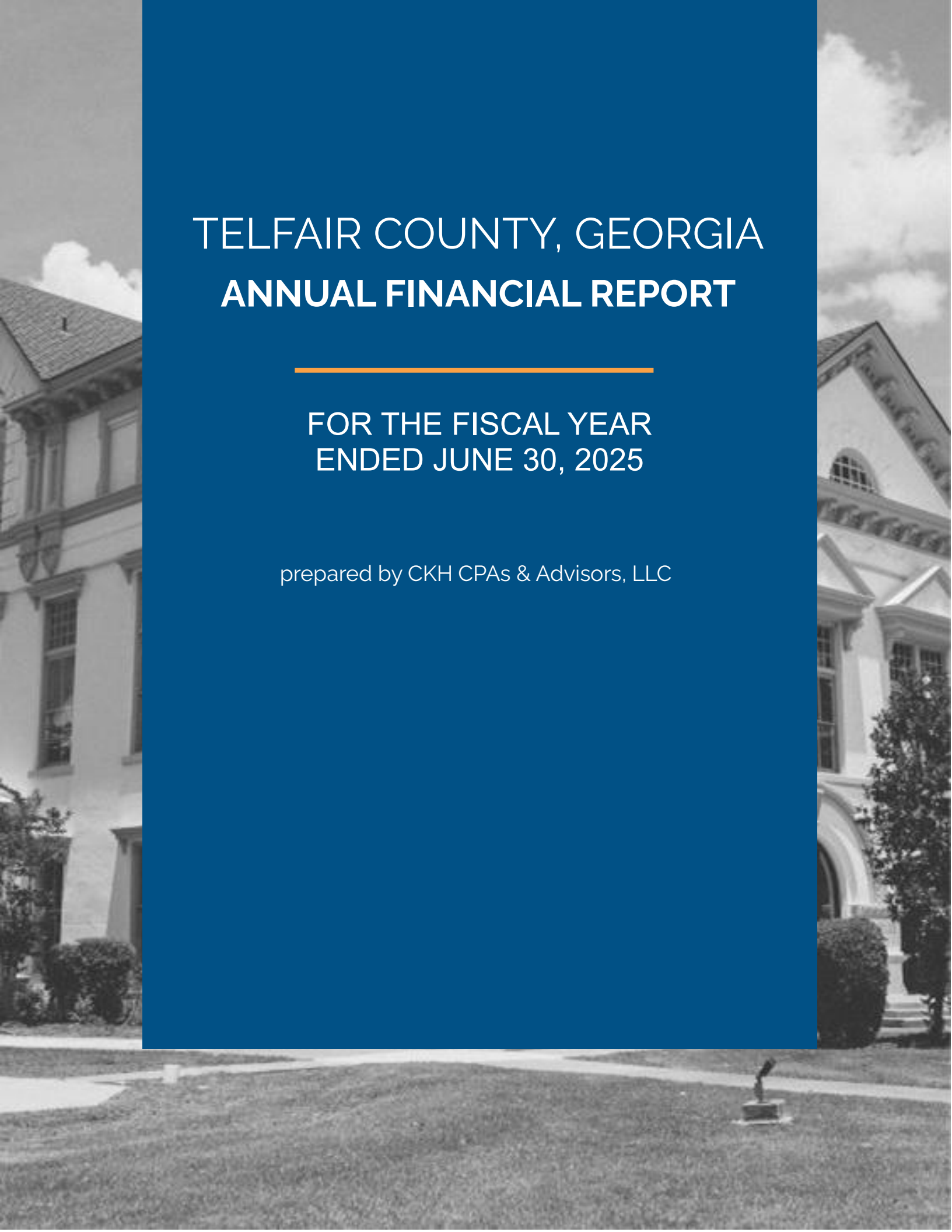


TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners of Telfair County
McRae-Helena, 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 (the "County"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, 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 unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of June 30, 2025, 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 represents 100 percent of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units. Those statements were audited by other auditors, in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to amounts included for the aggregate discretely presented component unit, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements for nonmajor governmental funds, and the combining fiduciary fund financial statements, the schedule of projects constructed with proceeds from special purpose local option sales tax as required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A") 48-8-121, the comparative statements, and the schedule of expenditure of federal awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of

the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, combining and individual fund financial statements for nonmajor governmental funds, and the combining fiduciary fund financial statements, the schedule of projects constructed with proceeds from special purpose local option sales tax the comparative statements, and the schedule of expenditure of federal awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* 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 December 22, 2025 on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

CKH CPAs and Advisors, LLC

CKH CPA's and Advisors, LLC
Atlanta, Georgia
December 22, 2025

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

	Primary Government			Component Units
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 13,001,757	$ 690,079	$ 13,691,836	$ 5,297,597
Restricted cash	3,362,250	-	3,362,250	-
Investments	-	-	-	1,164
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	318,832	438,655	757,487	-
Taxes receivable	1,044,336	-	1,044,336	-
Due from other funds	-	296,124	296,124	-
Due from other governments	363,188	-	363,188	53,367
Other receivables	-	-	-	3,500
Proportionate share of collective net OPEB benefit	-	-	-	127,425
Prepaid items	255,915	-	255,915	-
Noncurrent assets				
Capital assets, nondepreciable	304,511	1,061,243	1,365,754	15,000
Capital assets, depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	16,632,076	4,117,376	20,749,452	559,309
Total assets	35,282,865	6,603,477	41,886,342	6,057,362
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension related items	448,522	41,692	490,214	156,256
Total deferred outflows of resources	448,522	41,692	490,214	156,256
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	1,515,022	23,005	1,538,027	3,675
Accrued expenses	122,736	5,990	128,726	20,715
Due to other funds	296,124	-	296,124	-
Unearned revenue	7,419,757	-	7,419,757	-
Noncurrent liabilities due within one year				-
Compensated absences	58,049	-	58,049	6,691
Lease liabilities	211,335	49,291	260,626	-
Landfill liability	-	-	-	-
Note payable	59,582	103,735	163,317	-
Noncurrent liabilities due in more than one year				
Compensated absences	-	-	-	26,762
Lease liabilities	764,327	261,220	1,025,547	-
Landfill liability	-	3,699,356	3,699,356	-
Note payable	996,667	434,919	1,431,586	-
Net pension liability	677,507	62,978	740,485	467,563
Total liabilities	12,121,106	4,640,494	16,761,600	525,406
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension related items	220,477	20,494	240,971	125,767
Total deferred inflows of resources	220,477	20,494	240,971	125,767
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	14,904,676	630,098	15,534,774	574,309
Restricted for:				
Debt service	-	-	-	-
Judicial	128,010	-	128,010	-
Public safety	71,980	-	71,980	-
Public works	5,624	-	5,624	-
Health and welfare	-	-	-	369,545
Transportation	2,850,827	-	2,850,827	-
Capital projects	2,272,178	-	2,272,178	-
Unrestricted	3,156,509	1,354,083	4,510,592	4,618,591
Total net position	$ 23,389,804	$ 1,984,181	$ 25,373,985	$ 5,562,445

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

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Fines, Fees and Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Primary Government: Business-type Activities	Primary Government: Total	Component units
Primary government:								
Governmental activities								
General government	$ 2,647,016	$ 163,044	$ 20,205	$ -	$ (2,463,767)	$ -	$ (2,463,767)	$ -
Judicial	785,166	218,003	-	-	(567,163)	-	(567,163)	-
Public safety	4,557,305	728,646	9,880	-	(3,818,779)	-	(3,818,779)	-
Public works	13,529,108	-	12,059,923	3,370,197	1,901,012	-	1,901,012	-
Health and welfare	279,276	154,818	37,772	-	(86,686)	-	(86,686)	-
Culture and recreation	233,580	-	453,637	-	220,057	-	220,057	-
Housing and development	169,119	-	-	-	(169,119)	-	(169,119)	-
Interest on long-term debt	67,261	-	-	-	(67,261)	-	(67,261)	-
Total governmental activities	22,267,831	1,264,511	12,581,417	3,370,197	(5,051,706)	-	(5,051,706)	-
Business-type activities								
Landfill fund	1,090,464	1,255,285	-	-	-	164,821	164,821	-
Total business-type activities	1,090,464	1,255,285	-	-	-	164,821	164,821	-
Total primary government	23,358,295	2,519,796	12,581,417	3,370,197	(5,051,706)	164,821	(4,886,885)	-
Component units:								
Component units	887,913	362,128	549,546	-	-	-	-	23,761
Total component units	$ 887,913	$ 362,128	$ 549,546	$ -	-	-	-	23,761
General revenues:								
Property taxes					6,162,873	-	6,162,873	-
Sales and other taxes					505,078	-	505,078	-
Insurance premium taxes					411,453	-	411,453	-
Other taxes					44,367	-	44,367	-
Unrestricted investment earnings					15,411	1,173	16,584	27,939
Insurance recoveries					125,426	-	125,426	-
Gain on sale of assets					62,320	-	62,320	-
Miscellaneous Revenues					38,394	-	38,394	205,655
Transfers					(271,790)	271,790	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers					7,093,532	272,963	7,366,495	233,594
Change in net position					2,041,826	437,784	2,479,609	257,355
Net position, beginning of year					21,347,978	1,546,397	22,894,375	5,305,090
Net position, end of year					$ 23,389,804	$ 1,984,181	$ 25,373,985	$ 5,562,445

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

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

				(Formerly Major)
ASSETS	**General Fund**	**SPLOST Fund**	**TSPLOST Fund**	**ARPA Grant Fund**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,410,122	$ -	$ -	$ -
Restricted cash	-	2,271,320	921,893	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	318,832	-	-	-
Taxes receivable	1,044,336	-	-	-
Due from other funds	123,511	-	25,866	-
Due from other governments	189,216	858	37,524	-
Prepaid items	255,915	-	-	-
Total assets	4,341,932	2,272,178	985,283	-
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	259,052	-	4,178	-
Accrued expenses	122,736	-	-	-
Due to other funds	296,124	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-
Short-term loan	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	677,912	-	4,178	-
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - taxes	1,076,671	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,076,671	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid items	255,915	-	-	-
Restricted:				
Judicial	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Public works	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	981,105	-
Capital projects	-	2,272,178	-	-
Unassigned	2,331,434	-	-	-
Total fund balances	2,587,349	2,272,178	981,105	-
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 4,341,932	$ 2,272,178	$ 985,283	$ -

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

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

ASSETS	*(Formerly Nonmajor)* LMIG	GEMA/FEMA Grant Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,930,125	$ 8,440,344	$ 221,166	$ 13,001,757
Restricted cash	-	-	169,037	3,362,250
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	-	-	-	318,832
Taxes receivable	-	-	-	1,044,336
Due from other funds	-	-	-	149,377
Due from other governments	-	135,590	-	363,188
Prepaid items	-	-	-	255,915
Total assets	1,930,125	8,575,934	390,203	18,495,655
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	60,403	1,170,213	21,176	1,515,022
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	122,736
Due to other funds	-	149,377	-	445,501
Unearned revenue	-	7,250,720	169,037	7,419,757
Short-term loan	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	60,403	8,570,310	190,213	9,503,016
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - taxes	-	-	-	1,076,671
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	-	1,076,671
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid items	-	-	-	255,915
Restricted:				
Judicial	-	-	128,010	128,010
Public safety	-	-	71,980	71,980
Public works	-	5,624	-	5,624
Transportation	1,869,722	-	-	2,850,827
Capital projects	-	-	-	2,272,178
Unassigned	-	-	-	2,331,434
Total fund balances	1,869,722	5,624	199,990	7,915,968
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 1,930,125	$ 8,575,934	$ 390,203	$ 18,495,655

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

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Total fund balances - Governmental funds	$	7,915,968
Capital assets, including leased assets, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
- Capital assets, not being depreciated		304,511
- Capital assets, being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation		16,632,076
Deferred inflows for property taxes and unavailable revenues are not recognized as current year revenues and, therefore, are classified as deferred inflows in the governmental funds		1,076,671
Long-term liabilities, including financed purchases and leases, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in governmental funds.		
- Compensated absences		(58,049)
- Lease liabilities		(975,662)
- Notes payable		(1,056,249)
The deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net pension liability related to the County's pension plan are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
- Pension related		(449,462)
Net position of governmental activities	$	23,389,804

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

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	SPLOST Fund *(Formerly Major)*	TSPLOST Fund *(Formerly Major)*	ARPA Grant Fund *(Formerly Major)*
REVENUES:				
Property taxes	$ 5,686,422	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sales and other taxes	505,078	-	-	-
Insurance premium taxes	411,453	-	-	-
Other taxes	44,367	-	-	-
Intergovernmental revenues	646,227	1,071,606	462,829	-
Fines and forfeitures	290,984	-	-	-
Charges for services	655,783	-	-	-
Investment earnings	3,074	4,411	-	-
Building rentals	38,784	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	31,751	-	-	-
Total revenues	8,313,923	1,076,017	462,829	-
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government	1,698,676	-	-	-
Judicial	779,211	-	-	-
Public safety	4,046,397	-	-	-
Public works	480,162	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	172,500	-	-	-
Health and welfare	267,471	-	-	-
Housing and development	168,576	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	201,348	-	-
Capital outlay - General government	-	421,970	-	-
Capital outlay - Public works	-	-	867,238	-
Capital outlay - Culture and recreation	453,637	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal repayments	-	43,333	343,131	-
Interest and fiscal charges	8,389	10,849	48,023	-
Total expenditures	8,075,019	677,500	1,258,392	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	238,904	398,517	(795,563)	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Proceeds from disposal of assets	62,320	-	-	-
Insurance recoveries	125,426	-	-	-
Issuance of debt	-	-	632,132	-
Transfers out	-	(271,790)	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	187,746	(271,790)	632,132	-
Net change in fund balances	426,650	126,727	(163,431)	-
FUND BALANCES, AS AT JUNE 30, 2024, AS PREVIOUSLY STATED	2,160,699	2,145,451	1,144,536	-
Change in financial reporting entity	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES, AS AT JUNE 30, 2024, RESTATED	2,160,699	2,145,451	1,144,536	-
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 2,587,349	$ 2,272,178	$ 981,105	$ -

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

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	(Formerly Nonmajor) LMIG	GEMA/FEMA Grant Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
REVENUES:				
Property taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,686,422
Sales and other taxes	-	-	-	505,078
Insurance premium taxes	-	-	-	411,453
Other taxes	-	-	-	44,367
Intergovernmental revenues	1,835,762	12,059,923	30,085	16,106,432
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	290,984
Charges for services	-	-	124,142	779,925
Investment earnings	-	5,624	2,303	15,412
Building rentals	-	-	-	38,784
Miscellaneous	-	-	6,643	38,394
Total revenues	1,835,762	12,065,547	163,173	23,917,251
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government	-	-	147,163	1,845,839
Judicial	-	-	5,955	785,166
Public safety	-	-	1,970	4,048,367
Public works	-	12,059,923	-	12,540,085
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	172,500
Health and welfare	-	-	-	267,471
Housing and development	-	-	-	168,576
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	201,348
Capital outlay - General government	-	-	-	421,970
Capital outlay - Public works	622,859	-	-	1,490,097
Capital outlay - Culture and recreation	-	-	-	453,637
Debt service:				
Principal repayments	-	-	-	386,464
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	67,261
Total expenditures	622,859	12,059,923	155,088	22,848,781
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,212,903	5,624	8,085	1,068,470
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Proceeds from disposal of assets	-	-	-	62,320
Insurance recoveries	-	-	-	125,426
Issuance of debt	-	-	-	632,132
Transfers out	-	-	-	(271,790)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	548,088
Net change in fund balances	1,212,903	5,624	8,085	1,616,558
FUND BALANCES, AS AT JUNE 30, 2024, AS PREVIOUSLY STATED	-	-	848,724	6,299,410
Change in financial reporting entity	656,819	-	(656,819)	-
FUND BALANCES, AS AT JUNE 30, 2024, RESTATED	656,819	-	191,905	6,299,410
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 1,869,722	$ 5,624	$ 199,990	$ 7,915,968

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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 FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$	1,616,558
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		
- Capital outlays		1,980,833
- Depreciation expense		(1,395,463)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		102,111
The issuance of long-term debt 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. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		
- Principal payments on long-term debt		386,464
- Issuance of long-term debt		(632,132)
The deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net pension liability related to the County's pension plan are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(16,545)
Change in net position - governmental activities	$	2,041,826

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TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Landfill	Total
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 690,079	$ 690,079
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	438,655	438,655
Due from other funds	296,124	296,124
Total current assets	1,424,858	1,424,858
Noncurrent assets		
Capital assets, not being depreciated	1,061,243	1,061,243
Capital assets, being depreciated	4,117,376	4,117,376
Total noncurrent assets	5,178,619	5,178,619
Total assets	6,603,477	6,603,477
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related items	41,692	41,692
Total deferred outflows of resources	41,692	41,692
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	23,005	23,005
Accrued expenses	5,990	5,990
Lease liabilities	49,291	49,291
Note payable	103,735	103,735
Compensated absences	-	-
Total current liabilities	182,021	182,021
Long-term liabilities:		
Landfill liability	3,699,356	3,699,356
Lease liabilities	261,220	261,220
Note payable	434,919	434,919
Compensated absences	-	-
Net pension liability	62,978	62,978
Total long-term liabilities	4,458,473	4,458,473
Total liabilities	4,640,494	4,640,494
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related items	20,494	20,494
Total deferred inflows of resources	20,494	20,494
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	630,098	630,098
Unrestricted	1,354,083	1,354,083
Total net position	$ 1,984,181	$ 1,984,181

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TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Landfill	Total
OPERATING REVENUES		
Charges for services	$ 1,255,286	$ 1,255,286
Total operating revenues	1,255,286	1,255,286
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Personnel services and benefits	333,727	333,727
Purchased contract services	146,706	146,706
Repairs and maintenance	73,906	73,906
Supplies and maintenance	93,790	93,790
Utilities	6,369	6,369
Depreciation	392,023	392,023
Total operating expenses	1,046,521	1,046,521
Operating income (loss)	208,765	208,765
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Interest and fiscal charges	(43,944)	(43,944)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(43,944)	(43,944)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	164,821	164,821
Interest income	1,173	1,173
Transfers out	271,790	271,790
Total transfers	272,963	272,963
Change in net position	437,784	437,784
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,546,397	1,546,397
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	$ 1,984,181	$ 1,984,181

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TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Landfill	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	$ 972,411	$ 972,411
Payments to suppliers and service providers	(269,513)	(269,513)
Payments to employees	(339,243)	(339,243)
Net cash provided by operating activities	363,655	363,655
CASH FLOWS FROM / (USED IN) CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	(364,171)	(364,171)
Principal payments on long-term debt	(146,651)	(146,651)
Interest income	1,173	1,173
Interest and fiscal charges paid	(43,944)	(43,944)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(553,593)	(553,593)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Transfers in	271,790	271,790
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	271,790	271,790
Increase (decrease) in cash	81,852	81,852
Cash:		
Beginning of year	608,227	608,227
End of year	$ 690,079	$ 690,079
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	$ 208,765	$ 208,765
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	392,023	392,023
(Increase) decrease in pension related deferred outflows of resources	19,569	19,569
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(282,875)	(282,875)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(10,024)	(10,024)
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses	1,805	1,805
Increase (decrease) in pension related deferred inflows of resources	(7,919)	(7,919)
Increase (decrease) in landfill liability	86,703	86,703
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(18,971)	(18,971)
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 363,655	$ 363,655

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TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Custodial Funds	Total
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 695,745	$ 695,745
Taxes receivable	824,863	824,863
Total assets	1,520,608	1,520,608
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-
NET POSITION		
Restricted:		
Individual organizations, and other governments	1,520,608	1,520,608
Total net position	$ 1,520,608	$ 1,520,608

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TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Custodial Funds	Total
Additions:		
Taxes collected for other agencies	$ 12,011,437	$ 12,011,437
Court fines and fees collected for other agencies	138,217	138,217
Court individual cases	559,376	559,376
Other custodial collections	105,699	105,699
Total additions	12,814,729	12,814,729
Deductions:		
Taxes paid to other governments	11,791,887	11,791,887
Court fines and fees disbursed to other agencies	343,556	343,556
Other custodial disbursements	388,395	388,395
Total deductions	12,523,838	12,523,838
Net change in net position	290,891	290,891
Net position, beginning of year	1,229,717	1,229,717
Net position, end of year	$ 1,520,608	$ 1,520,608

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

The most significant of the County's accounting policies are described below.

A. 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.

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.

B. Government-wide and Fund 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.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

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

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

Property taxes, 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 corresponding assets (receivables) in non-exchange transactions are recognized in the period in which the underlying exchange occurs, when an enforceable legal claim has arisen, when all eligibility requirements have been met, or when resources are received, depending on the revenue source.

D. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

The ***General Fund*** is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. It also provides ambulance services and emergency medical services to the citizens of the County for which it charges a fee. This service is treated as an exchange transaction. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. The general fund's fund balance is available to the County for any purpose provided it is expensed or transferred according to the general laws of Georgia.

The ***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.

The ***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 ***ARPA Grant 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.

The ***LMIG Fund*** is a capital projects fund and accounts for grant revenues and expenditures received under the GDOT Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program, which is restricted to eligible roadway and transportation infrastructure maintenance and improvement projects.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The ***GEMA/FEMA Grant Fund*** is a special revenue fund used by a Georgia local government to account for disaster assistance revenues and expenditures received under federal disaster relief programs, which are administered by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Proprietary Funds - Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as enterprise funds. Operating revenues are charges for services, which result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities. The major proprietary funds are as follows:

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:

The ***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.

Custodial 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.

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.

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

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services provided. Operating expenses for the 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 non-operating revenues and expenses.

E. Receivables and Payables

All trade receivables and property tax receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectibles, where applicable. Receivables and payables are recorded on the County's financial statements to the extent that the amounts are determined to be material and substantiated not only by supporting documentation, but also by a reasonable, systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation, and in the case of receivables, collectability. The provision of ambulance services to the citizens of Telfair County is considered an exchange transaction; therefore, income earned is recognized in the period the service is rendered (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts) in both the fund financial statements (General Fund) and the government-wide financial statements.

F. Interfund Receivables and 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.

G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2025, are recorded as prepaid items.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in governmental funds. The County reports these assets in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but does not report these assets in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by enterprise funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the enterprise funds' statement of net position.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The County maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. Improvements to capital assets are capitalized. The County has not capitalized infrastructure assets (roads and bridges) acquired prior to July 1, 2003. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are expensed.

In the government-wide and proprietary funds financial statements, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period is recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred. In the governmental fund financial statements, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period is recognized as an expenditure on a basis consistent with governmental fund accounting principles.

All reported capital assets are depreciated, except for land and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Useful Life
Vehicles	4 - 8 years
Machinery and equipment	5 - 12 years
Buildings and improvements	45 - 50 years
Infrastructure	50 years
Leased assets	Based on contract

Landfill assets are capitalized at cost and include land, site development, landfill cells, buildings, and related equipment. Landfill cells are depreciated using the units-of-capacity method based on estimated total landfill capacity. Other landfill assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

I. Leases

Lessee

A lease is recognized for noncancelable leases that are in place for longer than 12 months. The County recognizes a lease liability and a right-to-use lease asset in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of $5,000 or more.

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

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

· The County uses the interest rate 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 as the discount rate for leases.
· The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option prices that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

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

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

Lessor

The County is a lessor for cancellable property leases. The County recognizes rental income at both the fund level and government-wide level of reporting.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements ("SBITA")

A subscription liability is recognized for noncancelable subscription agreements that are in place for longer than 12 months. The County recognizes a subscription liability and a right-to-use subscription asset in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes subscription liabilities with an initial, individual value of $5,000 or more.

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

Key estimates and judgments related to subscription agreements include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected subscription payments to present value, (2) subscription term, and (3) subscription 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 as the discount rate for subscription agreements.

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

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its subscription agreement and will remeasure the subscription assets and liabilities if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the subscription liabilities.

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

As at June 30, 2025, the County had no material subscription agreeements in place that are required to be recognized.

K. 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.

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.

L. Compensated Absences

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

Employees accrue sick leave at the rate of one day for each month worked, and may accumulate up to 20 days. No liability accrues for unpaid accumulated sick leave.

All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and the proprietary fund financial statements. Governmental funds report the compensated absence liability at the fund reporting level only "when due."

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. 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.

Landfill closure and postclosure care are imposed by state and federal laws which require the County to place a final cover on landfill sites and perform monitoring and maintenance after closure. The County recognizes a portion of these closure and postclosure care costs as a liability based on landfill capacity used to date.

N. Fund Equity

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

Fund Balance – Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the assets and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources under the current financial resources management focus of accounting. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Fund balances are classified as follows:

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

Restricted – Fund balances are reported as restricted when 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 include amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action (i.e., ordinance) of the Board of Commissioners. The same formal action is required to modify or rescind a fund balance commitment.

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

Unassigned – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual classification for the County’s general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. The County reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

O. Pensions

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

P. 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, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Q. New GASB pronouncements

GASB Standards Issued

1. GASB Statement No. 103 – Financial Reporting Model Improvements

Issued: April 2024

Summary: GASB Statement No. 103 introduces significant updates to the financial reporting model for state and local governments. Its primary goal is to enhance the usefulness of financial reports by addressing identified application issues and refining the structure and content of key components such as Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and certain financial statement presentations.

Effective Date: Periods beginning after June 15, 2025 (earlier application encouraged).

2. GASB Statement No. 104 – Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets

Issued: September 2024
Summary: GASB Statement No. 104 introduces new disclosure requirements for specific categories of capital assets in governmental financial statements, aiming to enhance transparency and facilitate better decision-making.
Effective Date: Periods beginning after June 15, 2025 (earlier application encouraged).

NOTE 2 LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS

Budgetary Information

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.

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

The following schedule presents excess of actual expenditures over the appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2025, in the following functions:

General Fund:	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
General government	1,620,768	1,620,768	1,698,676	(77,908)
Judicial	756,657	756,657	779,211	(22,554)
Public Safety	4,041,036	4,041,036	4,046,397	(5,361)
Culture and recreation	172,500	172,500	626,137	(453,637)
Housing and development	139,855	139,855	168,576	(28,721)
Debt service:				
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-
ARPA Grant Fund:				
General government	-	-	20,573	(20,573)
GEMA/FEMA Grant Fund:				
Public works	-	-	12,059,922	(12,059,922)

The variances are as a result of increased salaries which were not budgeted for, additional capital projects undertaken during the year, and the result of the Hurricane's impact on the County in September 2024. The excesses were funded with revenue overages, grant funding received, existing unassigned fund balance and cost savings in other departments.

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.

NOTE 3 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Primary Government

A summary of the County's deposits and investments at June 30, 2025 follows:

Account balances		
Petty cash	$	1,003
Demand deposits		22,351,844
Total reporting entity	$	22,352,847

Ownership of funds		
Primary government:		
Governmental funds - Cash and cash equivalents	$	16,364,007
Proprietary funds - Cash and cash equivalents		690,079
Total primary government		17,054,086
Component units:		
Cash and cash equivalents		5,297,597
Investments		1,164
Total component units		5,298,761
Total reporting entity	$	22,352,847

NOTE 3 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Primary Government (Continued)

Credit risk . State statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the State of Georgia or other states; obligations issued by the U.S. Government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. Government; prime bankers' acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

Custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments and the Georgia Fund 1) to be collateralized by depository insurance or pledged securities. Amounts that exceed standard depository insurance limits are required to be collateralized either (1) individually by the financial institutions through pledged obligations of the U.S. Government, obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, obligations of the State of Georgia or other states, or obligations of counties, municipalities, or public authorities of the State of Georgia, or (2) participation in the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program. As of June 30, 2025, the financial institutions holding all of the County's deposits are participants of the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program, which is administered by the Office of the State Treasurer, requires participating banks holding deposits of public funds to pledge collateral at varying rates depending on tier assigned by the State. As of June 30, 2025, all of the County's bank balances were insured and/or collateralized as defined by GASB and required by State Statutes.

Interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that a government may face should changes in interest rates affect the fair value of its investments. The County does not have a formal investment policy that addresses interest rate risk as a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates.

NOTE 4 RECEIVABLES

Primary Government

Receivables at June 30, 2025, for the County's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate are as follows:

	General Fund	TSPLOST Fund	SPLOST Fund	Total
Receivables:				
Taxes	$ 42,783	$ -	$ -	$ 42,783
Intergovernmental	1,190,769	37,524	858	1,229,151
Other	248,514			
Accounts	318,832	-	-	318,832
Gross receivables	1,800,898	37,524	858	1,590,766
Less allowance for uncollectibles	(600,000)	-	-	(600,000)
Net receivable	$ 1,200,898	$ 37,524	$ 858	$ 990,766

Property taxes for 2025 were levied November 19, 2024 and due January 19, 2025 on property valued as of January 1, 2024. The tax rate to finance general governmental services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 was $15.350 per $1,000 of assessed taxable property value for the unincorporated areas of Telfair County, and $15.350 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.

The County bills and collects its own property taxes as well as taxes for the State, County School District, and the Cities of McRae, Lumber City, Milan, Scotland and Jacksonville. Collections of the County taxes and their remittances are accounted for in the Tax Commissioner's Custodial Fund.

The allowance for uncollectibles of $600,000 relates to the accounts receivable balance of $918,832 for ambulance services rendered. There is a significant delay in receiving funds as approval is required from insurance agencies before the funds are received.

Business-type Activities

Receivables at June 30, 2025, for the County's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate are as follows:

	Landfill	Total
Receivables:		
Accounts	$ 390,703	$ 390,703
Gross receivables	390,703	390,703
Less allowance for uncollectibles	(120,000)	(120,000)
Net receivables	$ 270,703	$ 270,703

NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2025, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	$ 304,511	$ -	$ -		$ 304,511
Construction in progress	410,737	-	-	(410,737)	-
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	715,248	-	-	(410,737)	304,511
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Machinery and equipment	5,350,252	136,118	(2,122,832)	-	3,363,538
Buildings and improvements	20,317,415	1,212,583	(22,656)	410,737	21,918,079
Leased assets - equipment	1,641,418	632,132	(564,486)	-	1,709,064
Total capital assets, being depreciated	27,309,085	1,980,833	(2,709,974)	410,737	26,990,681
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Machinery and equipment	4,482,179	303,828	(2,122,832)	-	2,663,175
Buildings and improvements	6,178,577	897,363	(22,656)	-	7,053,284
Leased assets - equipment	1,012,360	194,272	(564,486)	-	642,146
Total accumulated depreciation	11,673,116	1,395,463	(2,709,974)	-	10,358,605
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	15,635,969	585,370	-	410,737	16,632,076
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 16,351,217	$ 585,370	$ -	$ -	$ 16,936,587

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	$ 306,096
Public safety	205,337
Public works	813,545
Health and welfare	11,805
Culture and recreation	58,138
Housing and development	542
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 1,395,463

Capital asset activity of business-type activities for the year ended June 30, 2025, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-type Activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	$ 707,670	$ -	$ -	$ 707,670
Construction in progress	281,515	72,058	-	353,573
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	989,185	72,058	-	1,061,243
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment	7,746,884	292,113	(909,528)	7,129,469
Buildings and improvements	40,257	-	-	40,257
Leased assets - equipment	798,147	-	-	798,147
Total capital assets, being depreciated	8,585,288	292,113	(909,528)	7,967,873
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment	3,887,231	319,236	(909,528)	3,296,939
Buildings and improvements	29,559	1,006	-	30,565
Leased assets - equipment	451,213	71,780	-	522,993
Total accumulated depreciation	4,368,003	392,022	(909,528)	3,850,497
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	4,217,285	(99,909)	-	4,117,376
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 5,206,470	$ (27,851)	$ -	$ 5,178,619

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

Business-type activities:	
Landfill	$ 392,022
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	$ 392,022

NOTE 6 LEASED ASSETS

A summary of leased asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Lease assets:				
Equipment	$ 798,147	$ -	$ -	$ 798,147
Total	798,147	-	-	798,147
Less accumulated amortization:				
Equipment	451,213	71,780	-	522,993
Total	451,213	71,780	-	522,993
Total lease assets, net	$ 346,934	$ (71,780)	$ -	$ 275,154

NOTE 7 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2025, is as follows:

Receivable fund	Payable fund	Amount
Landfill	General Fund	$ 270,703
		$ 270,703

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.

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2025 were as follows:

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
GEMA/FEMA Grant Fund	General Fund	$ 123,511
GEMA/FEMA Grant Fund	TSPLOST Fund	25,866
Landfill	SPLOST Fund	271,790
		$ 421,167

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 transfer in to the GEMA/FEMA grant Funds relates to the County's contribution to costs, overtime and use of equipment to clean up the County.

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.

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2025:

	Beginning Balance	Additions*	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Short-term loan	$ -	$ 906,000	$ (906,000)	$ -	$ -
Lease liabilities payable	671,310	632,132	(327,780)	975,662	211,335
Note payable	1,114,933	-	(58,684)	1,056,249	59,582
Net pension liability	722,529	-	(45,022)	677,507	-
Total Governmental activities	$ 2,508,772	$ 1,538,132	$ (1,337,486)	$ 2,709,418	$ 270,917

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Lease liability: 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, 2025 the net book value of this leased equipment was $0. This year, $2,958 was included in depreciation expense. The balance outstanding on the lease as at June 30, 2025 was $nil.

Lease liability: 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, 2025 the net book value of this leased equipment was $23,900. This year, $9,560 was included in depreciation expense. The balance outstanding on the lease as at June 30, 2025 was $nil.

Lease liability: 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 2025 at an interest rate of 9.049%. As of June 30, 2025 the net book value of this leased equipment was $68,037. This year, $28,154 was included in depreciation expense. The balance outstanding on the lease as at June 30, 2025 was $nil.

Lease liability: 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 2025 with a balloon payment of $82,000 due September 1, 2025 at an interest rate of 3.35%. As of June 30, 2025 the net book value of this leased equipment was $57,869. This year, $49,602 was included in depreciation expense. The balance outstanding on the lease as at June 30, 2025 was $79,786.

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 79,786	$ 6,459	$ 86,245
Total	$ 79,786	$ 6,459	$ 86,245

Lease liability: 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, 2025 the net book value of this leased equipment was $103,893. This year, $14,330 was included in depreciation expense. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $86,850 as of June 30, 2025, including interest payments of $14,343 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 13,775	$ 7,789	$ 21,564
2027	73,075	6,554	79,629
Total	$ 86,850	$ 14,343	$ 101,193

Lease liability: During fiscal year 2025 the County entered into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for the purchase of a Caterpillar 140 Motorgrader for use by the highways and streets department with an original amount of $381,431. The agreement calls for five annual payments of $61,074 beginning in December of 2023 and ending in December of 2028 with a balloon payment of $144,648 due December 7, 2028 at an interest rate of 5.780%. As of June 30, 2025 the net book value of this leased equipment was $354,186. This year, $27,245 was included in depreciation expense. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $278,298 as of June 30, 2025, including interest payments of $49,570 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 44,555	$ 16,519	$ 61,074
2027	47,200	13,874	61,074
2028	50,001	11,073	61,074
2029	136,542	8,104	144,646
Total	$ 278,298	$ 49,570	$ 327,868

Lease liability: During fiscal year 2025 the County entered into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for the purchase of a Caterpillar 120 Motorgrader for use by the highways and streets department with an original amount of $292,854. The agreement calls for five annual payments of $47,424 beginning in June of 2025 and ending in June of 2029 with a balloon payment of $102,000 due June 20, 2030 at an interest rate of 5.27%. As of June 30, 2025 the net book value of this leased equipment was $354,186. This year, $27,245 was included in depreciation expense. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $245,430 as of June 30, 2025, including interest payments of $46,266 are as follows:

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 34,309	$ 13,114	$ 47,423
2027	36,143	11,281	47,424
2028	38,049	9,375	47,424
2029	40,108	7,316	47,424
2030	96,821	5,180	102,001
Total	$ 245,430	$ 46,266	$ 291,696

Lease liability: During fiscal year 2025 the County entered into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for the purchase of a Caterpillar 140 Motorgrader for use by the highways and streets department with an original amount of $339,278 The agreement calls for five annual payments of $53,980 beginning in March of 2025 and ending in March of 2030 with a balloon payment of $123,000 due March 25, 2030 at an interest rate of 5.21%. As of June 30, 2025 the net book value of this leased equipment was $354,186. This year, $27,245 was included in depreciation expense. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $285,298 as of June 30, 2025, including interest payments of $53,623 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 38,910	$ 15,070	$ 53,980
2027	40,965	13,015	53,980
2028	43,100	10,881	53,981
2029	45,406	8,574	53,980
2030	116,917	6,083	123,000
Total	$ 285,298	$ 53,623	$ 338,921

Note 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 $16,249 as of June 30, 2025, including interest payments of $951 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 16,249	$ 951	$ 17,200
Total	$ 16,249	$ 951	$ 17,200

Note payable: 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 $1,040,000 as of June 30, 2025, including interest payments of $-0- are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 43,333	$ -	$ 43,333
2027	43,333	-	43,333
2028	43,333	-	43,333
2029	43,333	-	43,333
2030-2034	216,667	-	216,667
2035-2039	216,667	-	216,667
2040-2044	216,667	-	216,667
2045-2049	216,667	-	216,667
Total	$ 1,040,000	$ -	$ 1,040,000

Business-type Activities:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Lease liabilities payable	$ 355,351	$ -	$ (44,840)	$ 310,511	$ 49,291
Note payable	640,465	-	(101,811)	538,654	103,735
Landfill postclosure costs	3,612,653	86,703	-	3,699,356	-
Net pension liability	81,949	-	(18,971)	62,978	-
Total Business-type activities	$ 4,690,418	$ 86,703	$ (165,622)	$ 4,611,499	$ 153,026

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Lease liability: During fiscal year 2025, the County entered into a lease agreement with Komatsu Financial for the purchase of a 2025 Komatsu Dozier for use at the County landfill with an original cost of $358,900. The agreement calls for thirty-six payments of $6,389.98 beginning June of 2025 and ending in June of 2027 and a balloon payment of $213,427 due June 2027 at an interest rate of 9.5%. As of June 30, 2025 the net book value of this leased equipment was $346,937. This year, $54,758 was included in depreciation expense for both the new and traded in equipment. The annual requirements to amortize the remaining balance of $310,511 as of June 30, 2025, including interest payments of $49,886 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 49,291	$ 27,389	$ 76,680
2027	261,220	22,497	283,717
Total	$ 310,511	$ 49,886	$ 360,397

Note payable: 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 $538,654 as of June 30, 2025, including interest payments of $30,923 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 103,735	$ 10,181	$ 113,916
2027	105,695	8,220	113,915
2028	107,693	6,222	113,915
2029	109,728	4,187	113,915
2030	111,803	2,113	113,916
Total	$ 538,654	$ 30,923	$ 569,577

NOTE 9 PENSION 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.

Plan Membership. At January 1, 2025, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, there were 169 participants consisting of the following:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	51
Terminated vested participants not yet receiving benefits	28
Active employees - vested	54
Total	133

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 $191,605 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability of the County

The County's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2024. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2025.

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2025 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Cost of living adjustment	3.25%
Salary increases	2.00% to 4.00% per year adjusted for age
Investment rate of return	7.00% per year

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 GE (50%) & PS (50%) projected with Scale AA to 2022. The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for February, 2019.

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 investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The Trustees' guidelines for asset allocation are as follows:

Asset class	Target allocation	Range
Fixed income	30%	25% - 35%
Equities:		
Large Cap	30%	25% - 35%
Med 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%
Total	100%	

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.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability of the County. The changes in the components of the net pension liability of the County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 were as follows:

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at June 30, 2024	$ 3,618,008	$ 2,813,530	$ 804,478
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	78,297	-	78,297
Interest	245,960	-	245,960
Differences between expected and actual experience	29,153	-	29,153
Assumption change	5,814	-	5,814
Contributions—employer	-	191,605	(191,605)
Net investment income (loss)	-	297,353	(297,353)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(208,598)	(208,598)	-
Asset transfer	-	-	-
Other changes*	-	(32,694)	32,694
Administrative expense	-	(33,047)	33,047
Net changes	150,626	214,619	(63,993)
Balances at June 30, 2025	$ 3,768,634	$ 3,028,149	$ 740,485

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

NOTE 9 PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)

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

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
County's net pension liability	$ 4,180,523	$ 3,768,634	$ 3,421,926
County's fiduciary net position	3,028,149	3,028,149	3,028,149
Net pension liability	$ 1,152,374	$ 740,485	$ 393,777

Changes in the Net Pension Liability of the County. Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of December 31, 2021 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the County recognized pension expense of $198,795. At June 30, 2025, 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
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 259,415	$ 235,209
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	20,579	2,301
Pension assumption changes	4,104	3,461
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	206,116	-
Total	$ 490,214	$ 240,971

There were no County contributions subsequent to the measurement date. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2025	$ (34,183)
2026	(81,964)
2027	53,387
2028	19,633
Total	$ (43,127)

NOTE 10 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Primary Government

The County's ACCG 457 (b) Plan Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") is a deferred compensation plan and qualifies as a defined contribution pension plan. The Plan is administered by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia ("ACCG") and is available for all employees after completing one year of service for the County. The Plan is funded through employee contributions. At June 30, 2025, there were 28 plan members. Employees may contribute a portion of their gross salary up to the maximum amount allowed by the IRS. The Plan allows employees to increase, decrease, stop and restart deferrals as often as they wish without penalties or fees. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Board of Commissioners. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, employees contributed $1,206.

NOTE 11 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.

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.

NOTE 12 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

The County's attorney has advised that there are no pending litigation cases against the County as of June 30, 2025, that will materially affect the financial statements.

Grant 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.

NOTE 13 JOINT VENTURES

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).

NOTE 14 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 $3,699,356. 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.

During the 2025 fiscal year, the estimated post closure care costs increased with $86,703.

NOTE 15 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, 2025, the County received $17,621. in hotel/motel tax. The County distributed $7,040 to the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of tourism and retained $10,581 for general government purposes. The expended amounts total 100% of the amount received by the County.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the County has complied with the expenditure requirements of code section 48-13-51.

NOTE 16 CHANGE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

Change in Fund Presentation

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the government reclassified its LMIG, previously reported as a nonmajor governmental fund, to a major governmental fund. This change was made due to the fund meeting the quantitative criteria for major fund reporting in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34. The reclassification represents a change in presentation under GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections. The change has been applied retrospectively to the prior period presented to provide comparative financial statements.

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the government reclassified its ARPA Grant Fund, previously reported as a major governmental fund, to a nonmajor governmental fund. This change was made due to the fund no longer meeting the quantitative criteria for major fund reporting in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34.

The changes have been applied retrospectively to the prior period presented to provide comparative financial statements. As a result, the LMIG Fund is presented separately in the governmental funds financial statements and the ARPA Grant Fund is reported along with the nonmajor governmental funds. There was no effect on the total fund balance or net position.

The impact of the change is as follows:

Governmental Funds	June 30, 2024, as previously stated	Change in Fund Presentation	June 30, 2024, as restated
General Fund	$ 2,160,699	$ -	$ 2,160,699
SPLOST Fund	2,145,451	-	2,145,451
TSPLOST Fund	1,144,536	-	1,144,536
ARPA Grant Fund	-	-	-
LMIG Fund	-	656,819	656,819
GEMA/FEMA Fund	-	-	-
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	848,724	(656,819)	191,905
Total Governmental Funds	$ 6,299,410	$ -	$ 6,299,410

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total pension liability					
Service cost	$ 78,297	$ 69,495	$ 61,473	$ 53,814	$ 53,312
Interest on total pension liability	245,960	240,543	230,463	231,483	227,081
Liability experience (gain) / loss	29,153	(6,483)	56,618	(106,200)	(28,215)
Change in assumptions	5,814	(9,751)	5,368	5,036	4,954
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(208,598)	(224,251)	(195,601)	(201,785)	(186,696)
Net change in total pension liability	150,626	69,553	158,321	(17,652)	70,436
Total pension liability - beginning	3,618,008	3,548,455	3,390,134	3,407,786	3,337,350
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 3,768,634	$ 3,618,008	$ 3,548,455	$ 3,390,134	$ 3,407,786
Plan fiduciary net position					
Contributions - employer	$ 191,605	$ 179,983	$ 194,909	$ 167,369	$ 161,514
Net investment income (loss)	297,353	369,099	(428,363)	413,898	331,804
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(208,598)	(224,251)	(195,601)	(201,785)	(186,696)
Administrative expenses	(32,694)	(30,267)	(27,296)	(23,504)	(23,501)
Other	(33,047)	(26,036)	(10,974)	(68,299)	(28,602)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	214,619	268,528	(467,325)	287,679	254,519
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	2,813,530	2,545,002	3,012,327	2,724,648	2,470,129
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	$ 3,028,149	$ 2,813,530	$ 2,545,002	$ 3,012,327	$ 2,724,648
County's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	$ 740,485	$ 1,144,053	$ 1,343,028	$ 717,382	$ 1,022,713
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	80.35%	72.38%	67.02%	81.67%	73.99%
Covered payroll	$ 2,116,862	$ 1,876,739	$ 1,843,115	$ 1,495,014	$ 1,420,517
County's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	34.98%	60.96%	72.87%	47.98%	72.00%

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total pension liability					
Service cost	$ 50,095	$ 40,374	$ 43,782	$ 39,615	$ 35,838
Interest on total pension liability	206,746	197,658	192,421	186,836	174,410
Liability experience (gain) / loss	83,701	91,105	(4,463)	29,984	34,367.00
Change in assumptions	133,557	75,490	5,084	62,819	73,656.00
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(180,515)	(174,337)	(154,852)	(157,785)	(147,406)
Net change in total pension liability	293,584	230,290	81,972	161,469	170,865
Total pension liability - beginning	3,043,766	2,813,476	2,731,504	2,570,035	2,399,170
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 3,337,350	$ 3,043,766	$ 2,813,476	$ 2,731,504	$ 2,570,035
Plan fiduciary net position					
Contributions - employer	$ 159,370	$ 111,125	$ 131,483	$ 136,495	$ 127,232
Net investment income	438,989	(101,954)	320,007	133,649	15,428
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(180,515)	(174,337)	(154,852)	(157,785)	(147,406)
Administrative expenses	(22,304)	(10,075)	(7,650)	(10,479)	(6,748)
Other	(25,932)	(10,068)	(37,425)	(22,227)	(27,122)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	369,608	(185,309)	251,563	79,653	(38,616)
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	2,100,521	2,285,830	2,034,267	1,954,614	1,993,230
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	$ 2,470,129	$ 2,100,521	$ 2,285,830	$ 2,034,267	$ 1,954,614
County's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	$ 1,282,820	$ 943,245	$ 527,646	$ 697,237	$ 615,421
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	64.04%	69.01%	81.25%	74.47%	76.05%
Covered payroll	$ 1,359,298	$ 1,113,907	$ 1,007,717	$ 881,125	$ 811,582
County's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	94.37%	84.68%	52.36%	79.13%	75.83%

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS

	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021
Actuarially determined contribution	$ 176,359	$ 179,983	$ 171,746	$ 151,435	$ 149,734
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	191,605	194,909	194,909	167,369	161,514
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ (15,246)	$ (14,926)	$ (23,163)	$ (15,934)	$ (11,780)
Covered payroll	$ 2,116,862	$ 1,876,739	$ 1,843,115	$ 1,495,014	$ 1,420,517
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.05%	10.39%	10.57%	11.20%	11.37%

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Actuarially determined contribution	$ 145,454	$ 104,146	$ 131,483	$ 136,495	$ 127,232
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	159,370	111,125	131,483	136,495	127,232
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ (13,916)	$ (6,979)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered payroll	$ 1,359,298	$ 1,113,907	$ 1,007,717	$ 881,125	$ 811,582
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	11.72%	9.98%	13.05%	15.49%	15.68%

Notes to the schedule:

Valuation date	January 1, 2025
Funding method	Entry age normal
Actuarial asset valuation method	Smoothed market with a 5-year smoothing period
Assumed rate of return on investments	7.00%
Projected salary increases	N/A
Cost of living adjustment	3.25%
Amortization method	Closed level dollar for unfunded liability
Remaining amortization period	14.4

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual on a	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary Basis	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Property taxes	$ 5,433,000	$ 5,433,000	$ 5,686,422	$ 253,422
Sales taxes	540,000	540,000	505,078	(34,922)
Insurance premium taxes	385,000	385,000	411,453	26,453
Other taxes	-	-	44,367	44,367
Intergovernmental revenues	185,000	185,000	646,227	461,227
Fines and forfeitures	336,000	336,000	290,984	(45,016)
Charges for services	540,350	540,350	655,783	115,433
Investment earnings (loss)	2,000	2,000	3,074	1,074
Rental income	40,000	40,000	38,784	(1,216)
Miscellaneous	301,900	301,900	31,751	(270,149)
Total revenues	7,763,250	7,763,250	8,313,923	550,673
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,620,768	1,620,768	1,698,676	(77,908)
Judicial	756,657	756,657	779,211	(22,554)
Public safety	4,041,036	4,041,036	4,046,397	(5,361)
Public works	654,717	654,717	480,162	174,555
Health and welfare	277,717	277,717	267,471	10,246
Culture and recreation	172,500	172,500	626,137	(453,637)
Housing and development	139,855	139,855	168,576	(28,721)
Debt service:				
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	8,389	(8,389)
Total expenditures	7,663,250	7,663,250	8,075,019	(411,769)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	100,000	100,000	238,904	962,442
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Proceeds from disposal of assets	62,320	62,320	62,320	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	62,320	62,320	62,320	-
Net change in fund balances	$ 162,320	$ 162,320	301,224	$ 962,442
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR			2,160,699	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR			$ 2,461,923	

Note
(i) Actual expenditures exceed appropriations in the General government, Judicial, Public safety, Culture and recreation and Housing and development departments, as well as Interest and fiscal charges with $77,908, $22,554, $5,361, $453,637, $28,721 and $8,389 respectively.
(ii) The County elects its legal level of control to be at the department level. There were no budget amendments during the 2025 fiscal year.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
ARPA GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual on a	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary Basis	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental revenues	$ -	$ -	$ 20,205	$ 20,205
Interest income	-	-	368	368
Total revenues	-	-	20,573	20,573
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	-	-	20,573	(20,573)
Total expenditures	-	-	20,573	(20,573)
Net change in fund balances	$ -	$ -	-	$ 41,146
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR			-	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR			$ -	

Note
(i) Actual expenditures exceed appropriations in the General government department with $20,573.
(ii) The County elects its legal level of control to be at the department level. There were no budget amendments during the 2025 fiscal year.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
GEMA/FEMA GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual on a	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary Basis	Final Budget
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental revenues	$ -	$ -	$ 12,059,923	$ 12,059,923
Interest income	-	-	5,623	5,623
Total revenues	-	-	12,065,546	12,065,546
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public works	-	-	12,059,922	(12,059,922)
Total expenditures	-	-	12,059,922	(12,059,922)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	5,624	24,125,468
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	$ -	$ -	5,624	$ 24,125,468
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR			-	
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR			$ 5,624	

Note
(i) Actual expenditures exceed appropriations in the Public works department with $12,060,319.
(ii) The County elects its legal level of control to be at the department level. There were no budget amendments during the 2025 fiscal year.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds				Capital Projects Fund	Total
	Multipurpose Grant	*(Formerly Major)* ARPA Grant Fund	Sheriff Commissary	Expendable Trust Fund	*(Formerly Nonmajor)* LMIG	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 128,010	$ -	$ 29,313	$ 63,843	$ -	$ 221,166
Total assets	128,010	-	29,313	63,843	-	221,166
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	-	-	21,176	-	-	21,176
Total liabilities	-	-	21,176	-	-	21,176
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted:						
Judicial	128,010	-	-	-	-	128,010
Public safety	-	-	8,137	63,843	-	71,980
Capita projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	128,010	-	8,137	63,843	-	199,990
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 128,010	$ -	$ 29,313	$ 63,843	$ -	$ 221,166

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds				Capital Projects Fund	Total
		(Formerly Major)			*(Formerly Nonmajor*	
	Multipurpose Grant	**ARPA Grant Fund**	**Sheriff Commissary**	**Expendable Trust Fund**	**LMIG**	**Nonmajor Governmental Funds**
Revenues:						
Intergovernmental revenue	$ 9,880	$ 20,205	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 30,085
Charges for services	-	-	124,142	-	-	124,142
Interest income	247	368	-	1,688	-	2,303
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	6,643	-	6,643
Total revenues	10,127	20,573	124,142	8,331	-	163,173
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	2,549	20,573	124,041	-	-	147,163
Judicial	-	-	-	5,955	-	5,955
Public safety	1,970	-	-	-	-	1,970
Capital outlay - public works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	4,519	20,573	124,041	5,955	-	155,088
Net change in fund balances	5,608	-	101	2,376	-	8,085
Fund balances, as at June 30, 2024, as previously stated	122,402	-	8,036	61,467	656,819	848,724
Change in financial reporting entity	-	-	-	-	(656,819)	(656,819)
Fund balances, as at June 30, 2024, restated	122,402	-	8,036	61,467	-	191,905
Fund balances, end of year	$ 128,010	$ -	$ 8,137	$ 63,843	$ -	$ 856,809

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

Custodial funds are used to report amounts collected by the County on behalf of other governments, agencies, or individuals and held temporarily until distributed to the appropriate parties.

Tax Commissioner – holds property taxes, motor vehicle taxes, and other fees collected on behalf of the County, City of Ellaville, school district, and the State, to be distributed to those taxing authorities.

Clerk of Superior Court – accounts for court fines, fees, bonds, and other amounts collected by the Clerk of Superior Court that must be remitted to the State, litigants, or other authorized parties.

Sheriff – reports collections such as inmate trust funds, civil service fees, and other monies held temporarily by the Sheriff's Office for individuals or entities until proper distribution.

Probate Court – accounts for fines, fees, surcharges, and assessments collected by the Probate Court that are required to be distributed to the State, County, or other designated recipients.

Magistrate Court – holds fines, forfeitures, fees, and other amounts collected by the Magistrate Court for distribution to the appropriate State or local entities, litigants, or other parties.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Tax Commissioner	Clerk of Superior Court	Sheriff	Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Total
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 452,743	$ 155,697	$ 25,900	$ -	$ 61,405	$ 695,745
Taxes receivable	824,863	-	-	-	-	824,863
Total assets	1,277,606	155,697	25,900	-	61,405	1,520,608
NET POSITION						
Restricted:						
Individual organizations, and other governments	1,277,606	155,697	25,900	-	61,405	1,520,608
Total net position	$ 1,277,606	$ 155,697	$ 25,900	$ -	$ 61,405	$ 1,520,608

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Tax Commissioner	Clerk of Superior Court	Sheriff	Probate Court	Magistrate Court	Total
Additions:						
Taxes collected for other agencies	$ 12,011,437	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 12,011,437
Court fines and fees collected for other agencies	-	-	-	-	138,217	138,217
Court individual cases	-	319,429	-	239,947	-	559,376
Sheriff fees collected	-	-	105,699	-	-	105,699
Total additions	12,011,437	319,429	105,699	239,947	138,217	12,814,729
Deductions:						
Taxes paid to other agencies	11,791,886	-	-	-	-	11,791,886
Court fines and fees disburse to other agencies	-	-	-	221,344	122,212	343,556
Other custodial disbursements	-	282,752	105,643	-	-	388,395
Total expenditures	11,791,886	282,752	105,643	221,344	122,212	12,523,837
Net change in fund balances	219,551	36,677	56	18,603	16,005	290,892
Net Position, beginning of year	1,058,055	119,020	25,844	(18,603)	45,400	1,229,716
Net position, end of year	$ 1,277,606	$ 155,697	$ 25,900	$ -	$ 61,405	$ 1,520,608

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
COMPONENT UNITS
JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS	Leisure Services	Hospital Authority	Development Authority	County Board of Health	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 29,623	$ 1,572,956	$ 2,092,008	$ 1,603,010	$ 5,297,597
Investments	-	1,164	-	-	1,164
Intergovernmental receivables	-	-	-	53,367	53,367
Other receivables, net	-	3,500	-	-	3,500
Proportionate share of collective net OPEB benefit	-	-	-	127,425	127,425
Capital assets, not being depreciated	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Capital assets, being depreciated	59,762	268,235	231,312	-	559,309
Total assets	89,385	1,860,855	2,323,320	1,783,802	6,057,362
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-	-	156,256	156,256
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	3,675	-	-	-	3,675
Accrued liabilities	935	-	-	19,780	20,715
Compensated absences	-	-	-	6,691	6,691
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Compensated absences	-	-	-	26,762	26,762
Proportionate share of collective net pension liability	-	-	-	467,563	467,563
Total liabilities	4,610	-	-	520,796	525,406
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-	-	125,767	125,767
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	59,762	283,235	231,312	-	574,309
Restricted	-	-		369,545	369,545
Unrestricted	25,013	1,577,620	2,092,008	923,950	4,618,591
Total net position	$ 84,775	$ 1,860,855	$ 2,323,320	$ 1,293,495	$ 5,562,445

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
COMPONENT UNIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
Functions/Programs	**Expenses**	**Charges for Services**	**Operating Grants and Contributions**	**Leisure Services**	**Hospital Authority**	**Development Authority**	**County Board of Health**	**Total Component Units**
Component units:								
Leisure Services	$ 157,372	$ 40,892	$ 100,000	$ (16,480)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (16,480)
Hospital Authority	73,395	42,000	-	-	(31,395)	-	-	(31,395)
Development Authority	44,330	-	5,700	-	-	(38,630)	-	(38,630)
County Board of Health	612,816	279,236	443,846	-	-	-	110,266	110,266
Total component units	887,913	362,128	549,546	(16,480)	(31,395)	(38,630)	110,266	23,761
General revenues:								
Investment earnings				-	24,699	3,240	-	27,939
Intra/inter agency				-	-	-	37,768	37,768
Other local funds				-	-	-	18,119	18,119
Donated property				-	-	136,792	-	136,792
Miscellaneous				-	12,976	-	-	12,976
Total general revenues				-	37,675	140,032	55,887	233,594
Change in net position				(16,480)	6,280	101,402	166,153	257,355
Net position, beginning of year				101,255	1,854,575	2,221,918	1,127,342	5,305,090
Net position, end of year				$ 84,775	$ 1,860,855	$ 2,323,320	$ 1,293,495	$ 5,562,445

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

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED WITH PROCEEDS FROM
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST		EXPENDITURES			PROJECT COMPLETION
	ORIGINAL	CURRENT	PRIOR	CURRENT	TOTAL	
2019 - SPLOST						
Roads , bridges and equipment	$ 900,000	$ 900,000	$ -	$ 532,537	$ 532,537	59%
Landfill, vehicles and equipment	600,000	600,000	-	-	-	0%
County buildings	250,000	250,000	775,565	182,257	957,822	383%
Recreation buildings and improvements	300,000	300,000	176,439	33,150	209,589	70%
Healthcare facility and land	412,400	412,400	-	-	-	0%
Law enforcement center	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,831,672	-	1,831,672	183%
City of McRae Helena	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,829,245	170,754	2,999,999	100%
City of Lumber City	322,000	322,000	303,673	18,327	322,000	100%
City of Milan	100,000	100,000	94,310	5,690	100,000	100%
City of Scotland	79,600	79,600	75,073	4,527	79,600	100%
City of Jacksonville	36,000	36,000	33,954	2,048	36,002	100%
Total	$ 7,000,000	$ 7,000,000	$ 6,119,931	$ 949,290	$ 7,069,221	
TOTAL COUNTY PROJECTS	$ 7,000,000	$ 7,000,000	$ 6,119,931	$ 949,290	$ 7,069,221	

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
JUNE 30, 2025

	AS AT JUNE 30, 2025	AS AT JUNE 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,410,122	$ 2,024,139
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	318,832	346,476
Taxes receivable	1,044,336	1,043,424
Due from other governments	189,216	-
Prepaid items	255,915	306,713
Total assets	4,218,421	3,720,752
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	259,052	228,368
Accrued expenses	122,736	86,422
Accrued interest payable	-	-
Due to other funds	296,124	270,703
Short-term loan	-	-
Total liabilities	677,912	585,493
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unavailable revenue - taxes	1,076,671	974,560
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,076,671	974,560
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable:		
Prepaid items	255,915	306,713
Restricted:	-	-
Unassigned	2,207,923	1,853,986
Total fund balances	2,463,838	2,160,699
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 3,141,750	$ 2,746,192

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
Revenues:		
Property taxes	$ 5,686,422	$ 5,558,038
Sales taxes	505,078	500,069
Insurance premium taxes	411,453	386,644
Other taxes	44,367	24,163
Intergovernmental revenues	646,227	227,842
Fines and forfeitures	290,984	362,840
Charges for services	655,783	567,889
Investment earnings (loss)	3,074	3,342
Building rentals	38,784	38,784
Miscellaneous	31,751	322,465
Total revenues	8,313,923	7,992,076
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	1,698,676	1,633,033
Judicial	779,211	791,768
Public safety	4,046,397	4,517,444
Public works	480,162	725,773
Culture and recreation	172,500	197,400
Health and welfare	267,471	324,425
Housing and development	168,576	208,454
Capital outlay - Public safety	-	-
Capital outlay - Culture and recreation	453,637	-
Debt service:		
Interest and fiscal charges	8,389	30,137
Total expenditures	8,075,019	8,428,485
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	238,904	(436,409)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets	62,320	-
Transfers out	-	1,990,482
Total other financing sources (uses)	62,320	1,990,482
Net change in fund balances	301,224	1,554,073
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,160,699	606,626
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 2,461,923	$ 2,160,699

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
ARPA GRANT FUND
BALANCE SHEET - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
JUNE 30, 2025

	AS AT JUNE 30, 2025	AS AT JUNE 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ -	$ -
Total assets	-	-
LIABILITIES		
Unearned revenue	169,037	189,242
Total liabilities	169,037	189,242
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable:	-	-
Restricted:	-	-
Unassigned	-	-
Total fund balances	-	-
Total liabilities, and fund balances	$ 169,037	$ 189,242

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
ARPA GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
Revenues:		
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 20,205	$ 1,822,165
Interest income	368	1,435
Total revenues	20,573	1,823,600
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	20,573	-
Capital outlay - Public safety	-	38,718
Total expenditures	20,573	38,718
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	1,784,882
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Transfers out	-	(1,784,882)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	(1,784,882)
Net change in fund balances	-	-
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ -	$ -

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SPLOST FUND
BALANCE SHEET - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
JUNE 30, 2025

	AS AT JUNE 30, 2025	AS AT JUNE 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,271,320	$ 2,127,229
Due from other governments	858	118,588
Total assets	2,272,178	2,245,817
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	-	59,292
Retainage payable	-	41,074
Total liabilities	-	100,366
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable:	-	-
Restricted:	2,272,178	2,145,451
Unassigned	-	-
Total fund balances	2,272,178	2,145,451
Total liabilities, and fund balances	$ 2,272,178	$ 2,245,817

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
Revenues:		
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 1,071,606	$ 1,414,106
Investment earnings (loss)	4,411	4,105
Total revenues	1,076,017	1,418,211
Expenditures:		
Current:		
Intergovernmental	201,348	715,714
Capital outlay - General government	421,970	458,461
Debt service:		
Principal repayments	43,333	43,333
Interest and fiscal charges	10,849	-
Total expenditures	677,500	1,217,508
Net change in fund balances	126,727	200,703
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,145,451	1,944,748
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 2,272,178	$ 2,145,451

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
TSPLOST FUND
BALANCE SHEET - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
JUNE 30, 2025

	AS AT JUNE 30, 2025	AS AT JUNE 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Restricted cash	$ 921,893	$ 1,109,947
Due from other governments	37,524	34,589
Total assets	959,417	1,144,536
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	4,178	-
Total liabilities	4,178	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	955,239	1,144,536
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable:	-	-
Restricted:	955,239	1,144,536
Unassigned	-	-
Total fund balances	955,239	1,144,536
Total liabilities, and fund balances	$ 959,417	$ 1,144,536

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
TSPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
Revenues:		
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 462,829	$ 413,121
Miscellaneous	-	-
Total revenues	462,829	413,121
Expenditures:		
Current:		
Capital outlay - Public works	867,237	637,621
Debt service:		
Principal repayments	343,131	175,670
Interest and fiscal charges	48,023	26,640
Total expenditures	1,258,391	839,931
Net change in fund balances	(163,430)	(3,034)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,144,536	1,147,570
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 981,106	$ 1,144,536

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
LMIG
BALANCE SHEET - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
JUNE 30, 2025

	AS AT JUNE 30, 2025	AS AT JUNE 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,930,125	$ 656,819
Total assets	1,930,125	656,819
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	60,403	-
Total liabilities	60,403	-
FUND BALANCES		
Restricted:	-	-
Unassigned	1,869,722	656,819
Total fund balances	1,869,722	656,819
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 1,930,125	$ 656,819

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
LMIG
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
Revenues:		
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 1,835,762	$ 523,779
Total revenues	1,835,762	523,779
Expenditures:		
Capital outlay - Public works	622,859	357,776
Total expenditures	622,859	357,827
Net change in fund balances	1,212,903	165,952
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	656,819	490,867
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 1,869,722	$ 656,819

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
LANDFILL
BALANCE SHEET - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
JUNE 30, 2025

	AS AT JUNE 30, 2025	AS AT JUNE 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 690,079	$ 608,227
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	438,655	155,781
Due from other funds	296,124	270,703
Noncurrent assets		
Capital assets, not being depreciated	1,061,243	989,185
Capital assets, being depreciated	4,117,376	4,217,285
Total assets	6,603,477	6,241,181
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related items	41,692	61,261
Total deferred outflows of resources	41,692	61,261
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	23,005	33,029
Accrued expenses	5,990	4,185
Short-term loan	3,699,356	3,612,653
Noncurrent liabilities due within one year:		
Note payable	103,735	101,811
Lease liabilities	49,291	44,840
Noncurrent liabilities due within more than one year:		
Note payable	434,919	538,654
Lease liabilities	261,220	310,511
Net pension liability	62,978	81,949
Total liabilities	4,640,494	4,727,632
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related items	20,494	28,413
Total deferred inflows of resources	20,494	28,413
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	4,329,454	4,210,654
Restricted	-	-
Unrestricted	(2,345,273)	(2,664,257)
Total net position	1,984,181	1,546,397
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	$ 6,624,675	$ 6,274,029

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
LANDFILL
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
Revenues:		
Charges for services	$ 1,255,286	$ 781,383
Miscellaneous	-	15,310
Total revenues	1,255,286	796,693
Expenditures:		
Personnel services and benefits	333,727	429,158
Purchased contract services	146,706	193,799
Supplies and maintenance	93,790	108,820
Repairs and maintenance	73,906	99,460
Utilities	6,369	6,382
Bad debt expense	-	10,000
Depreciation	392,023	364,846
Total expenditures	1,046,521	1,212,465
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	208,765	(415,772)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Interest and fiscal charges	(43,944)	(20,960)
Interest income	1,173	1,848
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	-	(39,988)
Transfers out	271,790	(205,600)
Total other financing sources (uses)	229,019	(264,700)
Net change in fund balances	437,784	(680,471)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,546,397	2,226,868
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 1,984,181	$ 1,546,397

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
JUNE 30, 2025

	AS AT JUNE 30, 2025	AS AT JUNE 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 695,745	$ 531,449
Taxes receivable	824,863	698,267
Total assets	1,520,608	1,229,716
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-
NET POSITION		
Restricted:		
Individual organizations, and other governments	1,520,608	1,229,716
Total net position	$ 1,520,608	$ 1,229,716

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

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - COMPARATIVE FIGURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
Additions:		
Taxes collected for other agencies	$ 12,011,437	$ 12,200,231
Court fines and fees collected for other agencies	138,217	91,672
Court individual cases	559,376	400,809
Other custodial collections	105,699	68,449
Total additions	12,814,729	12,761,161
Deductions:		
Taxes paid to other governments	11,791,887	11,758,673
Court fines and fees disbursed to other agencies	343,556	341,689
Other custodial disbursements	388,395	207,690
Total deductions	12,523,838	12,308,052
Net change in net position	290,891	453,109
Net position, beginning of year	1,229,717	776,608
Net position, end of year	$ 1,520,608	$ 1,229,717

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

COMPLIANCE SECTION

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CPAs & Advisors

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

To the Board of Commissioners of Telfair County
McRae-Helena, 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 unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Telfair County, Georgia's (the "County"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2024.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Schley County Health Department, which represents 100 percent of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component unit. Those statements were audited by other auditors, in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards,* whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to amounts included for the aggregate discretely presented component unit, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiencies described in 2025-1 to be a material weaknesses.

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. We did not identify any significant deficiencies that are required to be reported.

2025-1 **Segregation of duties:** During the audit it was noted that there are limited segregation of duties over cash and payroll. There should be at least two people involved in the collection, reconciliation and depositing of cash received, as well as a review function over payroll runs. We recommend the County clerk or assistant clerk becomes involved in the cash collection process, as well as encouraging the County Manager to review and approve payroll reports before payment.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

2025-2 **Budget amendments and monitoring:** State law requires annual budgets to be balanced by fund and expenditures should be within the approved budget amount the legal level of budgetary control. During the audit it was identified that there are instances where the expenditures exceeded appropriations for the General Fund, ARPA Grant Fund and GEMFA/FEMA Grant Fund as disclosed in Note 2 to the financial statements.

Telfair County, Georgia's Response to Findings

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

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.

CKH CPAs and Advisors, LLC

CKH CPA's and Advisors, LLC
Atlanta, Georgia
December 22, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Commissioners of Telfair County
McRae-Helena, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Telfair County, Georgia's (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. The County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We have not identified any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Atlanta, Georgia
December 22, 2025

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
JUNE 30, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Contract or Project Number	Total Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRESURY			
Direct Awards:			
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.019	COVID-19	$ 20,573
Passed through Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget:			
Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund	21.029	COVID-19	453,637
			474,210
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			474,210
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
Passed through Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency:			
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	FEMA	12,059,923
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			12,059,923
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			$ 12,534,133

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
JUNE 30, 2025

A General

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the 'Schedule') presents the activity of all federal award programs of the County (the County) for the year ended June 30, 2025. All federal awards received directly from the federal agencies, as well as those passed through other government agencies, are included on the Schedule.

B Basis of Accounting

The accompanying Schedule includes federal grant activity of the under programs of the federal government for the year ended , . The information in this schedule is presented in conformity with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Requirements (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the , it is not intended to and does not present financial position or changes in net position.

Expenditures reported in the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

C Relationship to Basic Financial Statements

Federal award expenditures are reported in the 's basic financial statements as expenditures in the General Fund and special revenue funds.

D Relationship to Federal Financial Statements

Amounts reported in the accompanying Schedule agree with the amounts reported in the related federal financial reports except for timing differences relating to expenditures made subsequent to the filing of the federal financial reports.

E Subrecipients

No amounts were paid to subrecipients for the year ended June 30, 2025.

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
JUNE 30, 2025

I. Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP	Unmodified			
Internal control over financial reporting:				
Material weaknesses identified?	_X_	Yes	___	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	___	Yes	_X_	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	_X_	Yes	___	No

97 ***Federal Awards***

Internal control over major federal programs:				
Material weaknesses identified?	___	Yes	_X_	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	___	Yes	_X_	None reported
Type of report the auditor issued on compliance for major federal programs:	Unmodified			
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	___	Yes	_X_	No

Identification of major federal programs:

Assistance Listing Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
97.036	Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)

Dollar threshold to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs	$750,000			
County qualifies as a low-risk auditee?	_X_	Yes	___	No

II. Findings June 30, 2024 Financial Statement Audit — None Reported

III. Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards — None Reported

TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA
COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO FINDINGS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

2025-01 Segregation of duties

Criteria: A sound system of internal control requires that duties be adequately segregated so that no one individual has control over all aspects of a financial transaction. This includes initiation, authorization, processing, recording, and reviewing financial transactions, which reduces the risk of errors or fraudulent activity going undetected.

Condition: We noted that many of the finance functions are carried out by the County Clerk, resulting in inadequate segregation of duties. This allows the County Clerk to control financial records and reports without independent oversight.

Cause: The County appears to have limited personnel available to handle financial operations, resulting in multiple key functions being centralized in a single individual without sufficient oversight or cross-checks.

Effect: Concentration of duties increases the risk of errors, misstatements, or fraudulent transactions occurring and going undetected. It also compromises the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.

Recommendation: The County should assess its staffing and internal control structure and segregate duties where possible, even if through periodic oversight, secondary review, or rotation of responsibilities. If staffing constraints persist, management should implement compensating controls, such as increased supervisory reviews, independent reconciliations, or periodic external

County's Response: We acknowledge this finding and understand the importance of proper segregation of duties. Due to limited staffing, multiple financial functions have been assigned to the County Clerk. We are reviewing internal processes to reassign responsibilities where possible and will implement compensating controls, such as increased oversight. We will also explore longer-term solutions, including additional staffing or external support, to strengthen internal controls.

2025-02 Budget Amendments and monitoring

Criteria: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3 and § 36-81-6, Georgia local governments must adopt a balanced annual budget for each fund, and actual expenditures may not exceed the legally adopted budget at the department level within each fund. Compliance with these requirements promotes fiscal responsibility and transparency.

Condition: During our review, we noted that in one of the County’s funds, actual expenditures exceeded the legally adopted budget in two departments, in violation of state budgetary control requirements.

Cause: The County did not adequately monitor departmental expenditures throughout the year and failed to amend the budget to reflect changes in spending needs. Additionally, there may have been a lack of communication between departments and finance staff regarding budget limitations and available appropriations.

Effect: Exceeding the legally adopted budget increases the risk of fiscal mismanagement and noncompliance with state laws. It may also impact the County's ability to plan and allocate resources effectively and could result in findings from oversight bodies or grantors.

Recommendation: Management should implement regular budget-to-actual reviews throughout the fiscal year and ensure that any expected overages are addressed through timely budget amendments approved by the governing body. Department heads should be trained on budget compliance responsibilities, and stronger coordination between departments and finance personnel should be enforced.

County's Response: We agree with this finding. We will enhance our budget monitoring procedures by performing more frequent reviews and improving communication between departments and finance staff. Where necessary, we will initiate timely budget amendments to ensure compliance with state requirements and prevent future overages.