programs for member local governments. The ACCG administers both risk pools.

As part of these risk pools, the County is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the pools, to cooperate with the pools' 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 pools' agents and attorneys to represent the County in investigation, settlement discussions and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the County within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

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

NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The County has not compiled a record of the claims paid up to the applicable deductible for the prior and current fiscal year. The County is not aware of any claims which the County is liable for (up to the applicable deductible) which were outstanding and unpaid at June 30, 2024. No provision has been made in the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024 for any estimate of potential unpaid claims.

There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year and there have been no settlements that exceed the County's insurance coverage during the past three years.

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

The County is involved in several pending lawsuits. Liability, if any, which might result from these proceedings, would not, in the opinion of management and legal counsel, have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the County.

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, 2024, the County paid $28,182 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

NOTE 13. JOINT VENTURE (CONTINUED)

The Polk County Drug Task Force (the "Task Force") is considered a joint venture with no equity interest based upon the criteria in GASB Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statement No. 61. Pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement established between the Polk County Police Department, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Cedartown Police Department, and Rockmart Police Department, the Task Force was established in 2013 to provide services to combat the use and influence of illicit drugs and attempt to reduce the incidences of violent crimes. The agreement is construed as a joint contract of services between governmental entities, authorized pursuant to the general provisions of Georgia law and Article IX, Section III, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia. The Task Force Control Board is comprised of the District Attorney, the Polk County Sheriff, the County Manager, the Cedartown City Manager, and each participating police department's Chief. These representatives may name designees to represent their interest on the Control Board. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, there were no transactions made between the County and the Task Force.

The County assists with the operations of the Polk County Library System through annual funding requests. The Polk County Library System is a member of the Sara Hightower Regional Library System. The Library Board consists of sixteen members, eleven members appointed by the Floyd County Library Board and five members appointed by the Polk County Library Board. The Board is without authority to determine the amount of its funding, except by submission of budget requests to local governmental units from which the library receives support and to the State of Georgia for state and federal funding. Membership in the library and participation in library services is at the discretion of each participating governmental agency. The Board has the power to designate management, the power to retain unassigned fund balances of local funds for continued operations and is the lowest level of oversight responsibility for the Library's operations. No single governmental agency has oversight responsibility or managerial control over the Library nor is any of the participating governments responsible for funding a deficit of the Library. Accordingly, the Library's financial statements are not included in the financial statements of any other reporting entity.

NOTE 14. TAX ABATEMENTS

The County enters into property tax abatement agreements with the Development Authority of Polk County, the Cedartown Development Authority and the Rockmart Development Authority and local businesses under the state law O.C.G.A Section 36-62-1. This program is used to incentivize these businesses to build, relocate, expand, or renovate within incorporated and unincorporated Polk County. Each agreement provides a property tax benefit to the company through a schedule of discounted valuation that reduces, for ad valorem tax purposes, the fair market value of real and/or personal property that is held by the Authorities and leased to the company. Georgia case law and the Authorities' enabling legislation provides the Authorities with the power to enter into such agreements with private companies.

The Authorities may accept title to real and personal property assets from a company in return for job creation and capital investment, and provide a tax benefit to the company through a lease agreement with the Authority. In considering eligibility for providing this benefit to a company, the Authorities review the following criteria:

1. Eligible businesses can include new and existing industrial businesses.
2. But for an incentive agreement, the company would not create the jobs and investment in the community.
3. Eligible projects must involve significant investment in real and personal property.
4. The average wage of the business' employees should be above the average wage of goods producing employees in Polk County.
5. The business should offer medical benefits to all employees.
6. The impact to job retention will be considered for each expansion project.
7. As a condition of assistance, a business will be required to work with the Authority to convey title to the Authority.

In return for a property tax benefit, a company is required to commit to creating jobs and capital investment within a defined period as part of a performance and accountability agreement with the Authority that includes provisions for the company to pay back a prorated portion of the benefit if they fail to meet the performance criteria by a specified date. The Authorities monitor compliance with performance and accountability agreements to ensure the companies meet their commitments.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the cumulative property tax not collected due to incentive agreements was $38,665. The amount of property tax not collected due to incentive agreements for Jefferson Southern was $19,885 and Cedartown III was $7,675.

NOTE 15. ACCOUNTING CHANGES

In the current year, the County's ARPA Fund now meets the definition of a major fund. The effect of these changes within the financial reporting entity is shown in the table below.

	Reporting Units Affected by Adjustments to Beginning Balances	
	Funds	
	ARPA Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023, as previously reported	$ -	$ 1,334,621
Change from nonmajor fund to major fund	(125,419)	125,419
June 30, 2023, as adjusted	$ (125,419)	$ 1,460,040

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 20,139,608	$ 20,755,500	$ 20,908,077	$ 152,577
Licenses and permits	256,950	288,250	291,484	3,234
Fines and forfeitures	877,800	810,800	843,692	32,892
Charges for services	877,500	1,044,000	1,052,020	8,020
Interest income	200,000	327,000	392,046	65,046
Intergovernmental	450,668	912,000	918,525	6,525
Contributions and donations	5,019	12,000	10,628	(1,372)
Other	639,724	740,650	695,953	(44,697)
Total revenues	23,447,269	24,890,200	25,112,425	222,225
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government:				
Administration				
Personnel services	1,668,825	1,405,000	1,398,324	6,676
Operating expenditures	901,634	789,279	559,772	229,507
Capital outlays	20,000	20,000	-	20,000
	2,590,459	2,214,279	1,958,096	256,183
Election and Registrar				
Personnel services	158,570	238,000	236,482	1,518
Operating expenditures	38,926	44,000	39,524	4,476
Capital outlays	-	-	-	-
	197,496	282,000	276,006	5,994
Information Technology				
Personnel services	171,618	141,000	139,294	1,706
Operating expenditures	100,237	83,000	80,869	2,131
Capital outlays	3,800	1,000	-	1,000
	275,655	225,000	220,163	4,837
Tax Assessor				
Personnel services	660,763	552,500	547,305	5,195
Operating expenditures	163,211	158,500	159,453	(953)
	823,974	711,000	706,758	4,242
Tax Commissioner				
Personnel services	581,170	615,000	612,579	2,421
Operating expenditures	93,247	117,000	115,394	1,606
Capital outlays	10,600	1,000	341	659
	685,017	733,000	728,314	4,686
County Building				
Personnel services	110,275	82,000	81,825	175
Operating expenditures	618,270	629,000	619,252	9,748
	728,545	711,000	701,077	9,923
General Appropriation				
Operating expenditures	60,300	96,150	28,182	67,968
Total general government	5,361,446	4,972,429	4,618,596	353,833

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
Judicial:				
Superior Court				
Personnel services	$ 118,145	$ 180,000	$ 179,613	$ 387
Operating expenditures	79,500	54,000	45,391	8,609
	197,645	234,000	225,004	8,996
Accountability Courts				
Personnel services	276,939	200,000	197,058	2,942
Operating expenditures	1,285	405,000	298,427	106,573
	278,224	605,000	495,485	109,515
District Attorney				
Personnel services	372,578	415,000	412,864	2,136
Operating expenditures	56,035	43,000	40,189	2,811
	428,613	458,000	453,053	4,947
Clerk of Superior Court				
Personnel services	698,579	705,000	702,248	2,752
Operating expenditures	163,140	140,000	136,868	3,132
	861,719	845,000	839,116	5,884
Magistrate Court				
Personnel services	495,783	510,000	508,436	1,564
Operating expenditures	32,725	26,000	23,088	2,912
Capital outlay	3,200	3,000	2,692	308
	531,708	539,000	534,216	4,784
Probate Court				
Personnel services	427,203	405,000	402,928	2,072
Operating expenditures	70,420	60,000	57,434	2,566
	497,623	465,000	460,362	4,638
Juvenile Court				
Personnel services	192,256	199,000	195,477	3,523
Operating expenditures	225,255	298,000	292,796	5,204
Capital outlay	2,700	3,000	2,466	534
	420,211	500,000	490,739	9,261
Public Defender				
Personnel services	90,634	48,000	46,611	1,389
Operating expenditures	310,600	312,000	308,903	3,097
	401,234	360,000	355,514	4,486
Coroner				
Personnel services	44,217	41,000	39,986	1,014
Operating expenditures	24,915	30,332	29,386	946
Capital outlay	4,200	2,000	1,840	160
	73,332	73,332	71,212	2,120
Probation				
Personnel services	158,067	165,000	162,281	2,719
Operating expenditures	10,075	7,000	6,108	892
Capital outlay	5,750	1,000	997	3
	173,892	173,000	169,386	3,614
Total judicial	3,864,201	4,252,332	4,094,087	158,245

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
Public Safety:				
County Police				
Personnel services	$ 3,373,964	$ 3,370,000	$ 3,366,993	$ 3,007
Operating expenditures	483,195	470,548	467,898	2,650
Capital outlay	-	6,000	5,658	342
	3,857,159	3,846,548	3,840,549	5,999
Sheriff				
Personnel services	5,510,029	5,435,000	5,421,026	13,974
Operating expenditures	1,340,933	1,431,500	1,268,180	163,320
Capital outlay	-	103,500	57,515	45,985
	6,850,962	6,970,000	6,746,721	223,279
Jail				
Operating expenditures	598,038	577,000	785,118	(208,118)
EMA				
Personnel services	164,551	165,000	163,739	1,261
Operating expenditures	51,389	61,000	60,145	855
	215,940	226,000	223,884	2,116
Fire Department				
Personnel services	487,373	423,000	420,041	2,959
Operating expenditures	252,760	369,000	368,096	904
Capital outlay	18,000	18,000	17,860	140
	758,133	810,000	805,997	4,003
Animal Control				
Personnel services	365,379	357,000	354,610	2,390
Operating expenditures	104,321	95,800	93,634	2,166
Capital outlay	-	5,200	5,076	124
	469,700	458,000	453,320	4,680
Forestry Service				
Operating expenditures	14,035	13,000	12,796	204
Total public safety	12,763,967	12,900,548	12,868,385	32,163
Public Works:				
Public Works				
Personnel services	2,485,294	2,305,000	2,303,314	1,686
Operating expenditures	686,080	806,000	802,881	3,119
Capital outlay	1,500	2,000	1,663	337
Total public works	3,172,874	3,113,000	3,107,858	5,142
Planning and Development:				
Planning and zoning				
Personnel services	149,024	147,000	149,202	(2,202)
Operating expenditures	16,275	12,700	7,869	4,831
Capital outlay	5,500	5,300	5,196	104
	170,799	165,000	162,267	2,733

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
Permits and Inspections				
Personnel services	$ 181,879	$ 224,000	$ 223,159	$ 841
Operating expenditures	23,726	35,000	32,200	2,800
	205,605	259,000	255,359	3,641
Development Authority				
Operating expenditures	263,073	263,073	263,073	-
Keep Polk Beautiful				
Operating expenditures	14,070	14,070	14,070	-
Northwest GA Regional Commission				
Operating expenditures	28,200	28,200	30,000	(1,800)
Cooperative Extension Service				
Personnel services	44,049	46,500	45,937	563
Operating expenditures	33,863	26,500	25,680	820
Capital outlay	1,500	1,000	633	367
	79,412	74,000	72,250	1,750
Airport				
Personnel services	112,505	116,500	116,055	445
Operating expenditures	229,555	183,000	178,367	4,633
Capital outlay	10,000	351,500	351,717	(217)
	352,060	651,000	646,139	4,861
Total planning and development	1,113,219	1,454,343	1,443,158	11,185
Health and Welfare:				
General Health				
Operating expenditures	181,155	181,155	181,155	-
General Appropriations				
Operating expenditures	13,300	16,150	80,566	(64,416)
Total health and welfare	194,455	197,305	261,721	(64,416)
Culture and Recreation:				
Library				
Operating expenditures	117,919	117,918	117,918	-
Parks and Recreation				
Operating expenditures	203,025	203,200	216,980	(13,780)
Total culture and recreation	320,944	321,118	334,898	(13,780)
Sanitation:				
Sanitation				
Personnel services	-	-	13,629	(13,629)
Operating expenditures	-	-	1,630	(1,630)
Total sanitation	-	-	15,259	(15,259)

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POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
Total expenditures	26,791,106	27,211,075	26,743,962	467,113
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(3,343,837)	(2,320,875)	(1,631,537)	689,338
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	2,879,918	2,101,277	1,886,001	(215,276)
Transfers out	(1,057,799)	(1,057,799)	(1,057,799)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,822,119	1,043,478	828,202	(215,276)
Net change in fund balances	(1,521,718)	(1,277,397)	(803,335)	474,062
Fund balances, beginning of year	13,244,986	13,244,986	13,244,986	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 11,723,268	$ 11,967,589	$ 12,441,651	$ 474,062

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
ARPA FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	$ 392,294	$ 240,825	$ 236,250	$ (4,575)
Total revenues	392,294	240,825	236,250	(4,575)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	392,294	496,426	490,593	5,833
Public safety	-	-	5,831	(5,831)
Total expenditures	392,294	496,426	496,424	2
Net changes in fund balances	-	(255,601)	(260,174)	(4,573)
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	(125,419)	(125,419)	(125,419)	-
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	$ (125,419)	$ (381,020)	$ (385,593)	$ (4,573)

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

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total pension liability					
Service cost	$ 350,498	$ 315,073	$ 290,050	$ 265,175	$ 273,003
Interest on total pension liability	2,110,235	1,877,611	1,644,651	1,595,197	1,360,053
Differences between expected and actual experience	216,844	427,983	1,876,300	(238,125)	938,022
Changes of assumptions	342,014	43,659	41,936	37,211	1,556,916
Plan changes	113,605	1,913,080	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,406,512)	(1,254,205)	(1,049,891)	(856,050)	(681,542)
Net change in total pension liability	1,726,684	3,323,201	2,803,046	803,408	3,446,452
Total pension liability - beginning	30,146,211	26,823,010	24,019,964	23,216,556	19,770,104
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 31,872,895	$ 30,146,211	$ 26,823,010	$ 24,019,964	$ 23,216,556
Plan fiduciary net position					
Contributions - employer	$ 1,068,451	$ 1,509,055	$ 559,154	$ 513,201	$ 293,147
Net investment income	2,413,546	(3,904,996)	3,272,849	2,556,099	3,368,610
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,557,581)	(1,372,996)	(1,049,891)	(856,050)	(681,542)
Administrative expenses	(88,805)	(85,909)	(51,773)	(47,621)	(48,804)
Interest	563,882	487,709	-	-	-
Other	-	-	(145,874)	(82,946)	(88,893)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	2,399,493	(3,367,137)	2,584,465	2,082,683	2,842,518
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	20,014,992	23,382,129	20,797,664	18,714,981	15,872,463
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	$ 22,414,485	$ 20,014,992	$ 23,382,129	$ 20,797,664	$ 18,714,981
County's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	$ 9,458,410	$ 10,131,219	$ 3,440,881	$ 3,222,300	$ 4,501,575
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	70.3%	66.4%	87.2%	86.6%	80.6%
Covered payroll	$ 8,076,454	$ 7,348,370	$ 7,118,285	$ 6,423,657	$ 6,498,766
County's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	117.1%	137.9%	48.3%	50.2%	69.3%

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total pension liability					
Service cost	$ 246,895	$ 240,269	$ 244,030	$ 236,092	$ 220,586
Interest on total pension liability	1,350,892	1,265,850	1,186,271	1,075,035	1,028,668
Differences between expected and actual experience	(871,709)	(113,568)	119,322	107,365	-
Changes of assumptions	965,430	36,302	574,640	491,577	-
Service credit transfer	-	-	40,095	23,109	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(554,399)	(511,708)	(490,816)	(426,227)	(429,469)
Net change in total pension liability	1,137,109	917,145	1,673,542	1,506,951	819,785
Total pension liability - beginning	18,632,995	17,715,850	16,042,308	14,535,357	13,715,572
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 19,770,104	$ 18,632,995	$ 17,715,850	$ 16,042,308	$ 14,535,357
Plan fiduciary net position					
Contributions - employer	$ 424,349	$ 403,445	$ -	$ 338,338	$ 341,621
Service credit transfer	(792,023)	-	40,095	23,109	-
Net investment income	(524,110)	2,404,962	1,033,700	118,829	997,063
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(33,246)	(511,708)	(490,816)	(426,227)	(413,946)
Administrative expenses	-	(30,618)	(35,595)	(32,025)	(27,620)
Other	(98,412)	(112,732)	(100,742)	(96,457)	(108,390)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	(1,023,442)	2,153,349	446,642	(74,433)	788,728
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	16,895,905	14,742,556	14,295,914	14,370,347	13,581,619
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	$ 15,872,463	$ 16,895,905	$ 14,742,556	$ 14,295,914	$ 14,370,347
County's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	$ 3,897,641	$ 1,737,090	$ 2,973,294	$ 1,746,394	$ 165,010
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	80.3%	90.68%	83.22%	89.11%	98.9%
Covered payroll	$ 5,799,077	$ 5,733,563	$ 6,019,140	$ 5,765,821	$ 5,248,780
County's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	67.2%	30.3%	49.4%	30.3%	3.14%

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

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Actuarially determined contribution	$ 1,068,451	$ 767,890	$ 741,165	$ 559,154	$ 513,524
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	1,068,451	767,890	741,165	559,154	513,524
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered payroll	$ 7,670,450	$ 8,076,454	$ 7,348,370	$ 7,118,285	$ 6,423,657
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	13.93%	9.51%	10.09%	7.86%	7.99%

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution	$ 293,147	$ 424,349	$ 403,445	$ 338,938	$ 309,266
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	293,147	424,349	403,445	338,938	341,621
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (32,355)
Covered payroll	$ 6,498,766	$ 5,799,077	$ 5,733,563	$ 6,019,140	$ 5,765,821
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	4.51%	7.32%	7.04%	5.63%	5.92%

Notes to the Schedule

Valuation Date	January 1, 2023
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	3.5% - 5.5% (including 2.0% for inflation)
Cost-of-Living Adjustment	2.0%
Amortization Method	Closed level dollar for unfunded liability
Remaining Amortization Period	None remaining

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

	2024	2023	2022
Total OPEB liability			
Service cost	$ 517,453	$ 763,378	$ 886,592
Interest on total OPEB liability	415,217	317,207	355,623
Difference between expected and actual experience	(338,805)	61,768	(2,842,902)
Benefit payments	(342,594)	(271,007)	(184,149)
Assumption changes	(607,460)	(3,546,596)	545,225
Differences between expected and actual experience	2,788,997	-	-
Other changes	-	-	-
Net change in total OPEB liability	2,432,808	(2,675,250)	(1,239,611)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	11,381,651	14,056,901	15,296,512
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	$ 13,814,459	$ 11,381,651	$ 14,056,901
Covered employee payroll	$ 7,735,346	$ 9,104,398	$ 9,104,398
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	178.59%	125.01%	154.40%

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB liability				
Service cost	$ 583,037	$ 601,872	$ 641,682	$ 727,046
Interest on total OPEB liability	398,715	477,973	432,726	378,356
Difference between expected and actual experience	11,036	(1,638,773)	(12,203)	39,422
Benefit payments	(114,037)	(87,875)	(110,654)	(153,747)
Assumption changes	3,552,421	91,866	(767,361)	(1,427,282)
Other changes	-	(973,972)	-	-
Net change in total OPEB liability	4,431,172	(1,528,909)	184,190	(436,205)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	10,865,340	12,394,249	12,210,059	12,646,264
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	$ 15,296,512	$ 10,865,340	$ 12,394,249	$ 12,210,059
Covered employee payroll	$ 8,182,655	$ 8,182,655	$ 6,671,723	$ 6,671,723
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	186.94%	132.79%	185.77%	183.01%

Notes to the Schedule

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

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

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted or committed to expenditure for particular purposes, as described below:

Emergency Telephone System Fund - to account for the monthly 911 charge to help fund the cost of providing emergency 911 services; these funds are restricted by OCGA 46-5-134.

Law Library Fund - to account for the revenues and related expenditures of operating the County's Law Library; these funds are restricted by OCGA 36-15.

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

Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund - to account for funds collected from fines and forfeitures to be used to create and maintain a Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund; these funds are restricted by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) 15-21-100.

Law Enforcement Confiscated Monies - County Police Fund - to account for the use of confiscated assets by the County's Police Department; these funds are restricted by the applicable State of Georgia confiscation and seizure laws.

Law Enforcement Confiscated Monies - Sheriff Fund - to account for the use of confiscated assets by the Sheriff's Department; these funds are restricted by the applicable State of Georgia confiscation and seizure laws.

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

District Attorney Fund - to account for funds forfeited to the District Attorney's office by the courts to be used for law enforcement activities.

Juvenile Probation Fund - to account for funds collected to be used for law enforcement activities; these funds are restricted by OCGA 15-11-71.

Clerk of Superior Court Special Fee Fund - to account for funds collected from fines to be used by Clerk of Superior Court for technology related expenditures.

Sheriff Other Programs Fund - to account for the receipts and purchases inmates incur while they are incarcerated in addition to donations received that are to be expended.

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

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds							
ASSETS	**E-911 Emergency Telephone**	**Law Library Fund**	**Crime Victim Assistance Fund**	**Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund**	**Law Enforcement Confiscated Monies - County Police Fund**	**Law Enforcement Confiscated Monies - Sheriff Fund**	**County Jail Fund**	**District Attorney Fund**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,336,445	$ 74,244	$ 8,720	$ 6,988	$ 116,682	$ 903	$ 133,147	$ 41,429
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	140,317	-	2,103	3,586	-	-	2,768	-
Due from other funds	14,533	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,148
Total assets	$ 1,491,295	$ 74,244	$ 10,823	$ 10,574	$ 116,682	$ 903	$ 135,915	$ 44,577
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES								
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	$ 25,841	$ -	$ 7,675	$ 243	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Due to other funds	620,481	-	3,148	-	250	900	-	-
Other accrued liabilities	44,479	-	-	1,545	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	690,801	-	10,823	1,788	250	900	-	-
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)								
Restricted for:								
Public safety	800,494	-	-	8,786	116,432	-	135,915	-
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial activities	-	74,244	-	-	-	3	-	44,577
Total fund balances (deficit)	800,494	74,244	-	8,786	116,432	3	135,915	44,577
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 1,491,295	$ 74,244	$ 10,823	$ 10,574	$ 116,682	$ 903	$ 135,915	$ 44,577

Juvenile Probation Fund	Clerk of Superior Court Special Fee	Sheriff Other Programs Fund	OPIOID Fund	(Previously Nonmajor) ARPA Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
$ 81,662	$ 108,224	$ 70,635	$ 449,825	$ -	$ 2,428,904
				-	
-	-	-	-	-	148,774
-	-	-	-	-	17,681
$ 81,662	$ 108,224	$ 70,635	$ 449,825	$ -	$ 2,595,359
$ -	$ -	$ 31,115	$ -	$ -	$ 64,874
-	-	-	-	-	624,779
-	-	-	-	-	46,024
-	-	31,115	-	-	735,677
-	-	39,520	-	-	1,101,147
-	-	-	449,825	-	449,825
81,662	108,224	-	-	-	308,710
81,662	108,224	39,520	449,825	-	1,859,682
$ 81,662	$ 108,224	$ 70,635	$ 449,825	$ -	$ 2,595,359

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds							
	E-911 Emergency Telephone	Law Library Fund	Crime Victim Assistance Fund	Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund	Law Enforcement Confiscated Monies - County Fund	Law Enforcement Confiscated Monies - Sheriff Fund	County Jail Fund	District Attorney Fund
Revenues:								
Fines and forfeitures	$ -	$ 12,425	$ 14,022	$ 34,589	$ 73,105	$ -	$ 30,005	$ 21,553
Charges for services	837,094	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income	-	264	-	3	27	-	35	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	13,002	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	837,094	12,689	27,024	34,592	73,132	-	30,040	21,553
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General government	-	-	7,268	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	12,504	12,725	-	-	-	-	30,630
Public safety	1,807,744	-	-	30,806	36,993	-	-	-
Health and welfare	-	-	7,031	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	1,807,744	12,504	27,024	30,806	36,993	-	-	30,630
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(970,650)	185	-	3,786	36,139	-	30,040	(9,077)
Other financing sources:								
Transfers in	1,072,332	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	1,072,332	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	101,682	185	-	3,786	36,139	-	30,040	(9,077)
Fund balances, July 1	698,812	74,059	-	5,000	80,293	3	105,875	53,654
Adjustment - change within reporting entity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning of year, as restated	698,812	74,059	-	5,000	80,293	3	105,875	53,654
Fund balances, end of year	$ 800,494	$ 74,244	$ -	$ 8,786	$ 116,432	$ 3	$ 135,915	$ 44,577

Juvenile Probation Fund	Clerk of Superior Court Special Fee	Sheriff Other Programs Fund	OPIOID Fund	(Previously Nonmajor) ARPA Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
$ -	$ 25,470	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 211,169
-	-	574,456	-	-	1,411,550
24	-	-	-	-	353
-	-	-	244,150	-	257,152
-	-	33,676	-	-	33,676
24	25,470	608,132	244,150	-	1,913,900
-	-	-	-	-	7,268
-		-	-	-	55,859
-	8,687	632,202	-	-	2,516,432
-	-	-	-	-	7,031
-	8,687	632,202	-	-	2,586,590
24	16,783	(24,070)	244,150	-	(672,690)
-	-	-	-	-	1,072,332
-	-	-	-	-	1,072,332
24	16,783	(24,070)	244,150	-	399,642
81,638	91,441	63,590	205,675	(125,419)	1,334,621
-	-	-	-	125,419	125,419
81,638	91,441	63,590	205,675	-	1,460,040
$ 81,662	$ 108,224	$ 39,520	$ 449,825	$ -	$ 1,859,682

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
E911 FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 800,000	$ 835,000	$ 837,094	$ 2,094
Miscellaneous income	530	-	-	-
Total revenues	800,530	835,000	837,094	2,094
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	1,858,329	1,907,332	1,807,744	99,588
Total expenditures	1,858,329	1,907,332	1,807,744	99,588
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(1,057,799)	(1,072,332)	(970,650)	101,682
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	1,057,799	1,072,332	1,072,332	-
Total other financing sources	1,057,799	1,072,332	1,072,332	-
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	101,682	101,682
Fund balances, beginning of year	698,812	698,812	698,812	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 698,812	$ 698,812	$ 800,494	$ 101,682

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
LAW LIBRARY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 9,000	$ 9,000	$ 12,425	$ 3,425
Interest	100	100	264	164
Total revenues	9,100	9,100	12,689	3,589
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	9,100	9,100	12,504	(3,404)
Total expenditures	9,100	9,100	12,504	(3,404)
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	185	185
Fund balances, beginning of year	74,059	74,059	74,059	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 74,059	$ 74,059	$ 74,244	$ 185

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 24,000	$ 27,052	$ 14,022	$ (13,030)
Intergovernmental	-	-	13,002	13,002
Total revenues	24,000	27,052	27,024	(28)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	6,000	6,763	7,268	(505)
Judicial	12,000	13,526	12,725	801
Health and welfare	6,000	6,763	7,031	(268)
Total expenditures	24,000	27,052	27,024	28
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND EDUCATION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 15,300	$ 34,590	$ 34,589	$ (1)
Interest	20	3	3	-
Total revenues	15,320	34,593	34,592	(1)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	15,300	34,593	30,806	3,787
Total expenditures	15,300	34,593	30,806	3,787
Net changes in fund balances	20	-	3,786	3,786
Fund balances, beginning of year	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 5,020	$ 5,000	$ 8,786	$ 3,786

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFISCATED MONIES - COUNTY POLICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 100	$ 72,300	$ 73,105	$ 805
Interest Income	-	20	27	7
Total revenues	100	72,320	73,132	812
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	200	72,320	36,993	35,327
Total expenditures	200	72,320	36,993	35,327
Net changes in fund balances	(100)	-	36,139	36,139
Fund balances, beginning of year	80,293	80,293	80,293	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 80,193	$ 80,293	$ 116,432	$ 36,139

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFISCATED MONIES - SHERIFF FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 100	$ 100	$ -	$ (100)
Total revenues	100	100	-	(100)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	100	100	-	100
Total expenditures	100	100	-	100
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	3	3	3	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 3	$ 3	$ 3	$ -

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
COUNTY JAIL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 29,200	$ 28,100	$ 30,005	$ 1,905
Interest income	50	30	35	5
Total revenues	29,250	28,130	30,040	1,910
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	29,250	28,130	-	28,130
Total expenditures	29,250	28,130	-	28,130
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	30,040	30,040
Fund balances, beginning of year	105,875	105,875	105,875	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 105,875	$ 105,875	$ 135,915	$ 30,040

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 21,553	$ (3,447)
Total revenues	25,000	25,000	21,553	(3,447)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	25,000	25,000	30,630	(5,630)
Total expenditures	25,000	25,000	30,630	(5,630)
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	(9,077)	(9,077)
Fund balances, beginning of year	53,654	53,654	53,654	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 53,654	$ 53,654	$ 44,577	$ (9,077)

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
JUVENILE PROBATION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 100	$ -	$ -	$ -
Interest income	40	20	24	4
Total revenues	140	20	24	4
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	140	20	-	20
Total expenditures	140	20	-	20
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	24	24
Fund balances, beginning of year	81,638	81,638	81,638	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 81,638	$ 81,638	$ 81,662	$ 24

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT SPECIAL FEE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 25,470	$ (4,530)
Total revenues	30,000	30,000	25,470	(4,530)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Judicial	30,000	30,000	8,687	21,313
Total expenditures	30,000	30,000	8,687	21,313
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	16,783	16,783
Fund balances, beginning of year	91,441	91,441	91,441	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 91,441	$ 91,441	$ 108,224	$ 16,783

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
SHERIFF OTHER PROGRAMS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Charges for services	$ 575,000	$ 575,000	$ 574,456	$ (544)
Contributions and donations	26,000	26,000	33,676	7,676
Total revenues	601,000	601,000	608,132	7,132
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	601,000	601,000	632,202	(31,202)
Total expenditures	601,000	601,000	632,202	(31,202)
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	(24,070)	(24,070)
Fund balances, beginning of year	63,590	63,590	63,590	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 63,590	$ 63,590	$ 39,520	$ (24,070)

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
OPIOID FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	$ 44,666	$ 240,000	$ 244,150	$ 4,150
Total revenues	44,666	240,000	244,150	4,150
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety	44,666	240,000	-	240,000
Total expenditures	44,666	240,000	-	240,000
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	244,150	244,150
Fund balances, beginning of year	205,675	205,675	205,675	-
Fund balances, end of year	$ 205,675	$ 205,675	$ 449,825	$ 244,150

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Project	Estimated Cost		Expenditures		
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
2014 SPLOST					
Public infrastructure improvements	$ 5,900,000	$ 5,900,000	$ 4,557,268 (1)	$ -	$ 4,557,268
Transportation equipment and vehicles	390,000	390,000	155,856	-	155,856
County buildings, facilities and equipment	2,760,000	2,760,000	2,019,986	141,915	2,161,901
Public safety equipment and vehicles	6,089,000	6,089,000	5,640,919	247,574	5,888,493
Economic development	1,300,000	6,842,129	6,842,129 (1)	-	6,842,129
Public works equipment and vehicles	1,760,000	2,257,919	2,247,169	10,750	2,257,919
Recreation facilities	1,200,000	1,243,930	1,234,930	-	1,234,930
Projects total	19,399,000	25,482,978	22,698,257	400,239	23,098,496
Intergovernmental:					
City of Cedartown	8,970,000	8,970,000	8,939,469	-	8,939,469
City of Rockmart	7,233,000	7,233,000	7,207,025	-	7,207,025
City of Aragon	509,000	509,000	507,333	-	507,333
Intergovernmental total	16,712,000	16,712,000	16,653,827	-	16,653,827
Total 2014 SPLOST	$ 36,111,000	$ 42,194,978	$ 39,352,084	$ 400,239	$ 39,752,323

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Project	Estimated Cost		Expenditures		
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
2020 SPLOST					
County wide recreation	$ 1,200,000	$ 1,200,000	$ 1,175,000	$ -	$ 1,175,000
Public infrastructure improvements	5,900,000	5,900,000	1,390,192	63,083	1,453,275
Public safety equipment and vehicles	6,089,000	7,991,182	7,091,723 (1)	899,459	7,991,182
Public works equipment and vehicles	1,760,000	1,760,000	503,175	322,534	825,709
Transportation equipment and vehicles	390,000	390,000	72,107	31,997	104,104
County buildings, facilities and equipment	2,760,000	2,760,000	133,804	102,956	236,760
Economic development	1,300,000	1,300,000	-	-	-
Projects total	19,399,000	21,301,182	10,366,001	1,420,029	11,786,030
Intergovernmental:					
City of Cedartown	8,970,000	8,970,000	3,733,819	2,028,992	5,762,811
City of Rockmart	7,233,000	7,233,000	3,010,806	1,636,099	4,646,905
City of Aragon	509,000	509,000	211,943	115,172	327,115
Intergovernmental total	16,712,000	16,712,000	6,956,568	3,780,263	10,736,831
Total 2020 SPLOST	$ 36,111,000	$ 38,013,182	$ 17,322,569	$ 5,200,292	$ 22,522,861

Total SPLOST expenditures	$ 5,600,531
Debt service expenditures	619,001
Non SPLOST expenditures - GDOT	1,163,641
Total SPLOST Fund expenditures	$ 7,383,173

(1) Includes project expenditures funded by intergovernmental revenues and interfund transfers.

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
Juvenile Court
Magistrate Court
Probation Office
Seizure Fund

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS	Tax Commissioner	Probate Court	Juvenile Court	Clerk of Superior Court	Magistrate Court
Cash and cash equivalents	$ -	$ 35,496	$ 481	$ 71,720	$ 3,739
Taxes receivable	1,243,335	-	-	-	-
Total assets	1,243,335	35,496	481	71,720	3,739
LIABILITIES					
Due to others	-	5,996	460	38,907	2,834
Uncollected taxes	1,243,335	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	1,243,335	5,996	460	38,907	2,834
NET POSITION					
Restricted:					
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	-	29,500	21	32,813	905
Total net position	$ -	$ 29,500	$ 21	$ 32,813	$ 905

Sheriff	Probation Office	Seizure Fund	Total
$ 86,454	$ 3,492	$ 120,392	$ 321,774
-	-	-	1,243,335
86,454	3,492	120,392	1,565,109
15,283	3,492	-	66,972
-	-	-	1,243,335
15,283	3,492	-	1,310,307
71,171	-	120,392	254,802
$ 71,171	$ -	$ 120,392	$ 254,802

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Tax Commissioner	Probate Court	Juvenile Court	Clerk of Superior Court	Magistrate Court
ADDITIONS					
Property taxes collected for other governments	$ 38,529,179	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Fines and fees collected	-	152,231	3,430	456,798	132,848
Total additions	38,529,179	152,231	3,430	456,798	132,848
DEDUCTIONS					
Property taxes distributed to other governments	38,529,179	-	3,409	-	-
Fines and fees disbursed	-	122,731	-	441,537	-
Other custodial disbursements	-	-	-	-	140,588
Total deductions	38,529,179	122,731	3,409	441,537	140,588
Net increase (decrease) in custodial net position	-	29,500	21	15,261	(7,740)
Net position, beginning of year	-	-	-	17,552	8,645
Net position, end of year	$ -	$ 29,500	$ 21	$ 32,813	$ 905

Sheriff	Probation Office	Seizure Fund	Total
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 38,529,179
184,239	129,274	22,103	1,080,923
184,239	129,274	22,103	39,610,102
-	-	-	38,532,588
180,179	129,274	-	873,721
-	-	72,943	213,531
180,179	129,274	72,943	39,619,840
4,060	-	(50,840)	(9,738)
67,111	-	171,232	264,540
$ 71,171	$ -	$ 120,392	$ 254,802

COMPONENT UNIT – DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

BALANCE SHEET
COMPONENT UNIT - DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	$	1,867,298
Property held for redevelopment		310,118
Total assets	$	2,177,416

FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE		
Nonspendable	$	310,118
Unassigned		1,867,298
Total fund balance	$	2,177,416

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
COMPONENT UNIT - DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

REVENUES		
Interest	$	46,685
Intergovernmental		267,397
Total revenues		314,082
EXPENDITURES		
Current:		
Housing and development		198,040
Total expenditures		198,040
Net change in fund balance		116,042
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		2,061,374
FUND BALANCE, end of year	$	2,177,416

COMPLIANCE SECTION

MAULDIN & JENKINS
CPAs & ADVISORS

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

Board of Commissioners
of Polk County, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Polk County, Georgia (the "County") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 21, 2025. Our report includes a reference to another auditor who audited the financial statements of the Polk County Health Department, as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditor's testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by that auditor. Our report includes a reference to the change in accounting principle resulting from the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections.*

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, descried in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as Items 2024-001 and 2024-002, that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as Item 2024-003.

The County's Responses to the Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
August 21, 2025

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

SECTION I
SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

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

Federal Awards

There was not an audit of major federal award programs as of June 30, 2024 due to the total amount of federal awards expended being less than $750,000.

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

2024-001 Accounts Receivable and Related Accounts

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly reporting the accounts receivable and related accounts of the County in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of the accounts receivable and related accounts of the County.

Context/Cause: During our testing, audit adjustments were required in the various funds to correct accounts receivable and related accounts. The audit adjustments were as follows:

- The E-911 Emergency Telephone Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately $68,500 to increase intergovernmental receivables and increase related E-911 charges for services collected by the State.

Effects: An audit adjustment totaling approximately $68,500 was needed to correctly report the accounts receivable and related accounts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Recommendations: We recommend the County carefully review all transactions to ensure all year-end closing entries are accurate and recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Auditee's Response: We concur with the finding. We will ensure that the necessary review of the financial information is being conducted to ensure that financial data is properly reported during the year and at the conclusion of each financial reporting cycle.

POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

2024-002 Timely Financial Reporting

Criteria: Timely and accurate financial reporting of all funds included in the financial statements of the County to facilitate informed financial decisions by the County's management and those with oversight of management is imperative.

Condition: Internal controls and available resources were not sufficient to facilitate the accurate, timely reporting of the County's overall financial position and results of operations as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Context/Cause: The County did not complete its year-end closing process to provide final trial balances and the necessary subsidiary ledgers for its funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 for auditing until April and May of 2025.

Effects: The County was unable to report accurate financial information on either an accrual or modified accrual basis, as appropriate, in a timely manner.

Recommendation: We recommend management implement procedures to ensure timely and accurate financial reporting to facilitate informed financial decisions.

Auditee's Response: We concur with the finding. We will take the necessary steps to complete the closing process more timely.

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

Finding 2024-003 – Governmental Fund Budgets

Criteria: State of Georgia law (OCGA 36-81-3) states:

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

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

Condition: State law requires local governments to adopt annual appropriated balanced budgets for all governmental funds. Management did not adopt a balanced budget for the ARPA Fund.

Context/Cause: The County was not adopting and operating under a balanced budget as follows:

- The County's final ARPA Fund budget was set to utilize fund balance of approximately $255,600 to fund current period expenditures. At the time the budget was amended, the ARPA's fund balance was a deficit of approximately $125,400.

Effects: The County failed to operate under a balanced budget, which has resulted in a compliance violation with State law.

Recommendation: We recommend the County timely adopt and operate under balanced budgets for all governmental funds.

Auditee's response: We concur with the finding. We will take the necessary steps to adopt a balanced budget in future years.