TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF **JUNE 30, 2023**
TOGETHER WITH AUDITOR'S REPORT

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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I. FINANCIAL SECTION

- **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**
- **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners and Management
of Telfair County, Georgia
McRae, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Telfair County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Telfair County, Georgia'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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Telfair County, Georgia, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Telfair County Department of Leisure Services, the Telfair County Hospital Authority, the Development Authority of Telfair County or the Telfair County Board of Health, which represent 100% percent of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units as of June 30, 2023. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Telfair County Department of Leisure Services, the Telfair County Hospital Authority, the Development Authority of Telfair County and the Telfair County Board of Health, are 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the schedule of changes in the net pension liability and related ratios on page 46, the schedule of contributions on page 47, and the budgetary comparison information on pages 48 through 51, as well as the note to required supplementary information on page 52 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Telfair County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, the combining fiduciary fund financial statements, the combining component unit financial statements, and the schedule of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds as required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") 48-8-121 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate 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 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 by us and other auditors. In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, the combining fiduciary fund financial statements, the combining component unit financial statements, and the schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 5, 2024, on our consideration of Telfair County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Telfair County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Telfair County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
Tifton, Georgia
November 5, 2024

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023

	Primary Government			Component
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Units
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 7,019,578	$ 1,773,036	$ 8,792,614	$ 5,067,743
Investments	-	-	-	1,008
Taxes receivable -				
net of uncollectible accounts	724,711	-	724,711	-
Other receivables, net	266,936	199,869	466,805	10,769
Internal balances	(270,703)	270,703	-	-
Prepaids	352,100	-	352,100	-
Proportionate share of net OPEB benefit	-	-	-	23,771
Capital assets:				
Nondepreciable	304,511	707,670	1,012,181	15,000
Depreciable, net	16,040,242	4,337,351	20,377,593	400,715
Total assets	24,437,375	7,288,629	31,726,004	5,519,006
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Related to defined benefit pension plan and OPEB	679,034	62,942	741,976	413,471
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	389,318	29,967	419,285	-
Other liabilities	80,965	3,100	84,065	48,173
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Due within one year:				
Lease payable	100,094	123,204	223,298	-
Notes payable	786,335	99,922	886,257	-
Revenue bond payable	-	46,793	46,793	-
Due in more than one year:				
Lease payable	308,608	-	308,608	-
Notes payable	1,114,933	640,465	1,755,398	-
Revenue bond payable	-	596,601	596,601	-
Closure/post closure accrued liability	-	3,475,527	3,475,527	-
Proportionate share of net pension liability	918,330	85,123	1,003,453	787,591
Total liabilities	3,698,583	5,100,702	8,799,285	835,764
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Related to defined benefit pension plan and OPEB	258,934	24,001	282,935	63,383
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	14,763,283	3,538,036	18,301,319	415,715
Restricted:				
Special revenue	2,205,919	-	2,205,919	-
Capital projects	3,583,185	-	3,583,185	-
Prior year program income	-	-	-	196,356
Unrestricted	606,505	(1,311,168)	(704,663)	4,421,259
Total net position	$ 21,158,892	$ 2,226,868	$ 23,385,760	$ 5,033,330

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions
Primary government:			
Governmental activities:			
General government	$ 2,088,467	$ 144,627	$ -
Judicial	788,411	337,188	-
Public safety	4,876,637	745,779	-
Public works	2,478,788	-	-
Health and welfare	459,019	208,191	53,514
Culture and recreation	288,504	-	-
Housing and development	246,517	1,040	-
Interest on long-term debt	38,057	-	-
Total governmental activities	11,264,400	1,436,825	53,514
Business-type activities -			
Landfill	1,793,227	1,266,653	-
Total business-type activities	1,793,227	1,266,653	-
Total primary government	$ 13,057,627	$ 2,703,478	$ 53,514
Component units:			
Governmental type	$ 1,073,368	$ 319,613	$ 753,528
Total component units	$ 1,073,368	$ 319,613	$ 753,528
General revenues:			
Property taxes			
Timber taxes			
Local Option Sales taxes			
Special Purpose Local Option Sales taxes			
Transportation Local Option Sales taxes			
Hotel and motel taxes			
Beer and wine taxes			
Insurance premium taxes			
Other taxes			
Investment earnings			
Gain on sale of assets			
Miscellaneous			
Transfers			
Total general revenues and transfers			
Change in net position			
Net position - beginning			
Net position - ending			

Program Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
	Primary Government			Component Unit
Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Component Units
$ 50,000	$ (1,893,840)	$ -	$ (1,893,840)	
-	(451,223)	-	(451,223)	
-	(4,130,858)	-	(4,130,858)	
440,483	(2,038,305)	-	(2,038,305)	
66,378	(130,936)	-	(130,936)	
-	(288,504)	-	(288,504)	
-	(245,477)	-	(245,477)	
-	(38,057)	-	(38,057)	
556,861	(9,217,200)	-	(9,217,200)	
-	-	(526,574)	(526,574)	
-	-	(526,574)	(526,574)	
$ 556,861	$ (9,217,200)	$ (526,574)	$ (9,743,774)	
$ -				$ (227)
$ -				$ (227)
	$ 5,495,768	$ -	$ 5,495,768	$ -
	157,243	-	157,243	-
	489,663	-	489,663	-
	1,348,838	-	1,348,838	-
	1,004,150	-	1,004,150	-
	21,909	-	21,909	-
	2,115	-	2,115	-
	371,426	-	371,426	-
	37,838	-	37,838	-
	6,367	3,174	9,541	43,436
	-	-	-	112,092
	278,008	-	278,008	104,382
	(802,838)	802,838	-	-
	8,410,487	806,012	9,216,499	259,910
	(806,713)	279,438	(527,275)	259,683
	21,965,605	1,947,430	23,913,035	4,773,647
	$ 21,158,892	$ 2,226,868	$ 23,385,760	$ 5,033,330

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

	General	American Rescue Plan
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,293,404	$ 2,011,407
Taxes receivable - net of allowance for uncollectibles	570,858	-
Other receivables, net	266,936	-
Prepaids	352,100	-
Total assets	$ 2,483,298	$ 2,011,407
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ 298,395	$ -
Other liabilities	80,965	-
Note payable	728,500	-
Due to other funds	270,703	-
Total liabilities	1,378,563	-
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	498,109	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	498,109	-
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable	352,100	-
Restricted	-	2,011,407
Unassigned	254,526	-
Total fund balances	606,626	2,011,407
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 2,483,298	$ 2,011,407

SPLOST	T-SPLOST	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
$ 1,886,112	$ 1,126,292	$ 702,363	$ 7,019,578
120,691	33,162	-	724,711
-	-	-	266,936
-	-	-	352,100
$ 2,006,803	$ 1,159,454	$ 702,363	$ 8,363,325
$ 62,055	$ 11,884	$ 16,984	$ 389,318
-	-	-	80,965
-		-	728,500
-	-	-	270,703
62,055	11,884	16,984	1,469,486
-	-	-	498,109
-	-	-	498,109
-	-	-	352,100
1,944,748	1,147,570	685,379	5,789,104
-	-	-	254,526
1,944,748	1,147,570	685,379	6,395,730
$ 2,006,803	$ 1,159,454	$ 702,363	$ 8,363,325

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

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Total governmental fund balances		$ 6,395,730
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost of capital assets	$ 26,793,018	
Less accumulated depreciation	(10,448,265)	16,344,753
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.		498,109
Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability		(918,330)
Deferred outflow and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Deferred outflow of employer contributions after the measurement date		164,715
Asset (gain)/loss		249,113
Liability (gain)/loss		1,315
(Gain)/loss due to assumption change		4,957
Long-term liabilities, such as compensated absences and lease liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(1,581,470)
Net position of governmental activities		$ 21,158,892

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

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

	General	American Rescue Plan
REVENUES		
General property taxes	$ 5,492,888	$ -
Other taxes	901,042	-
Charges for services	576,389	-
Intergovernmental	302,225	-
Fines and forfeitures	507,995	-
Investment earnings	1,660	4,019
Miscellaneous	278,007	-
Total revenues	8,060,206	4,019
EXPENDITURES		
Current:		
General government	1,663,046	-
Judicial	785,506	-
Public safety	4,674,849	-
Public works	939,492	-
Health and welfare	446,272	-
Culture and recreation	235,400	-
Housing and development	213,619	-
Intergovernmental	-	-
Debt service:		
Principal	-	-
Interest	6,003	-
Capital outlay :		
General government	-	-
Public safety	72,400	-
Public works	-	-
Total expenditures	9,036,587	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers in (out)	5,324	-
Total other financing sources	5,324	-
Net change in fund balances	(971,057)	4,019
Fund balances, beginning	1,577,683	2,007,388
Fund balances, ending	$ 606,626	$ 2,011,407

SPLOST	T-SPLOST	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,492,888
1,348,837	1,004,150	21,909	3,275,938
-	-	144,531	720,920
-	-	503,732	805,957
-	-	-	507,995
3,131	-	688	9,498
-	-	9,199	287,206
1,351,968	1,004,150	680,059	11,100,402
1,767	-	157,058	1,821,871
-	-	7,720	793,226
5,468	-	-	4,680,317
-	81,675	-	1,021,167
-		2,081	448,353
-		-	235,400
-	17,619	8,764	240,002
679,820	-	-	679,820
43,333	167,348	-	210,681
-	32,054	-	38,057
52,577	-	-	52,577
-	-	-	72,400
-	127,524	-	127,524
782,965	426,220	175,623	10,421,395
(808,162)	-	-	(802,838)
(808,162)	-	-	(802,838)
(239,159)	577,930	504,436	(123,831)
2,183,907	569,640	180,943	6,519,561
$ 1,944,748	$ 1,147,570	$ 685,379	$ 6,395,730

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

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

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ (123,831)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay	$ 252,500	
Depreciation expense	(1,348,129)	(1,095,629)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Property taxes:		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes at June 30, 2023	$ 498,109	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes at June 30, 2022	(337,985)	160,123
Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense.		
Pension contributions	$ 164,715	
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	(122,772)	41,943
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases), provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.		
Principal repayments	210,681	210,681
Change in net position of governmental activities		$ (806,713)

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activity - Enterprise Fund Landfill
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash	$ 1,773,036
Accounts receivable, net	199,869
Due from other funds	270,703
Total current assets	2,243,608
Noncurrent assets -	
Capital assets:	
Land, nondepreciable	707,670
Equipment, depreciable	7,746,883
Buildings and improvements, depreciable	40,257
Intangible asset - leased equipment	724,547
Less - accumulated depreciation/amortization	(4,174,336)
Total noncurrent assets	5,045,021
Total assets	7,288,629
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	62,942
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	29,967
Accrued liabilities	3,100
Lease payable	123,204
Note payable	99,922
Revenue bonds payable	46,793
Total current liabilities	302,986
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Note payable	640,465
Revenue bonds payable	596,601
Net pension liability	85,123
Closure/post closure accrued liability	3,475,527
Total noncurrent liabilities	4,797,716
Total liabilities	5,100,702
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	24,001
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	3,538,036
Unrestricted	(1,311,168)
Total net position	$ 2,226,868

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activity - Enterprise Fund
	Landfill
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for services	$ 1,266,653
Total operating revenues	1,266,653
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Personnel services	294,219
Employee benefits	136,134
Professional services	36,863
Repairs and maintenance	139,218
Communication services	9,681
Other purchased services	126,646
Supplies	25,599
Utilities	5,983
Gasoline / diesel	141,628
Depreciation / amortization	371,280
Closure / post closure	467,707
Other operating	5,787
Total operating expenses	1,760,745
Operating income (loss)	(494,092)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Investment earnings	3,174
Interest expense	(32,482)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(29,308)
Income before transfers	(523,400)
Transfers in (out)	802,838
Change in net position	279,438
Net position, beginning	1,947,430
Net position, ending	$ 2,226,868

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activity - Enterprise Fund Landfill
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	$ 1,365,559
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(504,453)
Payments to employees for services	(294,219)
Payments for employee taxes and benefits	(130,739)
Net cash provided by operating activities	436,148
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Principal paid on leases and notes payable	(171,906)
Interest paid on leases and notes payable	(6,600)
Principal paid on revenue bonds payable	(824,930)
Interest paid on revenue bonds payable	(37,536)
Receipts from SPLOST Fund	808,162
Transfers to General Fund	(5,324)
Net cash used by operating activities	(238,134)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest on investments	3,174
Net cash provided by investing activities	3,174
Net increase in cash	201,188
Cash, beginning of year	1,571,848
Cash, end of year	$ 1,773,036
Reconciliation of loss from operations to net cash used by operating activities:	
Loss from operations	$ (494,092)
Depreciation	371,280
Change in accounts receivable	98,906
Change in accounts payable	(13,048)
Change in net pension liability and related deferrals	5,395
Change in accrued closure/post closure	467,707
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 436,148

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS		
Cash	$	307,602
Taxes receivable (net allowance for uncollectible accounts)		469,006
Total assets	$	776,608
NET POSITION		
Net position - held for others	$	776,608
Total net position	$	776,608

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

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

	Total Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Taxes collected for other agencies	$ 11,352,956
Court fees collected for other agencies	119,061
Court individual cases	728,849
Sheriff fees collected	112,411
Total additions	12,313,277
DEDUCTIONS	
Payments of court fees to other agencies	487,131
Payments to others	483,210
Payments of taxes to other agencies	11,232,021
Total deductions	12,202,362
Change in net position	110,915
Net position - beginning	665,693
Net position - ending	$ 776,608

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of government-wide financial statements

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

B. Reporting entity

Telfair County, Georgia (the County), was incorporated December 10, 1807, under provisions of the laws of the State of Georgia. The County is governed by a five-member elected board of commissioners and provides the following services in addition to general administrative responsibilities: public safety, roads and bridges, health, recreation activities and sanitation. The accompanying financial statements present the County and its component units, entities for which the County is considered to be financially accountable.

In evaluating the County as a reporting entity, management has addressed all potential component units (traditionally separate reporting entities) for which the County may be financially accountable and, as such, should be included within the County's financial statements. The County (the primary government) is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) it is able to impose its will on the organization or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial burden on the County. Additionally, the primary government is required to consider other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The component units are discretely presented and are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County.

Brief descriptions of discretely presented component units follow:

Telfair County Department of Leisure Services - Actively serves the Community by planning and providing recreational activities for the children and youth of the community. The County appoints the majority of the Board of Directors and has a significant relationship with the Department.

Telfair County Hospital Authority - Actively serves the community by providing for the planning and availability of health care facilities, encouraging physicians and other necessary medical personnel to locate and practice within the County and to assist in funding indigent care. The County appoints the majority of the Board of Directors and has a significant relationship with the Authority.

Development Authority of Telfair County - Provides for the development and promotion for the public good, trade, commerce industry and employment opportunities and to promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia. The County appoints the majority of the Board of Directors and has a significant relationship with the Authority.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Telfair County Board of Health - Provides for various health services for citizens in Telfair County under a contract with the Georgia Department of Human Resources. The County appoints the majority of the Board of Directors and has a significant relationship with the Board of Health.

A complete copy of the component unit financial statements can be obtained from the Telfair County Board of Commissioners, 713 Telfair Avenue, McRae, Georgia 31055.

Governmental accounting standards require reasonable separation between the Primary Government and its discretely presented component units, both in the financial statements and in the related notes and required supplementary information. Because the discretely presented component units, although legally separate, have been and are operated as if each is part of the primary government, there are limited instances where special note reference or separation will be required. If no separate note reference or categorization is made, the user should assume that information presented is equally applicable.

C. Basis of presentation – government-wide financial statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds, while business-type activities incorporate data from the government's enterprise fund. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

As discussed earlier, the County has four discretely presented component units. While none are considered to be a major component unit, they are nevertheless shown in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements.

D. Basis of presentation – fund financial statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the County's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category - governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary—are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Major individual governmental and enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

American Rescue Plan Fund is a special revenue fund which accounts for all local fiscal recovery funds received by the County through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2023.

SPLOST Fund is a capital projects fund and accounts for 1% sales tax proceeds required to be used for capital outlay projects for purposes authorized by local referendum.

T-SPLOST Fund is a capital projects fund and accounts for sales tax proceeds and related capital outlay projects related to the Transportation Investment Act.

The County reports the following major proprietary fund:

Landfill Fund is a proprietary fund which accounts for the operations of the landfill and is treated similar to a private business enterprise.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of revenue sources other than special assessments that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. They include the Multipurpose Grant Fund, Sheriff Commissary Fund, Expendable Trust Fund and Hotel-Motel Tax Fund.

Capital Projects Funds – Capital Projects Funds are used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds. They include the SPLOST Fund, T-SPLOST Fund and LMIG Program Fund.

Fiduciary Funds - Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the County in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds.

During the course of operations the County has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due from/to other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities (i.e., the enterprise funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the business-type activities column.

E. Measurement focus and basis of accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources.* The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. 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.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

The proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The agency funds have no measurement focus but utilizes the *accrual basis of accounting* for reporting their assets and liabilities.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

F. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and net position/fund balance

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

   State statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, corporate bonds, repurchase agreements and investment pools. Investments in non-negotiable certificates of deposit are stated using a cost-based measure.

   The investments of the Telfair County Hospital Authority consist of Marketable Debt Securities with a cost of $1,008 and a market value of $908.

   The Telfair County Board of Health certificate of deposits balance at June 30, 2023 was $641,801.

2. ***Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables*** - During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. The purpose of the interfund balances is to account for those transactions that have not been settled as of the financial statement date. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the respective fund's balance sheet and as internal balances on the statement of net position. All interfund balances shown are expected to be settled within one year.

3. ***Taxes Receivable and Other Receivables*** - Taxes receivable and other receivables, are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The allowance for general government accounts receivable is derived from the age of the individual receivable and consists of a percentage of the receivable, based upon actual historical losses.

4. ***Prepaid Items*** - Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2023, are recorded as prepaid items.

5. ***Capital Assets*** - Capital assets purchased or acquired are carried at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are recorded at fair market value as of the date donated. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized in the government-wide financial statements to the extent the County's capitalization threshold of $5,000 is met. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on capital assets is calculated on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets as follows:

• Buildings and plant	40 years
• Machinery and equipment	5 - 20 years

6. ***Compensated Absences*** - National Council on Governmental Accounting Statement 4, effective for fiscal years beginning after December 31, 1982, requires that vacation and sick pay benefits be accrued when: 1) the employer's obligation to employees' right to receive compensation for future benefits is attributable to employee's service already rendered; 2) the obligation relates to rights that vest or accumulate; 3) payment of the compensation is probable; and 4) the amount can be reasonably estimated.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The County compensates all employees for unused vacation at fiscal year-end; therefore, no accrual for vacation is necessary at June 30, 2023.

There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the County does not have a policy to pay any amounts when the employees separate from service with the County.

7. Long-Term Obligations - In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds and is recorded as an adjustment to interest expense. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. In accordance with GASB Codification Section I30: Interest Costs – Imputation, bond issuance costs are expensed in the period incurred except for prepaid insurance costs.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses.

8. Leases - As of July 1, 2022, the County has implemented the provisions of GASB 87, Leases. For arrangements where the County is a lessee, a lease liability and a right to use (RTU) intangible asset are recognized at the commencement of the lease term. RTU assets represent the County's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the County's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. RTU assets and lease liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the estimated present value of the lease payments over the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The RTU asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs, and is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life. RTU assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

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

- The County uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate which represents a rate at which the County could borrow funds for a term equivalent to the lease agreement.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability. There were no significant impacts of implementing the provisions of GASB 87.

9. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements - As of July 1, 2022, the County has implemented the provisions of GASB 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users. A SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's information technology software for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.

As applicable, the County recognizes a right-to-use subscription asset and a corresponding subscription liability. The County recognizes subscription liabilities at the commencement of the subscription term, initially measured at the present value of subscription payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Future subscription payments are discounted using the interest rate the SBITA vendor charges the government, which may be implicit, or the government's incremental borrowing rate if the interest rate is not readily determinable. The County recognizes amortization of the discount on the subscription liability as an outflow of resources in subsequent financial reporting periods.

Subscription assets are measured as the sum of the initial subscription liability amount, payments made to the SBITA vendor before commencement of the subscription term, and capitalizable implementation costs, less any incentives received from the SBITA vendor at or before the commencement of the subscription term. The County recognizes amortization of subscription assets as an outflow of resources over the subscription term. There were no significant impacts of implementing the provisions of GASB 96.

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

11. Deferred outflows/inflows 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 position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then. Under the full accrual method of accounting, the County has reported certain actuarial changes and the contributions to the defined benefit pension plan subsequent to the measurement date and prior to the fiscal year end as deferred outflows of resources.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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 position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has reported various actuarial changes in its defined benefit pension plan. Additionally, the item, *unavailable revenue,* is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from one source: property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

12. Fund Equity:

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

Fund Balance - Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

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

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

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

- **Assigned** - fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the County's intent to be used for specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. Through resolution, the County Commissioners have authorized the Chairman to assign fund balances.

- **Unassigned** - fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The County reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

13. Fund balance flow assumptions

Sometimes the County will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the County's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

14. Net position flow assumption

Sometimes the County 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 County's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted - net position is applied.

15. Management Estimates

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

G. Revenues and expenditures/expenses

1. Program revenues

Amounts reported as 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 (including special assessments) that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2. Proprietary Funds Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses

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

H. Subsequent events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, November 5, 2024. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these consolidated financial statements.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary basis of accounting

The County's procedures in establishing, maintaining and revising budgetary data reflected in the financial statements are as follows: Prior to July 1, the Board of Commissioners (the Board) prepares a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and expected means of financing. Public hearings are conducted in the Board's Office to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through approval by the Board.

The Board is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General and Special Revenue Funds. Budgets for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. All appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th.

B. Encumbrances

Encumbrances accounting, the method by which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for expenditures of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation of expected revenues, is not utilized by the County because it is, at present, not considered necessary to assure effective budgetary control or to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

C. Expenditures exceed appropriations

During the year ended June 30, 2023, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following functions:

Fund	Department	Expenditures Over Budget
General	General government:	
	Elections	$ 28,137
	General administration	82,975
	General government buildings and plant	6,879
	Judicial -	
	Probate court	29,609
	Public safety:	
	Jail operations	237,837
	Emergency Management Agency	1,499
	Coroner / medical examiner	7,761
	Public works -	
	Highways and streets	117,404
	Health and welfare -	
	Public health administration	7,270
	Housing and development -	
	Agricultural resources	4,820
	Debt service -	
	Interest	6,003
	Capital outlay:	
	Law enforcement administration	72,400

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

A. Deposits and Investments

A summary of the County's deposits and investments at June 30, 2023 follows:

Account Balances		
Petty cash	$	1,073
Demand deposit		13,187,497
Certificates of deposit		671,787
Investments		1,008
Total reporting entity	$	13,861,365

Ownership of Funds		
Primary Government -		
Governmental funds:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	7,019,578
Proprietary fund -		
Cash and cash equivalents		1,773,036
Total primary government	$	8,792,614
Component Units:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	5,067,743
Investments		1,008
Total component units		5,068,751
Total reporting entity	$	13,861,365

Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the County's deposits (in excess of FDIC insurance) may not be returned to us.

Deposits:

The County's deposits at year-end were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the County's custodial banks in the County's name.

Investments:

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the value of an investment. The County does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

Credit Risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The County has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices from those authorized and listed in Note I F 1.

B. Receivables and Allowances for Uncollectible Accounts

Receivables and allowances for uncollectible accounts at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Receivable	Allowance	Net
Governmental activities:			
Property taxes	$ 565,538	$ (37,086)	$ 528,452
Special purpose local option sales tax	120,691	-	120,691
Transportation SPLOST	33,162	-	33,162
Local option sales taxes	42,406	-	42,406
Customers	686,936	(420,000)	266,936
Business-type activities -			
Customers	309,869	(110,000)	199,869
Total	$ 1,758,602	$ (567,086)	$ 1,191,516

Property taxes for 2023 were levied September 30, 2022 and due December 20, 2022 on property valued as of January 1, 2022. The tax rate to finance general governmental services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was $15.773 per $1,000 of assessed taxable property value for the unincorporated areas of Telfair County, and $15.773 per $1,000 of assessed taxable property value for the incorporated areas. Property tax revenues are recognized when they have become available. Available means when due, or past due and receivable within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Taxes relating to the current budget and collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end are recognized as revenue currently.

C. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Generally, outstanding balances between funds reported as due to/from other funds includes outstanding charges by one fund to another for services or goods, subsidy commitments outstanding, and other miscellaneous receivables and payables between funds. Balances to which a fiduciary fund is a party are treated as external receivables and payables.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

A summary of interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2023 follows:

	Payable to:	
Payable from -	Landfill	Total
General fund	$ 270,703	$ 270,703

D. Transfers

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them; to move unrestricted revenues collected in the funds to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations; and to segregate money for anticipated capital projects.

The voter referendum which created the SPLOST Fund authorized a portion of the SPLOST proceeds to be used for roads and bridges as well as for the landfill. From time to time, such expenditures of the SPLOST Fund for these approved projects are reported as a transfer out of the SPLOST Fund to either the General Fund or Landfill Fund. Therefore, the related improvements are reported in these respective funds.

A summary of interfund transfers as of June 30, 2023 follows:

	Transfers in (out):			
	General	SPLOST	Landfill	Total
Transfers in from:				
SPLOST	-	-	808,162	808,162
Landfill	5,324	-	-	5,324
Transfers out to:				
General Fund	-	-	(5,324)	(5,324)
Landfill	-	(808,162)	-	(808,162)
	5,324	(808,162)	802,838	-

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

E. Capital Assets

Following is a summary of changes in Capital Assets:

Primary Government:

	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Retirements or Transfers	Balance June 30, 2023
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated -				
Land	$ 304,511	$ -	$ -	$ 304,511
Total not being depreciated	304,511	-	-	304,511
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment	5,267,822	72,399	-	5,340,221
Buildings and improvements	19,750,543	180,101	-	19,930,644
Intangible lease asset - equipment	1,217,642	-	-	1,217,642
Total being depreciated	26,236,007	252,500	-	26,488,507
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment	3,901,238	362,454	-	4,263,692
Buildings and improvements	4,480,529	844,705	-	5,325,234
Intangible lease asset - equipment	718,369	140,970	-	859,339
Total accumulated depreciation	9,100,136	1,348,129	-	10,448,265
Total being depreciated, net	17,135,871	(1,095,629)	-	16,040,242
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 17,440,382	$ (1,095,629)	$ -	$ 16,344,753

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	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Retirements or Transfers	Balance June 30, 2023
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated -				
Land	$ 707,670	$ -	$ -	$ 707,670
Total not being depreciated	707,670	-	-	707,670
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment	7,746,884	-	-	7,746,884
Buildings and improvements	40,257	-	-	40,257
Intangible asset - leased equipment	724,547	-	-	724,547
Total being depreciated	8,511,688	-	-	8,511,688
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment	3,264,936	313,214	-	3,578,150
Buildings and improvements	27,547	1,006	-	28,553
Intangible asset - leased equipment	510,574	57,060	-	567,634
Total accumulated depreciation	3,803,057	371,280	-	4,174,337
Total being depreciated, net	4,708,631	(371,280)	-	4,337,351
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 5,416,301	$ (371,280)	$ -	$ 5,045,021

Depreciation expense was charged to functions / programs as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	$ 276,667
Public safety	217,472
Public works	782,567
Health and welfare	11,805
Culture and recreation	53,104
Housing and development	6,514
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 1,348,129
Business-type activities -	
Landfill	$ 371,280
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	$ 371,280

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Component Units:

	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Retirements or Transfers	Balance June 30, 2023
Capital assets, not being depreciated -				
Land	$ 134,368	$ -	$ (119,368)	$ 15,000
Total not being depreciated	134,368	-	(119,368)	15,000
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment	181,397	29,384	-	210,781
Buildings and improvements	883,755	-	(365,000)	518,755
Total being depreciated	1,065,152	29,384	(365,000)	729,536
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment	88,312	23,941	-	112,253
Buildings and improvements	216,242	17,815	(17,489)	216,568
Total accumulated depreciation	304,554	41,756	(17,489)	328,821
Total being depreciated, net	760,598	(12,372)	(347,511)	400,715
Component units capital assets, net	$ 894,966	$ (12,372)	$ (466,879)	$ 415,715

Depreciation expense was charged to functions / programs as follows:

Component units:	
Telfair County Department of Leisure Services	$ 13,880
Telfair County Hospital Authority	23,964
Development Authority of Telfair County	2,444
Telfair County Board of Health	1,468
Total depreciation expense - component units	$ 41,756

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F. Long-Term Obligations

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations of the County for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Payments/ Retirements	Ending Balance	Current Portion	Long-term Portion
Primary Government:						
Governmental activities:						
Tax anticipation note	$ -	$ 728,500	$ -	$ 728,500	$ 728,500	$ -
Leases payable	562,349	-	(153,647)	408,702	100,094	308,608
Note payable - Fin purch	1,229,802	-	(57,034)	1,172,768	57,835	1,114,933
Governmental activity - long-term liabilities	$ 1,792,151	$ 728,500	$ (210,681)	$ 2,309,970	$ 886,429	$ 1,423,541
Business-type activities:						
Leases payable	$ 295,110	$ -	$ (171,906)	$ 123,204	$ 123,204	$ -
Note payable	740,387	-	-	740,387	99,922	640,465
Revenue bond payable	1,468,324	-	(824,930)	643,394	46,793	596,601
Closure / post closure	3,007,820	467,707	-	3,475,527	-	3,475,527
Business-type activity long-term liabilities	$ 5,511,641	$ 467,707	$ (996,836)	$ 4,982,512	$ 269,919	$ 4,712,593

Tax Anticipation Note

The County has a tax anticipation note with a bank where it can borrow up to $2 million in advance of property tax collections. The loan is secured by the ad-valorem taxes to be collected by the County in calendar year 2023, bears interest at 4.59% and is due December 31, 2023.

Leases Payable

During fiscal year 2019 the County entered into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for the purchase of a Caterpillar 12M3 Motorgrader for use by the highways and streets department with an original amount of $177,505. The agreement calls for annual payments of $48,828 beginning in December of 2019 and ending in December of 2023 at an interest rate of 10.117%. As of June 30, 2023 the net book value of this leased equipment was $2,958. This year, $35,501 was included in depreciation expense. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $44,341 as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments of $4,486 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 44,341	$ 4,486	$ 48,827
Total	$ 44,341	$ 4,486	$ 48,827

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During fiscal year 2020 the County entered into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for the purchase of a Caterpillar 420F2IT Backhoe for use by the highways and streets department with an original amount of $107,117. The agreement calls for annual payments of $13,960 beginning in February of 2021 and ending in February of 2025 at an interest rate of 3.85%. As of June 30, 2023 the net book value of this leased equipment was $33,460. This year, $13,384 was included in depreciation expense. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $76,221 as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments of $5,700 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 10,989	$ 2,972	$ 13,961
2025	65,232	2,728	67,960
Total	$ 76,221	$ 5,700	$ 81,921

During fiscal year 2020 the County entered into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for the purchase of a Caterpillar 12M3 Motorgrader for use by the highways and streets department with an original amount of $197,074. The agreement calls for annual payments of $39,923 beginning in December of 2020 and ending in December of 2024 at an interest rate of 9.049%. As of June 30, 2023 the net book value of this leased equipment was $96,191. This year, $28,154 was included in depreciation expense. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $30,260 as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments of $5,724 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ -	$ 2,738	$ 2,738
2025	30,260	2,986	33,246
Total	$ 30,260	$ 5,724	$ 35,984

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During fiscal year 2021 the County entered into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for the purchase of a Caterpillar 930M wheel loader for use by the highways and streets department with an original amount of $248,010. The agreement calls for annual payments of $38,083 beginning in September of 2020 and ending in September of 2024 with a balloon payment of $82,000 due September 1, 2024 at an interest rate of 3.35%. As of June 30, 2023 the net book value of this leased equipment was $107,471. This year, $49,602 was included in depreciation expense. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $146,789 as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments of $11,378 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 33,164	$ 4,919	$ 38,083
2025	113,625	6,459	120,084
Total	$ 146,789	$ 11,378	$ 158,167

During fiscal year 2022 the County entered into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for the purchase of a Caterpillar 420WE Backhoe for use by the highways and streets department with an original amount of $143,300. The agreement calls for a payment at inception of 21,564 followed by five annual payments of $21,564 beginning in September of 2022 and ending in September of 2026 with a balloon payment of $58,065 due September 1, 2026 at an interest rate of 8.969%. As of June 30, 2023 the net book value of this leased equipment was $118,222. This year, $14,330 was included in depreciation expense. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $111,091 as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments of $33,229 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 11,600	$ 9,963	$ 21,563
2025	12,641	8,923	21,564
2026	13,775	7,789	21,564
2027	73,075	6,554	79,629
Total	$ 111,091	$ 33,229	$ 144,320

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Notes Payable

During fiscal year 2023 the County entered into a finance purchase with John Deere Financial for the purchase of a JD 5100 M tractor for use by the highway and streets department with an original amount of $77,002. The agreement calls for a payment at inception of $17,200 followed by four annual payments of $17,200 beginning in May of 2023 and ending in May of 2026 at an interest rate of 5.70%. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $46,102 as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments of $5,498 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 14,502	$ 2,698	$ 17,200
2025	15,351	1,849	17,200
2026	16,249	951	17,200
Total	$ 46,102	$ 5,498	$ 51,600

In November 2018, the County entered into a commercial lease to own agreement with City of Milan, Georgia for the purchase of a building and land formerly known as the Milan State Prison. The County began leasing the building in November 2018 under a thirty year direct financing lease. The lease calls for a down payment of $200,000 at the lease inception followed by annual payments of $43,333 for thirty years and due by November 1st of each year. The lease agreement bears no interest and matures on October 31, 2048. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $1,126,667 as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments of $-0- are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 43,333	$ -	$ 43,333
2025	43,333	-	43,333
2026	43,333	-	43,333
2027	43,333	-	43,333
2028	43,333	-	43,333
2029-2033	216,667	-	216,667
2034-2038	216,667	-	216,667
2039-2043	216,667	-	216,667
2044-2048	216,667	-	216,667
2049	43,333	-	43,333
Total	$ 1,126,666	$ -	$ 1,126,666

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During fiscal year 2017 the County entered into a lease agreement with BancorpSouth for the purchase of a Bomag landfill compactor for use at the County landfill with an original amount of $439,247. The agreement calls for sixty monthly payments of $6,226 beginning in August of 2017 and ending in July of 2023 and a balloon payment of $101,000 due August 2023 at an interest rate of 2.54%. As of June 30, 2023 the net book value of this leased equipment was $-0-. This year, $-0- was included in depreciation expense. During the year ended June 30, 2023, this lease was paid off.

During fiscal year 2021 the County entered into a lease agreement with Komatsu Financial for the purchase of a Komatsu Dozier for use at the County landfill with an original amount of $285,300. The agreement calls for thirty-six monthly payments of $6,548 beginning in April of 2021 and ending in March of 2024 and a balloon payment of $74,228 due April 2024 at an interest rate of 4.60%. As of June 30, 2023 the net book value of this leased equipment was $156,915. This year, $57,060 was included in depreciation expense. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $123,204 as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments of $3,405 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 123,204	$ 3,405	$ 126,609
Total	$ 123,204	$ 3,405	$ 126,609

During fiscal year 2022 the County entered into a finance purchase agreement with HomeTrust Bank for the purchase of an STD Compactor for use at the County landfill with an original amount of $740,387. The agreement calls for annual payments of $113,915 beginning in August of 2023 and ending in August of 2029 at an interest rate of 1.89%. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $740,387 as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments of $57,021 are as follows:

June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 99,922	$ 13,993	$ 113,915
2025	101,811	12,105	113,916
2026	103,735	10,181	113,916
2027	105,695	8,220	113,915
2028	107,693	6,222	113,915
2029-2030	221,531	6,300	227,831
Total	$ 740,387	$ 57,021	$ 797,408

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Revenue Bonds Payable

Telfair County Solid Waste Facility Improvement Revenue Bond - On November 22, 2020, the County issued $1,522,000 in fixed rate revenue bonds to provide funds to acquire, construct, and equip extensions of and additions and improvements to the County's solid waste facility, fully fund the Debt Service Reserve Account, and pay the necessary costs of issuing the bonds. The revenues of the Landfill Fund are pledged to secure these outstanding bonds.

Revenue bonds payable at June 30, 2023, are comprised of the following individual issue: $1,522,000 facility improvement revenue bonds which is to mature and be payable on the fortieth anniversary date following the date of issuance of the Initial Bond, being November 22, 2020, subject to scheduled installment payments prior to maturity. As called for in the bond ordinance, the first payment shall be made on November 22, 2021, and on the same day of each year thereafter for a total of 39 annual payments of principal and interest in equal, amortized annual installments, in the amount of $53,240 until the Bond is paid in full at 1.75%.

The annual requirements to amortize outstanding revenue bonds as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments of $79,300 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30th	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2024	$ 46,793	$ 6,447	$ 53,240
2025	42,799	10,441	53,240
2026	43,548	9,692	53,240
2027	44,311	8,929	53,240
2028	45,086	8,154	53,240
2029-2033	237,545	28,655	266,200
2034-2035	183,312	6,982	190,294
	$ 643,394	$ 79,300	$ 722,694

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations of the component units for the year ended June 30, 2023

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Payments/ Retirements	Ending Balance	Current Portion	Long-term Portion
Component Units:						
Telfair County Department of Leisure Services -						
Note payable	$ 1,916	$ -	$ (1,916)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total component units long-term liabilities	$ 1,916	$ -	$ (1,916)	$ -	$ -	$ -

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G. Fund Equity

Fund Balances:

- ***Nonspendable*** – The following fund balances are nonspendable because they are allocated to:

General fund -	
Prepaids	$ 352,100

- ***Restricted*** - The following fund balances are restricted for:

Capital Projects Funds:

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Fund (SPLOST) –	
used to account for capital projects financed with SPLOST.	$ 1,944,748
Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST)	
used to account for capital projects financed with T-SPLOST.	1,147,570
LMIG Program	
used to account for road projects financed with LMIG funds.	490,867

Special Revenue Funds:

American Rescue Plan -	
used to account for the proceeds of fiscal recovery funds received by the County through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2023.	2,011,407
Multipurpose Grant Fund -	
used to account for the proceeds of revenue sources legally restricted to expenditures for specific capital or operating projects.	124,729
Sheriff Commissary -	
used to account for the activities of the inmate canteen	7,788
Law Library -	
used to account for the operations of the County law library.	61,995
	$ 5,789,104

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Net Position:

Net investment in capital assets reported on the government-wide statement of net position as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Net investment in capital assets		
Cost of capital assets	$ 26,793,018	$ 9,219,357
Less accumulated depreciation	(10,448,265)	(4,174,336)
Book value	16,344,753	5,045,021
Less capital related debt	(1,581,470)	(1,506,985)
Net investment in capital assets	$ 14,763,283	$ 3,538,036

H. Commitments and Contingencies

The County receives grant monies for various purposes. All grant monies received by the County are subject to examination and adjustment by the applicable governmental agency or their designee. However, in the opinion of the County officials, adjustments resulting from such examination are not expected to differ materially from amounts reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

There are several lawsuits pending in which the County is involved. The County Attorney has advised that potential claims against the County resulting from such litigation are such that they would not materially affect the financial statements of the County.

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County has joined together with other municipalities in the state as part of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency Property and Liability.

The County is also part of the ACCG Group Self-Insurance Workers Compensation Fund, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member local governments.

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

The responsibilities of the pool are 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 purview of the Workers' Compensation Law of Georgia, or on the basis of employer's liability. The pool 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.

B. Landfill Closure and Post closure Care Costs

Under state and federal laws and regulations, the County is required to place a final cover upon closure and to continue to perform various maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for a period of 30 years after closure. The expense and related liability are based on landfill capacity used to date. The estimated total cost of the landfill closure and postclosure care is estimated to be $3,475,527. This amount is based on equipment, facilities, and services necessary to close, monitor, and maintain the landfill. However, the actual cost may vary due to inflation or deflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations. To date, the County has used 100% of the landfill capacity and the landfill has an estimated remaining life of -0- years.

C. Joint Venture

Telfair County, in conjunction with cities and counties in the sixteen (16) county Heart of Georgia area are members of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission (RC). Membership in an RC is automatic for each municipality and county in the state. The official Code of Georgia Section 50-8-34 (Georgia Planning Act of 1989) provides for the organizational structure of the RCs. Each county and municipality in the state is required by law to pay minimum annual dues to the RC. The county paid annual dues in the amount of $6,043 to the RC for the year ended June 30, 2023. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and the chief elected official of each municipality. The County board members and municipal board members from the same county elect one member of the Board who is a resident (but not an elected or appointed official or employee of the County or municipality) to serve as the nonpublic Board member from a County. Copies of the RC's financial statements may be obtained from the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission.

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

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

D. Hotel/Motel Tax

The County levies a hotel/motel tax under the provisions of O.C.G.A. 48-13-51. The code section provides that the County shall expend for the purpose of promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows a percentage of the total taxes collected under this Code section which is not less than the percentage of such tax collections expended for such purposes during the immediately preceding fiscal year. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the County received $21,909. in hotel/motel tax. The County distributed $8,764 to the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of tourism and retained $13,145 for general government purposes. The expended amounts total 100% of the amount received by the County.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the County has complied with the expenditure requirements of code section 48-13-51.

E. Retirement Plan

Plan Description

The County sponsors the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Restated Pension Plan for Telfair County Employees (The Plan), which is a defined benefit pension plan.

The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan participants and beneficiaries. The Plan, through execution of the adoption agreement, is affiliated with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Third Restated Defined Benefit Plan (The ACCG Plan), an agent multiple-employer pension plan, administered by GEBCorp. The ACCG, in its role as the Plan Sponsor, has the sole authority to amend the provisions of the ACCG Plan, as provided in Section 19.03 of the ACCG Plan document. The County has the authority to amend the adoption agreement, which defines the specific benefit provisions of the Plan, as provided in Section 19.02 of the ACCG Plan document.

All full-time County employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after completing three years of service. Benefits vest after five years of service. Participants become eligible to retire at age 65 with 3 years of participation in the Plan. Upon eligibility to retire, participants are entitled to a monthly benefit for life equal to 1.0% of average annual compensation plus $36.00 for each year of service. Average annual compensation is the highest average of the Participant's annual compensation over five consecutive years during the ten plan years preceding the date of retirement or termination. The Plan also provides benefits in the event of death or disability. These benefit provisions were established by an adoption agreement executed by the County Board of Commissioners.

The following is the plan membership at January 1, 2023

Active plan participants	45
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	47
Active or terminated plan participants entitled to, but not yet receiving benefits	42
Total	134

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Copies of the Plan's financial statements may be obtained by contacting:

Government Employee Benefits Corporation of Georgia
400 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1250
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

Contributions

The County employees are not required to contribute to the Plan. The County is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate annually to the Plan's trust. The contribution amount is determined using actuarial methods and assumptions approved by the ACCG Plan trustees and must satisfy the minimum contribution requirements contained in the State of Georgia statutes. The County can always meet its funding obligation by making the Recommended Contribution.

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

The County's funding policy is to contribute at least the minimum actuarially determined contribution in accordance with the State of Georgia's requirements. There are no legal or contractual maximum contributions to the plan. The County's contributions to the Plan totaled $179,983 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Net Pension Liability

The County's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation:	3.25%
Salary increases:	3.00% per year with an aged based scale as follows:
Age	Salary increase
Under 30	3.0% rate plus 1.0%
30-39	3.0% rate plus 0.5%
40-49	3.0% rate less 0.5%
50+	3.0% rate less 1.0%
Investment rate of return:	7.00% per year
Mortality rates:	RP-2000, projected with Scale AA

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The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investments expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The Trustees shall rebalance the portfolio at least annually for asset allocation purposes. The guidelines for allocation are: equities shall not exceed 70% of total plan assets, valued at cost. Fixed income shall be targeted at 30% of total plan assets, valued at cost. The guidelines for asset allocation are as follows:

	Target Allocation	Range
Fixed income:	30%	25% - 35%
Equities:	70%	65% - 75%
Large Cap	30%	25% - 35%
Mid Cap	5%	2.5% - 10%
Small Cap	5%	2.5% - 10%
REIT	5%	2.5% - 10%
International	15%	10% - 20%
Multi Cap	5%	2.5% - 10%
Global allocation	5%	2.5% - 10%

Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 %. The discount rate is determined through a blend of using a building blocks approach based on 20-year benchmarks (25%) and 30-year benchmarks (25%), as well as the forward-looking capital market assumptions for a moderate asset allocation (50%), as determined by UBS. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Building block expected return based on 20-year benchmarks	6.82%
Building block expected return based on 30-year benchmarks	8.28%
UBS capital market assumption for a moderate asset allocation	6.40%
20-year building blocks return (7.44% x .25)	2.27%
30-year building blocks return (9.49% x .25)	2.76%
UBS capital market assumption for a moderate asset allocation (6.30% x .50)	2.13%
Discount rate (7.16% rounded to nearest .25%)	7.25%

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a)-(b)
Balances at December 31, 2021	$ 3,390,134	$ 3,012,327	$ 377,807
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	$ 61,473	$ -	$ 61,473
Interest	230,463	-	230,463
Differences between expected and actual experience	56,618	-	56,618
Assumption change	5,368	-	5,368
Contributions - employer	-	194,909	(194,909)
Net investment income	-	(428,363)	428,363
Benefit payments	(195,601)	(195,601)	-
Administrative expense	-	(27,296)	27,296
Other	-	(10,974)	10,974
Net changes	$ 158,321	$ (467,325)	$ 625,646
Balances at December 31, 2022	$ 3,548,455	$ 2,545,002	$ 1,003,453

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

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Total pension liability	$ 3,939,886	$ 3,548,455	$ 3,220,584
Fiduciary net position	2,545,002	2,545,002	2,545,002
Net pension liability	$ 1,394,884	$ 1,003,453	$ 675,582

Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued GEBCorp financial report.

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

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the County recognized pension expense of $143,436. At June 30, 2023, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Asset (Gain)/Loss	$ 518,831	$ (246,626)
Liability (Gain)/Loss	37,745	(36,309)
Changes of assumptions	5,417	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	179,983	-
Total	$ 741,976	$ (282,935)

The County's contributions subsequent to the measurement date of $179,983 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2024	$ 14,272
2025	(76,987)
2026	(86,636)
2027	(129,707)
2028	-
Thereafter	-

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

	Fiscal Year End									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total pension liability										
Service cost	$ 61,473	$ 53,814	$ 53,312	$ 50,095	$ 40,374	$ 43,782	$ 39,615	$ 35,838	$ 30,411	
Interest	230,463	231,483	227,081	206,746	197,658	192,421	186,836	174,410	175,522	
Differences between expected and actual experience	56,618	(106,200)	(28,215)	83,701	91,105	(4,463)	29,984	34,367	-	
Changes of assumptions	5,368	5,036	4,954	133,557	75,490	5,084	62,819	73,656	-	
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(195,601)	(201,785)	(186,696)	(180,515)	(174,337)	(154,852)	(157,785)	(147,406)	(147,056)	
Net change in total pension liability	158,321	(17,652)	70,436	293,584	230,290	81,972	161,469	170,865	58,877	-
Total pension liability - beginning	3,390,134	3,407,786	3,337,350	3,043,766	2,813,476	2,731,504	2,570,035	2,399,170	2,340,293	
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 3,548,455	$ 3,390,134	$ 3,407,786	$ 3,337,350	$ 3,043,766	$ 2,813,476	$ 2,731,504	$ 2,570,035	$ 2,399,170	$ -
Plan fiduciary net position										
Contributions - employer	$ 194,909	$ 167,369	$ 161,514	$ 159,370	$ 111,125	$ 131,483	$ 136,495	$ 127,232	$ 115,554	
Contributions - employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net investment income	(428,363)	413,898	331,804	438,989	(101,954)	320,007	133,649	15,428	140,261	
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(195,601)	(201,785)	(186,696)	(180,515)	(174,337)	(154,852)	(157,785)	(147,406)	(141,741)	
Administrative expense	(27,296)	(23,504)	(23,501)	(22,304)	(10,075)	(7,650)	(10,479)	(6,748)	(5,903)	
Other	(10,974)	(68,299)	(28,602)	(25,932)	(10,068)	(37,425)	(22,227)	(27,122)	(42,347)	
Net change in fiduciary net position	(467,325)	287,679	254,519	369,608	(185,309)	251,563	79,653	(38,616)	65,824	-
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	3,012,327	2,724,648	2,470,129	2,100,521	2,285,830	2,034,267	1,954,614	1,993,230	1,927,406	
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	$ 2,545,002	$ 3,012,327	$ 2,724,648	$ 2,470,129	$ 2,100,521	$ 2,285,830	$ 2,034,267	$ 1,954,614	$ 1,993,230	$ -
Net pension liability - ending: (a)-(b)	$ 1,003,453	$ 377,807	$ 683,138	$ 867,221	$ 943,245	$ 527,646	$ 697,237	$ 615,421	$ 405,940	$ -
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	71.72%	88.86%	79.95%	74.01%	69.01%	81.25%	74.47%	76.05%	83.08%	
Covered-employee payroll	$ 1,843,115	$ 1,495,014	$ 1,420,517	$ 1,359,298	$ 1,113,907	$ 1,007,717	$ 881,125	$ 811,582	$ 709,626	
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	54.44%	25.27%	48.09%	63.80%	84.68%	52.36%	79.13%	75.83%	57.20%	

Refer to Notes To Required Supplementary Information

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

	Fiscal Year End									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Actuarially determined contribution	$ 171,746	$ 151,435	$ 149,734	$ 145,454	$ 104,146	$ 131,483	$ 136,495	$ 127,232	$ 115,554	$ 131,152
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	$ 194,909	$ 167,369	$ 161,514	$ 159,370	$ 111,125	$ 131,483	$ 136,495	$ 127,232	$ 115,554	131,152
Contribution deficiency (excess)	(23,163)	(15,934)	(11,780)	(13,916)	(6,979)	-	-	-	-	-
Covered-employee payroll	$ 1,843,115	$ 1,495,014	$ 1,420,517	$ 1,359,298	$ 1,113,907	$ 1,007,717	$ 881,125	$ 811,582	$ 709,626	756,495
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.57%	11.20%	11.37%	11.72%	9.98%	13.05%	15.49%	15.68%	16.28%	17.34%

Refer to Notes To Required Supplementary Information

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

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget - Over
	Original	Final	Actual	(Under)
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 6,883,750	$ 7,033,750	$ 6,393,930	$ (639,820)
Charges for services and fines	823,000	923,000	1,084,384	161,384
Other	672,000	751,854	581,892	(169,962)
Total revenues	8,378,750	8,708,604	8,060,206	(648,398)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government:				
General government	206,395	208,645	176,204	(32,441)
Elections	190,560	184,660	212,797	28,137
General adminstration	660,265	626,765	709,740	82,975
Tax Commisioner	295,424	293,724	276,804	(16,920)
Tax Assessor	291,351	246,953	237,922	(9,031)
General government buildings and plant	42,700	42,700	49,579	6,879
Judicial:				
Superior court	199,804	194,704	179,942	(14,762)
Clerk of court	282,353	273,453	251,857	(21,596)
Board of equalization	3,630	2,480	3,948	1,468
Magistrate court	163,185	160,160	155,292	(4,868)
Probate court	188,858	164,858	194,467	29,609
Public safety:				
Law enforcement administration	1,389,884	1,355,000	1,316,878	(38,122)
Jail operations	1,726,503	1,709,503	1,947,340	237,837
Fire administration	35,626	32,376	19,370	(13,006)
Emergency medical services	1,141,645	1,099,773	1,078,666	(21,107)
Emergency Management Agency	19,418	19,418	20,917	1,499
Coroner / medical examiner	40,594	37,814	45,575	7,761
Enhanced 911	246,103	246,103	246,103	-
Public works:				
Highways and streets	849,588	822,088	939,492	117,404
Health and welfare:				
Public health administration	95,010	95,010	102,280	7,270
Health department building	34,762	34,762	21,646	(13,116)
Intergovernment - Welfare	3,500	3,500	3,335	(165)
Senior citizens center	195,100	195,002	169,359	(25,643)

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

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget - Over
	Original	Final	Actual	(Under)
EXPENDITURES (Continued)				
Current:				
Community services	81,776	81,776	59,558	(22,218)
Transportation services	98,420	96,920	90,094	(6,826)
Culture and recreation:				
Culture and recreation administration	171,000	165,000	165,000	-
Library administration	75,400	70,400	70,400	-
Housing and development:				
Conservation administration	37,083	37,083	26,716	(10,367)
Agricultural resources	98,208	97,608	102,428	4,820
Forest resources	37,091	37,091	23,669	(13,422)
Economic development	61,977	46,977	40,500	(6,477)
Airport	12,100	12,100	6,181	(5,919)
Farmers Market	14,200	14,200	14,125	(75)
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	6,003	6,003
Capital outlay :				
Law enforcement administration	-	-	72,400	72,400
Jail operations	-	-	-	-
Emergency medical services	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	8,989,513	8,708,606	9,036,587	327,981
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in (out)	-	-	5,324	5,324
Total other financing sources	-	-	5,324	5,324
Net change in fund balance	$ (610,763)	$ (2)	(971,057)	$ (971,055)
Fund balance, beginning			1,577,683	
Fund balance, ending			$ 606,626	

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - SECTION 18
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Georgia Department of Transportation	$ 55,000	$ 61,603	$ 6,603
Fares and other	5,000	9,576	4,576
Total revenues	60,000	71,179	11,179
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Heart of Georgia CAC Administration	93,500	88,118	(5,382)
Repairs and maintenance	2,500	1,064	(1,436)
Communication services	920	912	(8)
Total expenditures	96,920	90,094	(6,826)
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditure	$ (36,920)	$ (18,915)	$ 18,005

Note:
The Department of Transportation is included in the Health and Welfare department of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HEART OF GEORGIA - COUNCIL ON AGING
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Council on Aging - receipts	$ 145,000	$ 137,012	$ (7,988)
Total revenues	145,000	137,012	(7,988)
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Salaries	62,000	57,337	(4,663)
Employee benefits	52,027	33,859	(18,168)
Repairs and maintenance	4,000	4,449	449
Communications	2,500	2,620	120
Travel	50	84	34
Dues and fees	100	135	35
Advertising	200	-	(200)
Small equipment	2,000	-	(2,000)
Other purchased services	62,000	60,609	(1,391)
Supplies and materials	2,000	2,086	86
Utilities	8,125	8,180	55
Total expenditures	195,002	169,359	(25,643)
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditure	$ (50,002)	$ (32,347)	$ 17,655

Note:

The Heart of Georgia Council on Aging is included in the Health and Welfare department of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance.

PENSION

1. Changes of Assumptions

- There have been no substantive changes since the last actuarial valuation.

2. Method and Assumptions Used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions

The actuarially determined contribution rate was determined as of December 31, 2018, with an interest adjustment to the fiscal year. Contributions in relation to this actuarially determined contribution rate will be reported for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level dollar, open
Remaining amortization period amortization period of 10 years	Remaining amortization period varies for the bases, with a net effective
Asset valuation method	Sum of actuarial value at beginning of year and the cash flow during the year plus the assumed investment return, adjusted by 10% of the amount that the value exceeds or is less than the market value at end of year. The actuarial value is adjusted, if necessary, to be within 20% of market value.
Actuarial assumptions:	
Net investment rate of return	7.00%
Projected salary increases	3.00% plus service based merit increases
Cost of living adjustments	0.00%
Inflation rate	3.25%

BUDGET

1. Budgetary basis of accounting

The County's procedures in establishing, maintaining and revising budgetary data reflected in the financial statements are as follows: Prior to July 1, the Board of Commissioners (the Board) prepares a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and expected means of financing. Public hearings are conducted in the Board's Office to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through approval by the Board.

The Board is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General and Special Revenue Funds. Budgets for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. All appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Special Revenue				Capital Projects	Total Nonmajor
	Multipurpose Grant	Sheriff Commissary	Expendable Trust Fund	Hotel/Motel Tax	LMIG	Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 124,729	$ 24,772	$ 61,995	$ -	$ 490,867	$ 702,363
Taxes receivable, net	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other receivables, net	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	$ 124,729	$ 24,772	$ 61,995	$ -	$ 490,867	$ 702,363
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 16,984	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 16,984
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted	124,729	7,788	61,995	-	490,867	685,379
Total fund balances	124,729	7,788	61,995	-	490,867	685,379
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 124,729	$ 24,772	$ 61,995	$ -	$ 490,867	$ 702,363

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

	Special Revenue				Capital Projects	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Multipurpose Grant	Sheriff Commissary	Expendable Trust Fund	Hotel/Motel Tax	LMIG	
REVENUES						
Charges for services	$ -	$ 144,531	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 144,531
Intergovernmental	12,865	-	-	-	490,867	503,732
Other taxes	-	-	-	21,909	-	21,909
Investment earnings	233	-	455	-	-	688
Miscellaneous	-	-	9,199	-	-	9,199
Total revenues	13,098	144,531	9,654	21,909	490,867	680,059
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	-	143,913	-	13,145	-	157,058
Judicial	-	-	7,720	-	-	7,720
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health and welfare	2,081	-	-	-	-	2,081
Housing and development	-	-	-	8,764	-	8,764
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay:						
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	2,081	143,913	7,720	21,909	-	175,623
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES						
Lease financing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	11,017	618	1,934	-	490,867	504,436
Fund balances, beginning	113,712	7,170	60,061	-	-	180,943
Fund balances, ending	$ 124,729	$ 7,788	$ 61,995	$ -	$ 490,867	$ 685,379

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

	Custodial Funds					
	Clerk of Superior Court	Sheriff	Judge of Probate Court	Tax Commissioner	Magistrate Court	Total Fiduciary Funds
ASSETS						
Cash	$ 99,060	$ 25,613	$ (17,016)	$ 147,492	$ 52,453	$ 307,602
Taxes receivable (net allowance for uncollectible accounts)	-	-	-	469,006	-	469,006
Total assets	$ 99,060	$ 25,613	$ (17,016)	$ 616,498	$ 52,453	$ 776,608
NET POSITION						
Net position - held for others	$ 99,060	$ 25,613	$ (17,016)	$ 616,498	$ 52,453	$ 776,608
Total net position	$ 99,060	$ 25,613	$ (17,016)	$ 616,498	$ 52,453	$ 776,608

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

	Custodial Funds					
	Clerk of Superior Court	Sheriff	Judge of Probate Court	Tax Commissioner	Magistrate Court	Total Fiduciary Funds
ADDITIONS						
Taxes collected for other agencies	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 11,352,956	$ -	$ 11,352,956
Court fees collected for other agencie	-	-	-	-	119,061	119,061
Court individual cases	358,490	-	370,359	-	-	728,849
Sheriff fees collected	-	112,411	-	-	-	112,411
Total additions	358,490	112,411	370,359	11,352,956	119,061	12,313,277
DEDUCTIONS						
Payments of court fees to other agencies	-	-	387,998	-	99,133	487,131
Payment to others	371,060	112,150	-	-	-	483,210
Payments of taxes to other agencies	-	-	-	11,232,021	-	11,232,021
Total deductions	371,060	112,150	387,998	11,232,021	99,133	12,202,362
Change in net position	(12,570)	261	(17,639)	120,935	19,928	110,915
Net position - beginning	111,630	25,352	623	495,563	32,525	665,693
Net position - ending	$ 99,060	$ 25,613	$ (17,016)	$ 616,498	$ 52,453	$ 776,608

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
COMPONENT UNITS
JUNE 30, 2023

	Leisure Services	Hospital Authority	Development Authority	County Board of Health	Total
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 7,872	$ 1,472,239	$ 2,213,070	$ 1,374,562	$ 5,067,743
Investments	-	1,008	-	-	1,008
Other receivables, net	-	3,500	-	7,269	10,769
Proportionate share of collective net OPEB benefit	-	-	-	23,771	23,771
Capital assets:					
Nondepreciable	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Depreciable, net	84,211	311,455	3,621	1,428	400,715
Total assets	92,083	1,803,202	2,216,691	1,407,030	5,519,006
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-	-	413,471	413,471
LIABILITIES					
Other liabilities	2,827	-	-	45,346	48,173
Proportionate share of collective net pension liability	-	-	-	787,591	787,591
Total liabilities	2,827	-	-	832,937	835,764
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-	-	63,383	63,383
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	84,211	326,455	3,621	1,428	415,715
Restricted	-	-	-	196,356	196,356
Unrestricted	5,045	1,476,747	2,213,070	726,397	4,421,259
Total net position	$ 89,256	$ 1,803,202	$ 2,216,691	$ 924,181	$ 5,033,330

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
COMPONENT UNITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Component Units: Leisure Services	Hospital Authority	Development Authority	County Board of Health	Total Component Units
Component units:									
Leisure Services	$ 247,951	$ 16,844	$ 210,330	$ -	$ (20,777)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (20,777)
Hospital Authority	39,061	46,200	-	-	-	7,139	-	-	7,139
Development Authority	33,522	-	40,500	-	-	-	6,978	-	6,978
County Board of Health	752,834	256,569	502,698	-	-	-	-	6,433	6,433
Total component units	$ 1,073,368	$ 319,613	$ 753,528	$ -	(20,777)	7,139	6,978	6,433	(227)
General revenues:									
Investment earnings					-	40,998	2,438	-	43,436
Gain on sale of assets					-	-	112,092	-	112,092
Miscellaneous					-	-	1,749	102,633	104,382
Total general revenues					-	40,998	116,279	102,633	259,910
Change in net position					(20,777)	48,137	123,257	109,066	259,683
Net position - beginning					110,033	1,755,065	2,093,434	815,115	4,773,647
Net position - ending					$ 89,256	$ 1,803,202	$ 2,216,691	$ 924,181	$ 5,033,330

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

Project Description Per SPLOST Referendum	Original Estimated Cost	Amended Estimated Cost	Expenditures			
			Prior Years	Current Year		Total
2014 - SPLOST						
Jail (Level 1)	$ 2,000,000	$ 2,000,000	$ 2,000,000	$ 67,029	*	$ 2,067,029
Roads and bridges	392,800	666,357	825,467	-		825,467
Landfill	550,000	550,000	-	808,162	**	808,162
Recreation facility	250,000	250,000	250,000	-		250,000
Public safety tower	199,600	199,600	103,829	-		103,829
City of McRae Helena	2,090,400	1,871,099	1,871,099	-		1,871,099
City of Lumber City	322,000	288,220	288,220	-		288,220
City of Milan	81,600	73,039	73,039	-		73,039
City of Scotland	79,600	71,251	71,251	-		71,251
City of Jacksonville	34,000	30,434	30,434	-		30,434
Total	$ 6,000,000	$ 6,000,000	$ 5,513,339	$ 875,191		$ 6,388,530
2019 - SPLOST						
Roads, bridges and equip	$ 900,000	$ 900,000	$ -	$ -		$ -
Landfill, vehicles & equip	600,000	600,000	-	-		-
County buildings	250,000	250,000	217,916	59,812		277,728
Recreation bldgs & improv	300,000	300,000	176,439	-		176,439
Healthcare facility and land	412,400	412,400	-	-		-
Law enforcement center	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,894,744	(67,029)	*	1,827,715
City of McRae Helena	3,000,000	3,000,000	1,645,791	576,508		2,222,299
City of Lumber City	322,000	322,000	176,648	61,879		238,527
City of Milan	100,000	100,000	54,861	19,217		74,078
City of Scotland	79,600	79,600	43,670	15,298		58,968
City of Jacksonville	36,000	36,000	19,751	6,918		26,669
Total	$ 7,000,000	$ 7,000,000	$ 4,229,820	$ 672,603		$ 4,902,423

* Reclass adjustment to reflect expenditure amount in appropriate SPLOST year.

** Projects completed. Amount moved from SPLOST to landfill.

II. REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS

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

To the Board of Commissioners and Management
of Telfair County, Georgia
McRae, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Telfair County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Telfair County, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon November 5, 2024. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Telfair County Department of Leisure Services, the Telfair County Hospital Authority, the Development Authority of Telfair County or the Telfair County Board of Health, as described in our report on Telfair County, Georgia's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Telfair County, Georgia'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 Telfair County, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Telfair County, Georgia's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the 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 did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items [2023-001, 2023-002] that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Telfair County, Georgia's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 as item [IC 2023-003].

Telfair County, Georgia's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC
Tifton, Georgia
November 5, 2024

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Findings noted on the 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

Material Weaknesses

2023-001 Segregation of Duties

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

Material Weaknesses (Continued)

2023-002 Pension liabilities – census data

Criteria:
Internal controls should be in place to ensure that census data and the related defined benefit plan liabilities are accurate.

Condition:
Defined benefit plan liabilities related to the County's defined benefit pension plan were not recorded accurately at year-end.

Cause of Condition:
Proposed audit adjustments to defined benefit plan liabilities were necessary to record the estimated difference.

Effect of Condition:
Audit adjustments to defined benefit plan liabilities were required because misstatements were not detected in the reporting of the aforementioned items.

Recommendation:
Management should develop and implement procedures to ensure that defined benefit plan liabilities are reported completely and accurately.

Response of Management:
Management concurs with the finding. We will work to ensure that defined benefit plan liabilities are reported accurately in the future.

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

Instances of Noncompliance

2023-003 Financial Assurance Mechanism Form Submission

Criteria:
The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, pursuant to the financial assurance provisions of the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Criteria under Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act requires the Financial Assurance Mechanism Form to be submitted to the State of Georgia by December 30, 2022.

Condition:
The Financial Assurance Mechanism Form was not submitted to the State of Georgia by December 30, 2022.

Cause of Condition:
The County did not have a policy in place to ensure timely submission of the Financial Assurance Mechanism Form to the State of Georgia.

Effect of Condition:
The County was not in compliance with the financial assurance provisions of the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Criteria under Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Recommendation:
Management should adopt a policy to ensure that all applicable deadlines for the Financial Assurance Mechanism Form submission are adhered to.

Response of Management:
Management concurs with this finding and will develop policies to ensure timely filings of the Financial Assurance Mechanism Form going forward.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Findings	Status
2022-001	See finding 2023-001
2022-002	See finding 2023-002
2022-003	Resolved
2022-004	See finding 2023-003