TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024 AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA

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April 11, 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Taliaferro County, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Taliaferro 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 present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison information for the General Fund and the Major Special Revenue Funds (the American Rescue Plan Fund and TIA Discretionary Projects Fund) 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 Taliaferro County Board of Health (Health Department), which represent 27 percent, 10 percent, and 96 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the discretely presented component units. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Health Department, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audit contained in *Government Auditing Standards (GAS)*, 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

As discussed in Note 17, an error was discovered in the County's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, resulting in the understatement of cash and overstatement of expenditures. Additionally, this error also resulted in the overstatement of capital assets at the government-wide level. The County corrected these errors by

restating the General Fund's fund balance and the net position of the governmental activities for fiscal year 2023. The effects of these restatements are discussed in detail in Note 17. Our opinions are not modified with respect to these matters.

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 *GAS* 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 *GAS*, 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 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

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 opinions on the basic financial statements are 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 nonmajor fund financial statements, nonmajor special revenue fund budgetary comparison schedules, custodial fund statements, Development Authority of Taliaferro County's statements, and the schedules of projects constructed with special purpose local options sales tax proceeds are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statements, nonmajor special revenue fund budgetary comparison schedules, custodial fund statements, Development Authority of Taliaferro County's statements, and the schedules of projects constructed with special purpose local options sales tax proceeds 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, combining nonmajor fund financial statements, nonmajor special revenue fund budgetary comparison schedules, custodial fund statements, Development Authority of Taliaferro County's statements, and the schedules of projects constructed with special purpose local options sales tax proceeds 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 *GAS*, we have also issued our report dated April 11, 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *GAS* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Primary Government	Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Health Department	Development Authority
Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 5,490,749	$ 273,267	$ 312,959
Receivables, Net of Allowance			
Taxes	103,452	-	-
Accounts	-	21,785	-
Due from Other Governments	128,134	864	-
Prepaid Items	180,150	-	-
Lease Receivable	29,303	-	-
Nondepreciable Assets	2,119,740	-	878,544
Depreciable Assets, Net	7,059,706	-	-
Proportionate Share of Collective Net SEAD-OPEB Asset	-	36,193	-
Total Assets	15,111,234	332,109	1,191,503
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension Related	-	80,325	-
OPEB Related	-	28,312	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	108,637	-

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	Primary Government	Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Health Department	Development Authority
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	$ 96,573	$ 1,810	$ -
Accrued Expenses	42,118	9,017	-
Unearned Revenue	139,251	-	-
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Due within One Year			
Compensated Absences	51,129	-	-
Landfill Postclosure Cost	13,125	-	-
Due in More than One Year			
Compensated Absences	-	15,861	-
Landfill Postclosure Cost	173,814	-	-
Net Pension Liability	-	253,060	-
Net OPEB Liability	-	10,385	-
Total Liabilities	516,010	290,133	-
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
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Lease Related	28,708	-	-
Pension Related	-	1,641	-
OPEB Related	-	18,029	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	28,708	19,670	-
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,140,259	-	878,544
Restricted			
Transportation	1,227,343	-	-
Capital Outlay	1,047,516	-	-
Drug Awareness	89,254	-	-
Law Enforcement	96,471	-	-
Public Safety	11,548		
Road Improvements	571,967	-	-
Health and Welfare Programs	99,270	85,794	-
Unrestricted	2,282,888	45,149	312,959
Total Net Position	$ 14,566,516	$ 130,943	$ 1,191,503

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL 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	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Component Units: Health Department	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Component Units: Development Authority
Primary Government							
Governmental Activities							
General Government	$ 696,252	$ 21,045	$ 6,961	$ -	$ (668,246)		
Public Safety	1,965,724	1,173,382	4,103	-	(788,239)		
Public Works	746,614	34,771	585	207,188	(504,070)		
Judicial	391,956	4,116	-	-	(387,840)		
Health and Welfare	266,991	-	138,501	-	(128,490)		
Culture and Recreation	27,784	-	-	-	(27,784)		
Housing and Development	50,228	-	20,710	-	(29,518)		
Total Governmental Activities	4,145,549	1,233,314	170,860	207,188	(2,534,187)		
Total Primary Government	$ 4,145,549	$ 1,233,314	$ 170,860	$ 207,188	(2,534,187)		
Component Units							
Health Department	$ 289,882	$ 49,695	$ 250,432	$ -		$ 10,245	$ -
Development Authority	807	-	8,929	-		-	8,122
Total Component Units	$ 290,689	$ 49,695	$ 259,361	$ -		10,245	8,122
General Revenues							
Property Tax					1,683,724	-	-
Sales Tax					944,448	-	-
Other Tax					269,622	-	-
Interest Revenue					4,133	390	2,439
Miscellaneous					15,352	-	200
Insurance Recoveries					24,672	-	-
Total General Revenues					2,941,951	390	2,639
Change in Net Position					407,764	10,635	10,761
Net Position - Beginning of Year, as Previously Reported					14,136,742	120,308	1,180,742
Error Correction					22,010	-	-
Net Position - Beginning of Year, as Restated					14,158,752	120,308	1,180,742
Net Position - End of Year					$ 14,566,516	$ 130,943	$ 1,191,503

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

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TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds: American Rescue Plan Fund	Special Revenue Funds: TIA Discretionary Projects Fund	Capital Projects Fund: SPLOST Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 2,913,502	$ 139,251	$ 1,186,116	$ 1,026,968	$ 224,912	$ 5,490,749
Receivables, Net of Allowance						
Taxes	103,452	-	-	-	-	103,452
Due from Other Governments	53,944	-	41,327	20,548	12,315	128,134
Due from Other Funds	100	-	-	-	17,848	17,948
Prepaid Items	180,150	-	-	-	-	180,150
Lease Receivable	29,303	-	-	-	-	29,303
Total Assets	$ 3,280,451	$ 139,251	$ 1,227,443	$ 1,047,516	$ 255,075	$ 5,949,736
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	$ 51,465	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 45,108	$ 96,573
Accrued Expenses	40,954	-	-	-	1,164	42,118
Due to Other Funds	17,848	-	100	-	-	17,948
Unearned Revenues	-	139,251	-	-	-	139,251
Total Liabilities	110,267	139,251	100	-	46,272	295,890
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Unavailable Revenue						
Property Taxes	95,960	-	-	-	-	95,960
Leases	28,708	-	-	-	-	28,708
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	124,668	-	-	-	-	124,668
Fund Balances						
Nonspendable	180,745	-	-	-	-	180,745
Restricted	659,707	-	1,227,343	1,047,516	208,803	3,143,369
Assigned	800,000	-	-	-	-	800,000
Unassigned	1,405,064	-	-	-	-	1,405,064
Total Fund Balances	3,045,516	-	1,227,343	1,047,516	208,803	5,529,178
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources, and Fund Balances	$ 3,280,451	$ 139,251	$ 1,227,443	$ 1,047,516	$ 255,075	$ 5,949,736

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET
OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	$ 5,529,178
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital Assets	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Cost of the Assets	17,840,336
Accumulated Depreciation	(8,660,890)
Long-Term Liabilities	
Long-term liabilities, including compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the funds. All liabilities both current and long-term are reported in the Statement of Net Position. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of the following:	
Compensated Absences	(51,129)
Landfill Postclosure Cost	(186,939)
Revenues	
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.	95,960
Net Position of Governmental Activities	$ 14,566,516

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

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

		Special Revenue Funds		Capital Projects Fund		
	General Fund	American Rescue Plan Fund	TIA Discretionary Projects Fund	SPLOST Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Taxes	$ 2,146,524	$ -	$ 506,785	$ 247,968	$ -	$ 2,901,277
License and Permits	2,500	-	-	-	-	2,500
Intergovernmental	327,952	-	-	-	49,511	377,463
Charges for Services	53,316	-	-	-	32,303	85,619
Fines and Forfeitures	1,003,027	-	-	-	142,168	1,145,195
Interest Income	4,133	-	-	585	-	4,718
Other Revenue	15,352	-	-	-	-	15,352
Total Revenues	3,552,804	-	506,785	248,553	223,982	4,532,124
Expenditures						
Current						
General Government	922,357	-	-	-	-	922,357
Judicial	391,956	-	-	-	-	391,956
Public Safety	1,808,447	-	-	-	56,057	1,864,504
Public Works	381,939	-	2,941	57,790	-	442,670
Health and Welfare	166,140	-	-	-	74,028	240,168
Culture and Recreation	18,697	-	-	-	-	18,697
Housing and Development	50,228	-	-	-	-	50,228
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	25,980	88,782	114,762
Total Expenditures	3,739,764	-	2,941	83,770	218,867	4,045,342
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(186,960)	-	503,844	164,783	5,115	486,782
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	33,372	33,372
Transfers to Other Funds	(33,372)	-	-	-	-	(33,372)
Insurance Recoveries	24,672	-	-	-	-	24,672
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(8,700)	-	-	-	33,372	24,672
Net Change in Fund Balances	(195,660)	-	503,844	164,783	38,487	511,454
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year as Previously Reported	3,183,928	-	723,499	882,733	170,316	4,960,476
Error Correction	57,248	-	-	-	-	57,248
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year, as Restated	3,241,176	-	723,499	882,733	170,316	5,017,724
Fund Balances - End of Year	$ 3,045,516	$ -	$ 1,227,343	$ 1,047,516	$ 208,803	$ 5,529,178

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	$	511,454

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

Capital Assets

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

Total Capital Outlays	182,780
Total Depreciation	(560,874)

Long-Term Debt

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in governmental funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting until due, rather than as it accrues. The adjustments for these items are as follows:

Compensated Absences	3,853
Landfill Postclosure Cost	274,034

Revenues

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(3,483)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	$	407,764

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes				
Property Taxes	$ 1,529,867	$ 1,700,825	$ 1,687,207	$ (13,618)
Sales Tax	145,000	192,118	189,695	(2,423)
Motor Vehicle Taxes	-	113,277	107,120	(6,157)
Insurance Premium Taxes	65,000	80,301	80,301	-
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	4,500	9,585	9,585	-
Recording Intangibles	8,500	6,618	6,192	(426)
Real Estate Transfer	5,000	23,088	8,054	(15,034)
Penalties and Interest	-	20,736	19,432	(1,304)
Other Taxes	25,000	39,010	38,938	(72)
Licenses and Permits	1,600	2,500	2,500	-
Intergovernmental Revenues	345,187	576,420	327,952	(248,468)
Charges for Services	27,100	53,962	53,316	(646)
Fines and Forfeitures	428,300	1,029,190	1,003,027	(26,163)
Investment Earnings	-	1,797	4,133	2,336
Miscellaneous	600	205,003	15,352	(189,651)
Total Revenues	2,585,654	4,054,430	3,552,804	(501,626)
Expenditures				
Current				
General Government				
General Administration	120,810	137,938	147,102	(9,164)
Board of Commissioners	566,050	832,094	456,669	375,425
Tax Commissioner	95,090	101,893	111,444	(9,551)
Tax Assessor	72,768	86,615	88,674	(2,059)
Tax Equalization	2,411	763	763	-
Voter Registrar	51,875	56,814	60,801	(3,987)
Elections	13,000	1,666	1,666	-
Public Buildings	48,482	51,218	55,238	(4,020)
Total General Government	970,486	1,269,001	922,357	346,644

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Judicial				
Superior Court	$ 108,375	$ 125,375	$ 137,112	$ (11,737)
Probate Court	279,768	220,490	245,153	(24,663)
District Attorney	6,700	6,621	6,621	-
Public Defender	-	3,070	3,070	-
Total Judicial	394,843	355,556	391,956	(36,400)
Public Safety				
Sheriff's Office	847,921	1,004,280	1,064,899	(60,619)
Jail	113,300	150,177	148,347	1,830
Emergency Management Agency	3,571	2,265	2,403	(138)
Fire Departments	248,661	221,573	245,321	(23,748)
Ambulance Service	78,000	78,000	71,500	6,500
E911	154,850	219,678	249,628	(29,950)
Coroner	20,281	25,744	26,349	(605)
Total Public Safety	1,466,584	1,701,717	1,808,447	(106,730)
Public Works				
Highways and Streets	231,545	228,732	247,367	(18,635)
Solid Waste and Recycling	103,661	134,123	134,572	(449)
Total Public Works	335,206	362,855	381,939	(19,084)
Health and Welfare				
Senior Center	62,442	51,667	52,787	(1,120)
Department of Family and Children Services	1,786	3,530	3,530	-
Family Connection / Collaborative	33,929	97,196	63,629	33,567
Enterprise Community	-	411	411	-
Board of Health	28,373	32,053	32,053	-
Rural Health	-	100	100	-
Community Center	7,589	7,082	7,082	-
Adult Literacy	446	6,548	6,548	-
Total Health and Welfare	139,029	198,587	166,140	32,447

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Culture and Recreation				
Library	$ 37,009	$ 16,531	$ 16,531	$ -
Recreation	3,571	2,166	2,166	-
Total Culture and Recreation	40,580	18,697	18,697	-
Housing and Development				
Forestry	11,624	11,612	11,612	-
Planning and Zoning	4,196	760	760	-
Development Authority	8,929	8,929	8,929	-
Workforce Investment	56,250	43,388	28,927	14,461
Total Housing and Development	80,999	64,689	50,228	14,461
Total Expenditures	3,427,727	3,971,102	3,739,764	231,338
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(842,073)	83,328	(186,960)	(270,288)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers to Other Funds	-	-	(33,372)	(33,372)
Insurance Recoveries	5,000	24,672	24,672	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	5,000	24,672	(8,700)	(33,372)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(837,073)	108,000	(195,660)	(303,660)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, as Previously Reported	3,183,928	3,183,928	3,183,928	-
Error Correction	57,248	57,248	57,248	
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year, as Restated	3,241,176	3,241,176	3,241,176	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	$ 2,404,103	$ 3,349,176	$ 3,045,516	$ (303,660)

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	American Rescue Plan Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenditures				
Current				
General Government	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
TIA DISCRETIONARY PROJECTS FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	TIA Discretionary Projects Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes				
Sales Tax	$ -	$ 504,768	$ 506,785	$ 2,017
Total Revenues	-	504,768	506,785	2,017
Expenditures				
Current				
Public Works	-	2,941	2,941	-
Total Expenditures	-	2,941	2,941	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	501,827	503,844	2,017
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	723,499	723,499	723,499	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	$ 723,499	$ 1,225,326	$ 1,227,343	$ 2,017

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TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Custodial Funds
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 349,074
Taxes Receivable for Other Governments	243,942
Total Assets	593,016
Liabilities	
Funds Due to Other Local Governments	53,494
Funds Due to Others	202,801
Uncollected Taxes	243,942
Total Liabilities	500,237
Net Position	
Restricted for Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments	92,779
Total Net Position	$ 92,779

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

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

	Custodial Funds
Additions	
Taxes Collected for Other Governments	$ 1,730,741
Fines Collected for Other Governments	192,659
Funds Collected for Others	358,576
Total Additions	2,281,976
Deductions	
Taxes Distributed to Other Governments	1,730,741
Fines Distributed to Other Governments	200,037
Funds Distributed to Others	355,925
Total Deductions	2,286,703
Changes in Net Position	(4,727)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	97,506
Net Position - End of Year	$ 92,779

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting Policies

Taliaferro County, Georgia (the County) was established under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of Georgia in 1825. Taliaferro County was named for Revolutionary War hero and U.S. Congressman Benjamin Taliaferro. The County's name is pronounced as if it were "Oliver" proceeded by a "T". The County operates under a county commissioner form of government and provides the following services as authorized by state law: general administrative services, public safety, roads and bridges, courts, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and housing and development.

The accounting policies of the County conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the County's more significant policies applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements.

Reporting Entity

As required by GAAP, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of Taliaferro County (the primary government) and any component units. A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. In addition, a component unit can be another organization for which the nature and significance of its relationship with a primary government is such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The component units discussed below are included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational and financial relationships with the County. In conformity with GAAP, as set forth in Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 61 *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus, an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14 and 34*, the County's relationships with other governments and agencies have been examined. The financial statements of each component unit have been included as a discretely presented component unit. The component unit columns in the combined financial statements include the financial data for the Development Authority of Taliaferro County, as of June 30, 2024 and the Taliaferro County Health Department, as of June 30, 2024. The financial information for the component units is reported in columns separate from the County's financial information to emphasize that it is legally separate from the County.

Development Authority of Taliaferro County (the Authority)

The Authority exists for the purpose of promoting and developing for the public good and general welfare, industry, and trade, trade commerce, and employment opportunity in the County. The County makes all appointments to the Board. The County provides significant operating subsidies to the Authority. The Authority does not issue separate financial statements.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Reporting Entity (Continued)

Taliaferro County Board of Health (the Health Department)

The governing board of the Taliaferro County Board of Health d/b/a Taliaferro County Health Department consists of members appointed by the County Commissioners. The County, by virtue of its appointments, controls a majority of the governing body positions. The Board submits all operating budgets to the County each year. The County provides significant funding to the Board, based upon the approved budgets. The Board operates on a fiscal year ending June 30. Complete financial statements of the individual component unit can be obtained from the Health Department.

Taliaferro County Health Department
55 Alexander Street
Crawfordville, Georgia 30631

Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission (CSRA RC)– Joint Venture

A joint venture has the following characteristics:

- It is a legal entity that results from a contractual agreement
- It is owned, operated, or governed by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control
- Participants retain an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the CSRA District, is a member of the CSRA RC and is required to pay annual dues thereto. Membership in an RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia. The CSRA RC Council 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 an RC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from:

Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission
3626 Walton Way Ext., Suite 300
Augusta, Georgia 30909

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (statement of net position and 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 and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

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

Property taxes, local option sales taxes, other taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest, and charges for services associated with the current fiscal period are all considered susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenues are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the government's most significant funds, not the government as a whole. The activities of the government are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

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

American Rescue Plan Fund – This special revenue fund is used to account for the federal funding from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and the restricted expenditures of the program.

TIA Discretionary Projects Fund - This special revenue fund is used to account for the receipts and disbursements of transportation projects funded by the 25 percent local government portion of the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) discretionary proceeds.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

SPLOST Fund - This capital projects fund collects sales taxes and uses those revenues for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and various roads, streets, and bridges projects.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Custodial Funds - Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held in a custodial capacity for individuals, organizations, or other governments. The County's fiduciary funds are all custodial funds.

Deposits and Investments

The government'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. Investments are reported at fair value, which is determined using selected bases. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on national or international exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates, and investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value. Cash deposits are reported at carrying amount, which reasonably estimates fair value.

Receivables

Receivables and due from other governments represent funds to be received from other local governments, state grant-in-aid, state contracts, or federal funds. No allowance is deemed necessary for these receivables.

Activity between funds that are representative of lending / borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either due to / from other funds or advances to / from other funds. All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as due to / from other funds.

All trade and property tax receivables have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value and are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Estimated uncollectible amounts are based upon historical experience rates.

Prepaid Items

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.

Lease Receivables

The County reports lease receivables for leases in which it is the lessor. Lease receivables are measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease term, plus any residual value guaranteed by the lessee or a third party unrelated to the lessor. Lease payments include fixed payments, variable payments that depend on an index or rate, and certain other payments such as termination penalties and residual value guarantees. Lease receivables are reduced by any uncollectible amounts and any deferred inflows of resources related to leases.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items acquired subsequent to January 1, 2003) are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than $5,000, and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

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

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

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Building	40 Years
Heavy Equipment	7 Years
Infrastructure	5 Years
Vehicles	5 - 7 Years

Compensated Absences

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the government does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the government. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

Deferred Inflows / Outflows of Resources

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

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Accordingly, the governmental funds report two items in this category, unavailable revenues from property taxes and deferred inflows of resources related to leases. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Lease Liabilities

The County reports lease liabilities for leases in which it is the lessee. Lease liabilities are measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be made during the lease term, plus any residual value guaranteed by the lessee or a third party related to the lessee. Lease payments include fixed payments, variable payments that depend on an index or rate, and certain other payments such as termination penalties and residual value guarantees. Lease liabilities are increased by any interest accrued and reduced by any lease payments made.

Net Position Flow Assumption

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

It is the government's policy to consider restricted - net position to have been depleted before unrestricted - net position is applied.

Fund Equity

In the financial statements, governmental funds report the following classifications of fund balance in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54:

- Nonspendable amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted - amounts are restricted when constraints have been placed on the use of resources by (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed - amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board. The Board approves committed resources through a motion and vote during the voting session of Council meetings.
- Assigned - amounts that are constrained by the Board's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Through resolution, the Board has authorized the County Clerk to assign fund balances.
- Unassigned - amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that are not restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

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

- Committed
- Assigned
- Unassigned

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Equity (Continued)

The County does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy. The following is a summary of the fund balance classifications as of June 30, 2024:

	General Fund	TIA Discretionary Special Revenue Fund	SPLOST Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable					
Prepaids	$ 180,150	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 180,150
Leases	595	-	-	-	595
Restricted					
Transportation	-	1,227,343	-	-	1,227,343
Capital Outlay	-	-	1,047,516	-	1,047,516
Drug Awareness	-	-	-	89,254	89,254
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	96,471	96,471
Public Safety	-	-	-	11,548	11,548
Road Improvements	571,967	-	-	-	571,967
Health and Welfare	87,740	-	-	11,530	99,270
Assigned					
Fund Balance Appropriation	800,000	-	-	-	800,000
Unassigned	1,405,064	-	-	-	1,405,064
Total Fund Balances	$3,045,516	$ 1,227,343	$ 1,047,516	$ 208,803	$ 5,529,178

Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; and errors or omissions. The County purchases commercial insurance for most types of risk. For these risks, settlements have not exceeded coverages for each of the past three fiscal years. The County had no significant reduction in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year.

The County has joined together with other municipalities in the state as part of the ACCG Group Self Insurance Workers' Compensation Self Insurance Fund, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member local governments. The Fund is to defend, in the name of and on behalf of the members, any suits or other proceedings, which may at any time be instituted against them on account of injuries or death within the preview of the Workers' Compensation Law of Georgia, or on the basis of employer's liability. The Fund is to pay all costs taxed against members in any legal proceeding defended by the members, all interest accruing after entry of judgment, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation or defense. For the year ending June 30, 2024, the County's total contribution was $35,883 for the Workers Compensation Fund.

The County is a member of the ACCG Interlocal Risk Management Agency (ACCG-IRMA). This agency functions as a risk-sharing arrangement among Georgia County governments and is administered by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). The purpose of ACCG-IRMA is to establish and administer one or more group self-insurance funds; to establish and administer a risk management service; and to prevent or lessen the incidence or severity of casualty and property losses. Each member pays an annual contribution established by the Board of ACCG-IRMA. For the period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, the County's total contribution was $127,242. ACCG-IRMA may develop and issue such self-insurance coverage descriptions, as it deems necessary. The current coverage provides a $3,000,000 general liability limit with a $1,000 per occurrence deductible.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Risk Management (Continued)

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 Government in investigation, settlement discussions, and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the Government within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources / uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements (i.e., they are netted). Transfers between funds reported in the governmental activities' column are eliminated.

Estimates

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

(2) New Accounting Pronouncement

GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

The County and its component units, as applicable, have implemented GASB Statement 100, "*Accounting Changes and Error Corrections" an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62.* The objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error correction to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

(3) Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Budget Process

The annual budget document is the financial plan for the operation of the County. The budget process exists for the purpose of providing a professional management approach to the establishment of priorities and the implementation of work programs while providing an orderly means for control and evaluation of the financial posture of the County.

The County prepares a separately issued budget report. An annual operating budget is prepared for the General Fund, TIA Discretionary Projects Fund, American Rescue Plan Fund, E-911 Fund, and Section 5311 Transportation Fund. Prior to year-end, the Clerk of the County Commissioners submits to the Board of Commissioners a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The Board of Commissioners holds a public hearing on the budget, giving notice thereof at least ten days in advance by publication in the official organ of the County. The budget is then revised and adopted or amended by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting before the year to which it applies. The budget so adopted may be revised during the year only by formal action of the Board of Commissioners in a regular meeting and no increase shall be made therein without provision also being made for financing same. The legal level of control is at the department level.

(3) Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)

Budget Process (Continued)

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. The budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP. The General Fund is subject to budgetary control on a departmental basis, while the Special Revenue Funds are subject to budgetary control on an individual fund basis. Budgets are prepared for the Capital Projects Funds on a project basis, which usually covers two or more fiscal years. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Commissioners. Individual amendments are not material in relation to the original appropriations.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The County had expenditures in excess of appropriations for the following funds and departments:

General Fund		
General Government		
General Administration	$	9,164
Tax Commissioner		9,551
Tax Assessor		2,059
Voter Registrar		3,987
Public Buildings		4,020
Judicial		
Superior Court		11,737
Probate Court		24,663
Public Safety		
Sheriff's Office		60,619
Emergency Management Agency		138
Fire Departments		23,748
E911		29,950
Coroner		605
Public Works		
Highways and Streets		18,635
Solid Waste and Recycling		449
Health and Welfare		
Senior Center		1,120
Special Revenue Funds		
Confiscated Assets Fund		100,608
Drug Abuse & Treatment Fund		5,563
Section 5311 Transportation Fund		5,580

Funds Not Budgeted

The County did not adopt a budget for the Confiscated Assets Fund and the Drug Abuse Fund special revenue funds.

(4) Deposits and Investments

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

The custodial credit risk of deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a bank, the government will not be able to recover deposits. The County's bank balances of deposits as of June 30, 2024, are entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the County's agent in the County's name. State statutes require banks holding public funds to secure these funds by FDIC insurance, securities pledged at par value, and surety bonds at face value in combined aggregate totaling not less than 110 percent of the public funds held.

The custodial credit risk of deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a bank, the government will not be able to recover deposits. The Authority's bank balances of deposits as of June 30, 2024, are entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the Authority's agent in the Authority's name. State statutes require banks holding public funds to secure these funds by FDIC insurance, securities pledged at par value, and surety bonds at face value in combined aggregate totaling not less than 110 percent of the public funds held.

As of June 30, 2024, the County's carrying amount of deposits was $5,490,749, and the bank balance was $5,950,352.

As of June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of deposits for the Authority was $312,959, and the bank balance was $312,808. The entire bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held.

As of June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of deposits for the Health Department, was $273,267. The entire bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held.

(5) Property Taxes

State law requires that property taxes be based on assessed value, which is 40 percent of market value. All real and personal property (including motor vehicles) is valued as of January 1 of each year and must be returned for tax purposes by March 1. With the exception of motor vehicles and the property of public utilities, which are valued by the State Revenue Department, all assessments are made by the Board of Tax Assessors of Taliaferro County.

Exemptions are permitted for certain inventories. A homestead exemption is allowed for each taxpayer that is a homeowner and resides in the household as of January 1. There are other exemptions provided by state and local laws.

Upon completion of all assessments and tax returns, the information is turned over to the County Tax Commissioner for compilation of the tax digest. The completed tax digest must be submitted to the State Revenue Commissioner for approval. The State Revenue Commissioner must ascertain that real property on the tax digest has been assessed at the state mandated 40 percent of fair market value. The Commissioner has the option to withhold certain state funding if the mandated 40 percent level is not reached.

The Taliaferro County Tax Commissioner distributes tax notices and collects tax payments. Motor vehicle taxes are due based upon the birthday of the owner. The 2023 property taxes were mailed (levied) as of September 3rd with a due date of December 8th.

Property taxes receivable have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value. Estimated uncollectible amounts are based upon historical experience rates and result in a direct reduction of the related revenue amount at the end of the period.

(5) Property Taxes (Continued)

The tax billing cycle for the 2023 property taxes is as follows:

Assessment Date	January 1, 2023
Levy Date	September 3, 2023
Due Date and Collection Date	December 8, 2023
Tax Execution Date / Lien Date	December 9, 2023

(6) Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2024, consist of the following:

	General Fund
Receivables	
Taxes	$ 179,203
Gross Receivables	179,203
Allowance for Uncollectibles	(75,751)
Net Total Receivables	$ 103,452

(7) Due from Other Governments

Amounts due from other governments at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	Federal	State	Other	Total
Fund				
General Fund	$ 8,145	$ 45,799	$ -	$ 53,944
TIA Discretionary Projects Fund	-	41,327	-	41,327
SPLOST Fund	-	20,548	-	20,548
Nonmajor Funds	7,779	4,536	-	12,315
Total Due From Other Governments	$ 15,924	$ 112,210	$ -	$ 128,134

The amounts due from other governments are primarily for grant funds and sales taxes.

(8) Lease Receivables

The County has entered into a lease agreement with a lessee for the use of a building. The lease term is 4 years, and the lease payments are due in monthly installments of $1,250. The County has recorded a lease receivable of $43,464, which represents the present value of the lease payments discounted at the County's incremental borrowing rate of 2.267 percent. The lease receivable is reported as a noncurrent asset in the government-wide statement of net position. The County recognizes interest revenue on the lease receivable over the lease term using the effective interest method.

In fiscal year 2024, the County recognized $14,354 in lease revenue and $839 in interest revenue under the lease.

(8) Lease Receivables (Continued)

The present value of future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 14,486	$ 514	$ 15,000
2026	14,817	183	15,000
Total	$ 29,303	$ 697	$ 30,000

(9) Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

The composition of the due to / from other funds as of June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	TIA Discretionary Projects Fund	$ 100
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	General Fund	17,848
Total Interfund Balances		$ 17,948

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly 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.

Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, consisted of the following:

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Fund	$ 33,372

Transfers are used to move unrestricted revenue to finance various programs that the government must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, including amounts provided as subsidies or matching funds for various grant programs.

(10) Capital Assets

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

Primary Government

	Restated Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Nondepreciable Capital Assets				
Land	$ 2,119,740	$ -	$ -	$ 2,119,740
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	2,119,740	-	-	2,119,740
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Infrastructure	8,712,450	-	-	8,712,450
Buildings	3,668,706	-	-	3,668,706
Machinery and Equipment	1,670,413	96,949	-	1,767,362
Vehicles	1,486,247	85,831	-	1,572,078
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	15,537,816	182,780	-	15,720,596
Accumulated Depreciation				
Infrastructure	(3,793,224)	(174,249)	-	(3,967,473)
Buildings	(2,161,547)	(91,718)	-	(2,253,265)
Machinery and Equipment	(931,804)	(199,183)	-	(1,130,987)
Vehicles	(1,213,441)	(95,724)	-	(1,309,165)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(8,100,016)	(560,874)	-	(8,660,890)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	$ 9,557,540	$ (378,094)	$ -	$ 9,179,446
			Less Other (Non-Debt) Capital Related Liabilities	(39,187)
			Net Investment in Capital Assets	$ 9,140,259

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

Governmental Activities	
General Government	$ 57,795
Public Safety	163,225
Public Works	303,944
Health and Welfare	26,823
Culture and Recreation	9,087
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	$ 560,874

(10) Capital Assets (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units

Capital assets activity for the Development Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

Development Authority	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Component Unit Activities				
Nondepreciable Capital Assets				
Land	$ 878,544	$ -	$ -	$ 878,544
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	878,544	-	-	878,544
Component Unit Activities Capital Assets	$ 878,544	$ -	$ -	$ 878,544

The Health Department does not report any capital assets in accordance with its capitalization threshold of $5,000. Additionally, the County owns the Health Department's building.

(11) Commitments

Landfill Postclosure Care Costs

In 1995, the County closed its landfill site. State and federal laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on the landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions for thirty years after closure. Although closure and postclosure care costs will be paid only near or after the date 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 as of each balance sheet date. The $186,939 reported as landfill closure and postclosure care liability at June 30, 2024 represents the cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of 100 percent capacity of the landfill site. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and postclosure care in 2024. The County has estimated the closure and postclosure costs associated with this landfill to be $313,814. The County is not required to commit current financial resources to guarantee future maintenance and monitoring activities.

(12) Long-Term Debt

Changes in Long-Term Liability

Primary Government

Changes in the County's long-term debt obligations consisted of the following for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Compensated Absences	$ 54,982	$ 53,678	$ 57,531	$ 51,129	$ 51,129
Landfill Postclosure Cost	460,973	-	274,034	186,939	13,125
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt	$ 515,955	$ 53,678	$ 331,565	$ 238,068	$ 64,254

The compensated absences liability will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid, generally the General Fund.

(12) Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Changes in Long-Term Liability (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units

Changes in the Health Department's long-term debt obligations consisted of the following for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Compensated Absences	$ 12,692	$ 7,774	$ 4,605	$ 15,861	$ -
Net Pension Liability	230,941	22,119	-	253,060	-
Net State OPEB Liability	13,228	-	2,843	10,385	-
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt	$ 256,861	$ 29,893	$ 7,448	$ 279,306	$ -

(13) Employee Retirement Plans

Defined Contribution Plan

The County has established the Taliaferro County 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan through adoption of the ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Program, effective January 1, 2019. As of June 30, 2024, there were 12 participants in the plan. Plan members are allowed to make voluntary contributions to the plan. The County is not required to make contributions to the plan but can make voluntary contributions to the plan. The plan was established to provide benefits at retirement to County employees. The County matches up to two percent, if the employee contributes two percent to the Taliaferro County Deferred Compensation 457 Plan. Total contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024, were $9,621 by the employees and $7,318 by the employer. The County has delegated certain administrative responsibilities to ACCG, or its designee. Plan provisions are established and may be amended by the Board of Commissioners.

Deferred Compensation Plan

The County offers employees the Taliaferro County Deferred Compensation Plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 457. An independent third-party plan administrator administers the plan. As a result, the assets and liabilities are not recorded in the County's financial statements. All contributions to this plan are voluntary employee contributions.

(14) Contingent Liabilities

Litigation

During the course of normal operations of the County, various claims and lawsuits arise. The County attorney has advised that there are no potential liabilities that will impair the position as of the date of this audit report.

(14) Contingent Liabilities (Continued)s

Federal Grants

The County participates in a number of federally assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives, and the audits of these programs for or including the year ended June 30, 2024, have not yet been conducted. Accordingly, the County's compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the County expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

(15) Conduit Debt – Development Authority (Component Unit)

The Authority has issued Taxable Revenue Bonds to provide financial assistance to a private sector entity for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of commercial facilities to promote trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities within the County to develop the industrial park. The bonds are secured by the property, property improvements, and equipment financed with the bond proceeds and are payable solely from rents, revenues, and receipts derived from the lease agreement with the private sector entity. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired property, property improvements, and equipment transfers to the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. The Authority, the County, the State, or any political subdivision, thereof, is not obligated in any manner for repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, they are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. As of June 30, 2024, there was one series of Taxable Revenue Bonds outstanding, as follows:

	Face Amount	Outstanding
Development Authority of Taliaferro County Taxable Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (Harrison Poultry, Inc. Project), Series 2018	$ 85,000,000	$ -

(16) Tax Abatements

The County enters into property tax abatement agreements with local businesses under the Georgia Development Authority Law, adopted in 1969, for the purpose of attracting or retaining businesses within the County. The abatements may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to the County and meeting the eligibility criteria to "develop and promote trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities for the public good and general welfare and to promote the general welfare of the state" (OCGA 36-62-9). The Development Authorities Law (O.C.G.A. 36-42-1) provides that the Development Authority of Taliaferro County is created to develop and promote trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities for the public good and to promote the general welfare of the County and is authorized by the Development Authority of Taliaferro County to issue its revenue obligations, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Revenue Bond Law of the State of Georgia (O.C.G.A. 36-82-60), for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and installing any project which includes the acquisition, construction, installation, modification, renovation, or rehabilitation of land, interest in land, buildings, structures, facilities, or other improvements located or to be located within the County.

The County offers a reduction in property taxes through the structure of these financing arrangements. Specifically, the Development Authority of Taliaferro County, a tax-exempt public organization created independently from the County, may enter into agreements with private individuals or entities in order to incentivize these businesses to build, relocate, expand, or renovate in the County. These agreements involve a bond issuance and sale-leaseback transaction, whereby the Development Authority takes title to property and leases it back to the company. The company is responsible for making ad valorem tax payments on its leasehold interest. The rental payments for the leasehold offset the debt service on the bonds over a fixed term, so that at the end of the incentive period the bonds are fully retired, and the company regains title of the property through an option to purchase.

(16) Tax Abatements (Continued)

Following completion of construction, the company pays property taxes on its leasehold interest in the project of 10 percent of the fair market value of the real and / or personal property during the first two years, with a 10 percent increase in 2-year increments until the 16th year, then a 10 percent increase each year until the end of the 20-year period, after which the company takes title back to the property and must then pay taxes on the full fair market value of the property. The company has a smaller property tax obligation through this financing arrangement than it would under outright ownership of the property due to the reduced value of the company's leasehold interest in the property over the designated ramp-up period.

Tax abatement information for fiscal year 2024 is included below:

Purpose	Description	Amount of County Taxes Abated during the Fiscal Year	Abatement Ends
Industrial Development	100% Real Property Taxes with PILOT	$ 1,560,732	2039

The County has not made additional commitments as part of the agreement.

(17) Restatements to Beginning Balances

Error Corrections

In the prior year, General Fund's cash was understated and expenditures were overstated by $57,248 due to checks that were not properly voided in the County's accounting system. Additionally, this error caused capital assets to be overstated by $35,238 in the prior year, resulting in a $22,010 understatement in net position of the County's governmental activities.

	Reporting Units Affected by Restatements of Beginning Balances	
	Funds	Government-wide
	General Fund	Governmental Activities
June 30, 2023, as Previously Reported	$ 3,183,928	$ 14,136,742
Error Correction	57,248	22,010
June 30, 2023, as Restated	$ 3,241,176	$ 14,158,752

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Confiscated Assets Fund - This fund accounts for confiscated funds restricted for law enforcement expenditures.

Drug Abuse & Treatment Fund - This fund accounts for fines collected as required by State Law for drug abuse treatment and educational purposes.

E911 Fund - This fund accounts for fees collected as required by State Law for E911 operations and maintenance.

Section 5311 Transportation Fund - This fund accounts for grants received from the Department of Transportation for the operation of the 5311 Transportation Program.

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds				Total
	Confiscated Assets	Drug Abuse Treatment	E-911	Section 5311 Transportation	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 135,658	$ 89,254	$ -	$ -	$ 224,912
Due from Other Governments	-	-	4,536	7,779	12,315
Due from Other Funds	-	-	12,933	4,915	17,848
Total Assets	$ 135,658	$ 89,254	$ 17,469	$ 12,694	$ 255,075
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	$ 39,187	$ -	$ 5,921	$ -	$ 45,108
Accrued Expenses	-	-	-	1,164	1,164
Total Liabilities	39,187	-	5,921	1,164	46,272
Fund Balances					
Restricted	96,471	89,254	11,548	11,530	208,803
Total Fund Balances	96,471	89,254	11,548	11,530	208,803
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$ 135,658	$ 89,254	$ 17,469	$ 12,694	$ 255,075

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

	Special Revenue Funds				Total
	Confiscated Assets	Drug Abuse Treatment	E-911	Section 5311 Transportation	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Intergovernmental	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 49,511	$ 49,511
Charges for Services	-	-	28,187	4,116	32,303
Fines and Forfeitures	134,973	7,195	-	-	142,168
Total Revenues	134,973	7,195	28,187	53,627	223,982
Expenditures					
Current					
Public Safety	11,826	5,563	38,668	-	56,057
Health and Welfare	-	-	-	74,028	74,028
Capital Outlay	88,782	-	-	-	88,782
Total Expenditures	100,608	5,563	38,668	74,028	218,867
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	34,365	1,632	(10,481)	(20,401)	5,115
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	10,491	22,881	33,372
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	10,491	22,881	33,372
Net Change in Fund Balances	34,365	1,632	10	2,480	38,487
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	62,106	87,622	11,538	9,050	170,316
Fund Balances - End of Year	$ 96,471	$ 89,254	$ 11,548	$ 11,530	$ 208,803

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
CONFISCATED ASSETS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues			
Fines and Forfeitures	$ -	$ 134,973	$ 134,973
Total Revenues	-	134,973	134,973
Expenditures			
Current			
Public Safety	-	11,826	(11,826)
Capital Outlay	-	88,782	(88,782)
Total Expenditures	-	100,608	(100,608)
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	34,365	34,365
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	62,106	62,106	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	$ 62,106	$ 96,471	$ 34,365

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
DRUG ABUSE & TREATMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCALYEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenue			
Fines and Forfeitures	$ -	$ 7,195	$ 7,195
Total Revenues	-	7,195	7,195
Expenditures			
Current			
Public Safety	-	5,563	(5,563)
Total Expenditures	-	5,563	(5,563)
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	1,632	1,632
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	87,622	87,622	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	$ 87,622	$ 89,254	$ 1,632

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
E-911 FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenue			
Charges for Services	$ 28,177	$ 28,187	$ 10
Total Revenues	28,177	28,187	10
Expenditures			
Current			
Public Safety	38,668	38,668	-
Total Expenditures	38,668	38,668	-
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(10,491)	(10,481)	10
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers from Other Funds	10,491	10,491	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	10,491	10,491	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	10	10
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	11,538	11,538	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	$ 11,538	$ 11,548	$ 10

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
SECTION 5311 TRANSPORTATION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenue			
Intergovernmental Revenue	$ 49,274	$ 49,511	$ 237
Charges for Services	1,770	4,116	2,346
Total Revenues	51,044	53,627	2,583
Expenditures			
Current			
Health and Welfare	68,448	74,028	(5,580)
Total Expenditures	68,448	74,028	(5,580)
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(17,404)	(20,401)	(2,997)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers from Other Funds	17,404	22,881	5,477
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	17,404	22,881	5,477
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	2,480	2,480
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	9,050	9,050	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	$ 9,050	$ 11,530	$ 2,480

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

	Superior Court	Magistrate Court	Probate Court	Sheriff's Department	Tax Commissioner's Office	Total
Assets						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 96,481	$ 4,104	$ 85,407	$ 68,312	$ 94,770	$ 349,074
Taxes Receivable For Other Governments	-	-	-	-	243,942	243,942
Total Assets	96,481	4,104	85,407	68,312	338,712	593,016
Liabilities						
Fines Due to Other Local Governments	1,647	200	2,783	10,015	38,849	53,494
Funds Due to Others	6,010	3,904	80,586	56,380	55,921	202,801
Uncollected Taxes	-	-	-	-	243,942	243,942
Total Liabilities	7,657	4,104	83,369	66,395	338,712	500,237
Net Position						
Restricted for Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments	88,824	-	2,038	1,917	-	92,779
Total Net Position	$ 88,824	$ -	$ 2,038	$ 1,917	$ -	$ 92,779

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

	Superior Court	Magistrate Court	Probate Court	Sheriff's Department	Tax Commissioner's Office	Total
Additions						
Taxes Collected for Other Governments	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,730,741	$ 1,730,741
Fines Collected for Other Governments	14,480	2,390	39,789	136,000	-	192,659
Funds Collected for Others	16,977	4,131	320,325	17,143	-	358,576
Total Additions	31,457	6,521	360,114	153,143	1,730,741	2,281,976
Deductions						
Taxes Distributed to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	1,730,741	1,730,741
Fines Distributed to Other Governments	20,462	2,390	41,185	136,000	-	200,037
Funds Distributed to Others	17,626	4,131	318,929	15,239	-	355,925
Total Deductions	38,088	6,521	360,114	151,239	1,730,741	2,286,703
Changes in Net Position	(6,631)	-	-	1,904	-	(4,727)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	95,455	-	2,038	13	-	97,506
Net Position - End of Year	$ 88,824	$ -	$ 2,038	$ 1,917	$ -	$ 92,779

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
COMPONENT UNIT
JUNE 30, 2024

Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$	312,959
Total Assets	$	312,959
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	$	-
Total Liabilities	$	-
Fund Balances		
Assigned		228,741
Unassigned		84,218
Total Fund Balances		312,959
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$	312,959
Total Fund Balances - Component Unit	$	312,959

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

Capital Assets		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost of the Assets		878,544
Total Net Position of Component Unit	$	1,191,503

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
COMPONENT UNIT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Revenues		
Intergovernmental Revenue		
County Appropriation	$	8,929
Interest Earnings		2,439
Miscellaneous Revenues		200
Total Revenues		11,568
Expenditures		
Current		
Economic Development		807
Total Expenditures		807
Net Change in Fund Balance		10,761
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		302,198
Fund Balance - End of Year	$	312,959

TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULES OF PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED
WITH SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS - 2017 AND 2023
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

2017 SPLOST Projects	Original Estimated Cost	Revised Estimated Cost	Expenditures		
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total
Courthouse Repair, Maintenance, and Renovation	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,362,728	$ 1,484,550	$ 18,000	$ 1,502,550
Construction, Repair, and Maintenance of Roads, Streets, and Bridges	1,000,000	1,000,000	838,669	65,770	904,439
Totals	$ 2,000,000	$ 2,362,728	$ 2,323,219	$ 83,770	$ 2,406,989

2023 SPLOST Projects	Original Estimated Cost	Revised Estimated Cost	Expenditures		
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total
County - Courthouse Repair, Maintenance, and Renovation	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
County / City of Crawfordville - Construction, Repair, and Maintenance of Roads, Streets, and Bridges	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	-
Totals	$ 2,000,000	$ 2,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -

The 2023 SPLOST commenced collections on April 1, 2024.
The County will spend 2023 SPLOST Funds, once the prior year SPLOST funds have been consumed.

GOVERNMENTAL REPORT

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April 11, 2025

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
Taliaferro County, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Taliaferro County, Georgia** (the County) as of and for the fiscal 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 April 11, 2025 Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Taliaferro County Board of Health, as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

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 County's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2024-001, 2024-002, 2024-003, 2024-004, 2024-005, and 2024-007 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards,* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2024-006 and 2024-007.

Taliaferro County, Georgia's Responses to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response 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 County'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 County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

(1) Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes
Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes

Federal Awards

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

(2) Financial Statement Findings

Findings noted on the 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*:

2024-001 General Ledger Maintenance

CRITERIA
Timely and accurate financial reports are essential in order to perform analysis of the financial condition of the County, review data for accuracy and completeness, monitor compliance with budget appropriations, and to prepare annual financial statements.

CONDITION
Beginning fund balances did not reconcile with the prior year ending fund balances. In addition, payroll was not properly allocated across departments and funds.

CONTEXT
- Material audit adjustments were required to correct beginning balances for the year ended June 30, 2024, as follows:
  - General Fund – to increase fund balance by $685,941.
  - American Rescue Plan Fund – to decrease fund balance by $139,251.
  - TIA Discretionary Fund – to increase fund balance by $39,210.
  - SPLOST Fund – to increase fund balance by $21,760.
  - Additional adjustments of $17,459 and $10,111 were required to correct beginning fund balances in the E-911 Fund and 5311 Transportation Fund, respectively.
- Material adjustments were required in the General Fund of $216,155 to allocate payroll and payroll tax expenditures across various departments in the General Fund and $5,478 to nonmajor governmental funds.
- A material audit adjustment in the General Fund was required to increase prepaids and insurance expenditures by $180,150.

(2) Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

2024-001 General Ledger Maintenance (Continued)

CONTEXT (Continued)

- The Confiscated Assets and Drug Abuse funds are maintained in manual check registers and are not reflected in the County's accounting system.

EFFECT

The County's accounting records contained material errors which were identified and adjusted during the annual audit process.

CAUSE

The County did not properly record prior year audit entries. The County did not have procedures in place to ensure the proper recording of payroll transactions.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend the County implement procedures to ensure all audit entries are properly posted in the system. In addition, we recommend the County make changes to the payroll module in the accounting system so that payroll entries are posted to proper departments and funds. We recommend that all funds be maintained in the County's accounting system.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND PLANNED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Management agrees with the finding. The County has determined that a revamping of the accounting system regarding recording overtime for payroll to the correct department, as well as a mechanism to record and document audit adjustment entries will be created and applied for the coming year.

2024-002 Accounts Payable / Expenditures

CRITERIA

Generally accepted accounting principles require expenditures to be recognized as soon as a liability is incurred.

CONDITION

Expenditures were not recorded in the proper fiscal period for FY 2024.

CONTEXT

Audit adjustments were required to fairly state and classify expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2024. The adjustments are summarized as follows:

General Fund

- An adjustment of $38,846 was required to increase payroll expenditures and accrued expenses.
- An adjustment of $20,504 was required to increase expenditures and accounts payable.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

- A material adjustment of $39,187 was required to increase capital outlay expenditures and accounts payable.

EFFECT

The County's accounting records contained material errors which were identified and adjusted during the annual audit process.

(2) Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

2024-002 Accounts Payable / Expenditures (Continued)

CAUSE
The County does not have adequate accounting procedures to ensure that expenditures are recorded and properly classified when a liability is incurred.

RECOMMENDATION
The County should establish procedures to ensure the proper accrual and classification of all liabilities incurred during the fiscal period.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND PLANNED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
Management agrees with the finding. A closer view as to the recording of invoices due will be implemented. Additionally, accounts payable will be more fully utilized.

2024-003 Accounts Receivable and Unearned Grant Revenue / Revenue

CRITERIA
Under a modified accrual basis of accounting, amounts are recognized as revenue when earned, only as long as they are collectible within the period or soon enough afterwards to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Under the accrual basis of accounting, amounts are recognized as revenue when earned.

CONDITION
Various revenue items were not recorded in the proper fiscal period for fiscal year 2024.

CONTEXT
Audit adjustments were required to fairly state and classify revenues for the year ended June 30, 2024.

General Fund
- An adjustment of $13,830 was required to record current year property tax revenue due from the Tax Commissioner custodial fund and an adjustment of $39,680 was required to reverse prior year property tax revenue due from the Tax Commissioner custodial fund.
- A material adjustment of $65,872 was required to record fines and forfeiture revenues due from the Probate Court custodial fund.
- Adjustments of $38,224 were required to record intergovernmental receivables and state grant revenues. Additionally, an adjustment of $15,720 was required to record intergovernmental receivables and Local Options Sales Tax (LOST) revenue.

TIA Discretionary Fund
- A material adjustment of $41,327 was required to record intergovernmental receivables and sales tax revenue.

SPLOST Fund
- A material adjustment of 20,548 was required to record intergovernmental receivables and sales tax revenue.

EFFECT
The County's accounting records contained material errors which were identified and adjusted during the annual audit process.

CAUSE
The County did not have controls in place to ensure transactions are being recorded in the correct fiscal year.

(2) Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

2024-003 Accounts Receivable and Unearned Grant Revenue / Revenue (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION
We recommend that the County develop procedures to ensure that revenues are recognized in the correct fiscal year and that transactions are recorded in the correct accounting period in the accounting system.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND PLANNED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
Management agrees with the finding. The County Clerk will develop procedures to ensure that revenues are recognized in the current fiscal year and that transactions are recorded to the correct accounting period.

2024-004 Lack of General Controls Over Significant I.T. Processes

CRITERIA
Effective general controls are essential to ensure the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of information systems and data. These controls are necessary to prevent unauthorized access, ensure accurate and reliable data processing, and safeguard against data loss.

CONDITION
During our audit, we observed that the County lacks adequate general controls over its significant I.T. processes. This includes deficiencies in areas such as access controls, change management, and intrusion detection procedures.

EFFECT
Without proper general controls, the County is at increased risk of data breaches, unauthorized access to sensitive information, and potential data loss. This could lead to significant operational disruptions and financial losses. Unauthorized access could result in material misstatements in the accounting records.

CAUSE
The absence of these controls appears to be due to a lack of formal policies and procedures, insufficient I.T. support staff, and inadequate oversight of I.T. operations.

RECOMMENDATION
We recommend that the County consider upgrading its current accounting software. In addition, we recommend management to consider using a third-party vendor to provide additional services, such as frequent cloud backups and monitoring.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND PLANNED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
Management agrees with the finding. Management will look into getting a third-party I.T. support vendor to provide server back up and intrusion detection services. The County will implement procedures to increase oversight of change management in the QuickBooks Desktop accounting system.

(2) Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

2024-005 Restatement of Beginning Fund Balance and Net Position – Error Correction

CRITERIA
Timely and accurate financial reports are essential in order to perform analysis of the financial condition of the County, review data for accuracy and completeness, monitor compliance with budget appropriations, and to prepare annual financial statements.

CONDITION
In the prior year, General Fund's cash was understated and expenditures were overstated by $57,248. Additionally, the governmental activities' capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation were overstated by $35,238.

CONTEXT
- A material adjustment was required to increase General Fund's beginning fund balance by $57,248.
- A material adjustment was required to increase net position in the governmental activities by $22,010.

EFFECT
The County's accounting records contained material errors which were identified and corrected during the annual audit process.

CAUSE
The County failed to properly void three checks totaling $57,248 in the accounting system. Additionally, the County failed to implement controls over bank reconciliations.

RECOMMENDATION
We recommend the County ensures oversight of the bank reconciliation process and to follow established controls and procedures over bank reconciliations. Management should follow up on long-outstanding reconciling items on the bank reconciliation.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND PLANNED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
Management agrees with the finding. Management will implement procedures to follow up on the cause and resolve long-outstanding reconciling items on bank reconciliations during the County's annual close-out.

(3) Compliance Findings

2024-006 Uniform Chart of Accounts

CRITERIA
Georgia Code § 36-81-3 requires that local governments adopt the uniform chart of accounts in their financial reporting system.

CONDITION
The County has not adopted the Uniform Chart of Accounts.

CONTEXT
General ledger accounts were not numbered in accordance with their classification (i.e., current asset, current liability, deferred inflows / outflows, net position, revenues, and expenditures). Additionally, all funds are included in the same trial balance.

(3) Compliance Findings (Continued)

2024-006 Uniform Chart of Accounts (Continued)

EFFECT
The accounting system setup increased the difficulty of producing accurate financial reports on a timely basis.

CAUSE
The County lacked adequate training in governmental financial reporting to properly design and setup the financial reporting system.

RECOMMENDATION
We recommend the County modify its financial reporting system to conform to the required uniform system of accounts.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND PLANNED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
Management agrees with the finding. The County will bring in a consultant to do away with the walk-over used in the past and convert to the Standardized COA.

2024-007 Budgetary Control-Expenditures Exceeding Appropriations (36-81-3)

CRITERIA
In order to comply with the applicable legal requirements regarding budgets, procedures must exist to properly monitor compliance with the State law. Georgia code (36-81-3) requires an annual balanced budget for the General Fund and each special revenue fund.

CONDITION
The expenditures in the County's General Fund exceeded appropriations in various departments. Expenditures also exceeded appropriations in the Confiscated Assets Fund, Drug Abuse and Treatment Fund, and Section 5311 Transportation Fund, special revenue funds. In addition, the County did not adopt a budget for the Confiscated Assets Fund, and Drug Abuse Fund special revenue funds.

(3) Compliance Findings (Continued)

2024-007 Budgetary Control-Expenditures Exceeding Appropriations (36-81-3) (Continued)

CONTEXT
Expenditures exceeded appropriations as follows:

General Fund		
General Government		
General Administration	$	9,164
Tax Commissioner		9,551
Tax Assessor		2,059
Voter Registrar		3,987
Public Buildings		4,020
Judicial		
Superior Court		11,737
Probate Court		24,663
Public Safety		
Sheriff's Office		60,619
Emergency Management Agency		138
Fire Departments		23,748
E911		29,950
Coroner		605
Public Works		
Highways and Streets		18,635
Solid Waste and Recycling		449
Health and Welfare		
Senior Center		1,120
Special Revenue Funds		
Confiscated Assets Fund		100,608
Drug Abuse & Treatment Fund		5,563
Section 5311 Transportation Fund		5,580

EFFECT
The County is not in compliance with State law.

CAUSE
The County failed to properly monitor the status of budgeted expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION
We recommend the County modify its financial reporting system to more closely monitor budgeted expenditures. In addition, the County must adopt future special revenue fund budgets as required by State law.

VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND PLANNED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
Management agrees with the finding. The County will prepare budgets for all special revenue funds going forward. Any budgetary amendments will be documented in the commission meetings as opposed to just expenditure approvals.