Whitfield County Georgia



Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

For The Year Ended December 31, 2008

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Brian D. Anderson, Sr.
Chairman

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

Whitfield County

Board Of Commissioners

Board Members

Brian Anderson, Chairman
Mike Cowan
Randy Waskul
Greg Jones
Leo Whaley

June 19, 2009

The Honorable Brian Anderson, Chairman
Honorable Commissioners Mike Cowan, Leo Whaley, Randy Waskul, and Greg Jones
And Citizens of Whitfield County, Georgia

State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish within six months of the close of each fiscal year, unless an extension has been approved, a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the comprehensive annual financial report of Whitfield County for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of Whitfield County. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of Whitfield County has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the Whitfield County financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Whitfield County comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The Whitfield County financial statements have been audited by Chrysan Thomas, C.P.A., PC, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of Whitfield County for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unqualified opinion that the Whitfield County financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Whitfield County MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Profile of the Government

Whitfield County is located in the northwest portion of Georgia. It is considered to be the economic hub of this region. Whitfield County occupies a land area of 290 square miles and serves a population of 93,835. Whitfield County is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal properties located within its boundaries.

Whitfield County has been operating under a Board-administrator form of government since 1971. Policy-making and legislative authority are vested in the Board of Commissioners consisting of a Chairman elected at-large and four commissioners from four separate districts also elected at-large on a partisan basis. The Chairman and Commissioners serve four-year staggered terms. The Board of Commissioners is responsible for passing ordinances, adopting the budget, appointing committees, and hiring the government's manager, attorney and auditors in addition to other duties. The County Administrator is responsible for carrying out the policies and ordinances of the Board of Commissioners, for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the government, and for hiring/firing the heads of various departments under the Board of Commissioners.

Whitfield County Government provides a full range of services, including police protection via the Sheriff's Department, maintenance of roads and other infrastructures, zoning/building inspections, court services, jail, information technology services, 911, fire protection, animal control, and recreation.

The annual budget serves as the foundation for Whitfield County's financial planning and control. All departments of the Whitfield County Government are required to submit requests for appropriation to the County Administrator who, in turn, submits a recommended budget for the Board of Commissioners to review by the second Monday in November. The Board of Commissioners may then hold a budget hearing. After holding a public hearing on the proposed budget, the final budget must be adopted no later than December 31st. The appropriated budget is prepared by fund and department. Department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a department with the exception of salaries and benefits. Transfers of appropriations from salaries and benefits, or between departments, however, require the special approval of the governing board. Budget-to-actual comparisons are provided in this report for each individual governmental fund for which an appropriated annual budget has been adopted.

Factors Affecting Financial Conditions

The information presented in the financial statements is perhaps best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment within which Whitfield County operates.

Local Economy. Whitfield County for many years has enjoyed a favorable economic environment. The County, however, has not been immune to the current economic downturn affecting communities across the United States. Though Whitfield County has had some diversification, the major industry is still flooring. With flooring being tied in closely to the housing market, which has been one of the hardest hit segments of the national economy, the County had one of the highest unemployment rates in the entire state in the last half of 2008. Some of the major employers in Whitfield County are Shaw Industries, Inc., Mohawk Industries, Inc., Beaulieu Group LLC, J&J Industries, Inc., and Hamilton Medical Center.

Both public and private schools in Whitfield County are major contributors to the local economy in the form of employment opportunities and capital investments being made in new and expanded school facilities.

Whitfield County has an employed work force of over 42,000. The per capita income of those living in Whitfield County is $31,323, based on the latest available data.

Long-Term Financial Planning. Whitfield County voters passed a $48,000,000 special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) to finance roads, streets, and bridges capital outlay projects for the use and benefit of the County and qualified municipalities within the County. The projects will be recognized county-wide regardless of the jurisdiction of any particular project. The passage of this program by the voters shows their commitment to continually improve the infrastructure and quality of life of this community and their willingness to invest in such.

Cash Management. The County effectively utilized several investment vehicles during the report year. All funds, except those immediately required to cover checks, were invested in interest bearing checking and savings accounts, the State of Georgia Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP), and the Georgia Extended Asset Pool (GEAP).

Risk Management. The County maintains a self-insured health insurance program. Funds are budgeted to pay claims, claims reserve, excess insurance coverage and administrative costs of the self-insured health insurance program. The County has joined together with other governments in Georgia as part of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Inter-local Risk Management Agency (IRMA) property and liability insurance fund and the ACCG Group Self-Insurance Worker's Compensation Fund.

Other Information

Independent Audit. Georgia Code requires an annual audit of the books of account, financial records, and transactions of all administrative departments of the County by independent certified public accountants selected by the County Board of Commissioners. This requirement has been met and the auditor's unqualified opinion has been included in this report.

Awards. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the County for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the County published an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

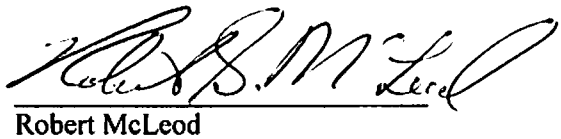
A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements. We are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another Certificate.

Acknowledgments.

The preparation of this comprehensive annual financial report could not have been accomplished without the dedication and contributions of the entire Finance Department Staff, the Auditors of the County, and the cooperation of the various elected officials and appointed management.

In closing, we also wish to acknowledge the valuable contribution of the Board of Commissioners. Without their guidance and leadership, preparation of this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert McLeod
County Administrator

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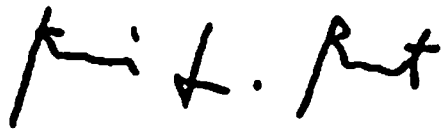
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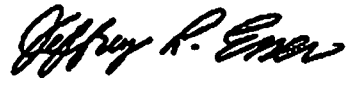
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President



Executive Director

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
December 31, 2008

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Leo Whaley, District 2	Greg L. Jones, District 4

EXECUTIVE

Robert McLeod	County Administrator
Barbara Love	County Clerk

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Ron Hale	Finance
Jackie Carlo	Human Resources
Doyle Dobson	Public Works
Gary Brown	Buildings and Grounds
Carl Collins	Fire Department
Jeffrey Putnam	E- 911/Emergency Management
George Page	Recreation
Don Allen Garrett	Animal Control
Jean Garland	Building, Zoning and Development
Tim Miller	Information Technology
Kent Benson	County Engineer
Kevin Herrit	County Planner
Trammell Suddeth	Chief Assessor
Kay Staten	Elections Supervisor
Connie Blaylock	Juvenile Court Judge

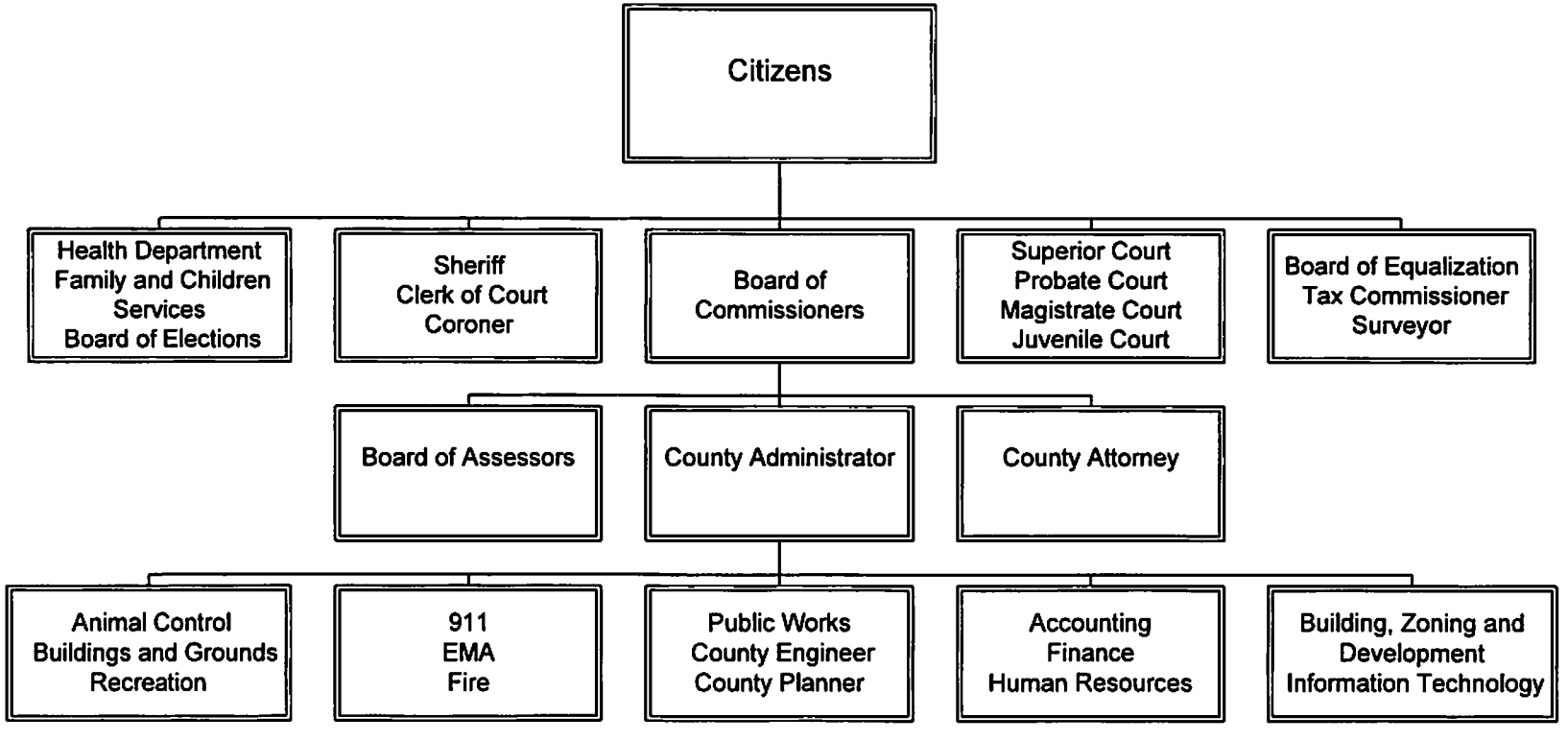
CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Scott Chitwood	Sheriff
Melica Kendrick	Clerk of Court
Ray Broadrick	Probate Court Judge
Danny W. Sane	Tax Commissioner

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Barrett Whittemore	Chief Magistrate Court Judge
Haynes Townsend	Magistrate Court Judge
Sidney D. Baxter	Magistrate Court Judge
Kaye Cope	Magistrate Court Judge
Bobbie Jean Dixon	Coroner
Kermit McManus	District Attorney
Joseph R. Evans	Surveyor

Whitfield County Government
Organization Chart



FINANCIAL SECTION

CHRYSAN THOMAS
Certified Public Accountant
Professional Corporation
Member
American Institute of
Certified Public Accountants
Trion, Georgia

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Whitfield County, Georgia

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Whitfield County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Whitfield County, Georgia's management. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I did not audit the financial statements of the component unit, Whitfield County Department of Public Health. Those financial statements as of June 30, 2008 were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to me, and my opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Whitfield County Department of Public Health, is based on the reports of the other auditors.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit and the report of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

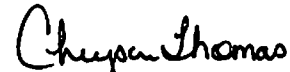
In my opinion, based on my audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Whitfield County, Georgia as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated June 17, 2009 on my consideration of Whitfield County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and important for assessing the results of my audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (pages 10 through 19), and Analysis of Funding Progress (page 63) are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I and the other auditors have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Whitfield County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and budgetary comparison schedules, the Schedule of Expenditures for Construction Projects Funded by Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax, the schedules of capital assets used in the operation of governmental funds and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and budgetary comparison schedules, the Schedule of Expenditures for Construction Projects Funded by Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax, and schedules of capital assets used in the operation of governmental funds have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.



CHRYSAN THOMAS
Certified Public Accountant

Dalton, Georgia
June 17, 2009

Within this section of the Whitfield County, Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the County's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the County for the year ended December 31, 2008. The County's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section. Additional information is available in the transmittal letter which precedes Management's Discussion and Analysis. The discussion focuses on the County's primary government and, unless otherwise noted, component units reported separately from the primary government are not included.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2008 are as follows:

- The County's combined net assets totaled $414.9 million. Of this amount, unrestricted net assets of $34.7 million may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- Combined revenue including transfers totaled $63.3 million, of which governmental activities totaled $62.3 million and business-type activities totaled $1 million.
- Overall expenses totaled $78.1 million, of which governmental activities totaled $77.2 million and business-type activities totaled $.9 million.
- During 2008, governmental activities expenses exceeded program revenues, resulting in the use of $68.7 million in general revenues, resulting in a negative change in net assets.
- Whitfield County's total liabilities increased by $3.1 million mainly due to the Other Post Employment Benefits obligation.
- At December 31, 2008, the County's general fund reported an unreserved fund balance of $23.8 million, an increase of $126,662 from 2007.

Overall, Whitfield County, Georgia continues to maintain a strong financial position.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the County's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The County also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The County's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the County's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in accrual accounting and eliminating and/or reclassifying internal activities.

The first of these government-wide statements is the *Statement of Net Assets.* This is the countywide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the County's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as *net assets.* Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the County would extend to other non-financial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base or the condition of County infrastructure in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the *Statement of Activities* which reports how the County's net assets changed during the current year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the County's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the County's taxpayers.

Both government-wide financial statements distinguish governmental activities of the County that are principally supported by taxes and user charges, and from business-type activities that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. Governmental activities include general government, judicial, public safety, health and welfare, housing and development and culture and recreation. Business-type activities include the Whitfield County Transit System, the County's interest in the Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center Authority, and Northwest Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority. The County's fiduciary activities simply hold resources temporarily for others and are not included in the government-wide statements since these assets are not available to fund County programs.

The County's financial reporting includes the funds of the County (primary government) and, additionally, organizations for which the County is accountable (component units). Component units operate independently or provide services directly to the citizens, though the County remains accountable for their activities. Component units are governed by a board of directors that the County has the authority to make all or some of the appointments. Whitfield County's only component unit, the County Health Department, is reported separately from the primary government though included in the County's overall reporting entity.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the County's most significant funds rather than the County as a whole. Major funds are separately reported while all others are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for non-major funds is provided in the form of combining statements in a later section of this report.

The County has three kinds of funds:

Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different with fund statements providing a distinctive view of the County's governmental funds. These statements report short-term accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

Budgetary comparison statements are included in the basic financial statements for the general fund. Budgetary comparison schedules for special revenue funds and the capital project funds can be found in a later section of this report. These statements and schedules demonstrate compliance with the County's adopted and final revised budget.

Proprietary funds are reported in the fund financial statements and generally report services for which the County charges customers a fee. There are two kinds of proprietary funds. These are enterprise funds and internal service funds. Enterprise funds essentially encompass the same functions reported as business-type activities in the government-wide statements. Services are provided to customers external to the County organization such as the Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center Authority, the 5311 Public Transportation System, and the Northwest Georgia Regional Solid Waste Authority. The internal service fund provides services and charges fees to customers (i.e., other funds) within the County organization. The County's sole internal service fund provides the County with workers' compensation. Because the County's internal service fund exclusively serves governmental functions, it is included within the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements. Proprietary fund statements and statements for discretely presented component units (reporting is similar to proprietary funds) provide both long-term and short-term financial information consistent with the focus provided by the government-wide financial statement but with more detail for major enterprise funds and individual component units. Individual fund information for the internal service fund and non-major enterprise funds is found in combining and individual fund statements in a later section of this report.

Fiduciary funds (i.e., the agency funds) are reported in the fiduciary fund financial statements, but are excluded from the government-wide reporting. Fiduciary fund financial statements report resources that are not available to fund County programs. Fiduciary fund financial statements report similarly to proprietary funds.

Notes to the basic financial statements

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information

Major funds and component units are reported in the basic financial statements as discussed. Combining and individual statements and schedules for non-major and the internal service fund are presented in a subsequent section of this report.

Financial Analysis of the County as a Whole

As noted previously, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The County's combined net assets (governmental and business-type activities) totaled $414.9 million at December 31, 2008.

The following table provides a summary of the County's governmental and business-type net assets for the years 2008 and 2007.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

	Governmental Activities		Business Activities		Total	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Assets:						
Current assets	$ 55,590,250	$ 47,728,766	$ 96,908	$ 23,008	$ 55,687,158	$ 47,751,774
Other assets	3,534,925	3,462,663	14,638,780	14,430,803	18,173,705	17,893,466
Capital assets	355,333,747	374,684,055	1,784,917	2,361,310	357,118,664	377,045,365
Total assets	414,458,922	425,875,484	16,520,605	16,815,121	430,979,527	442,690,605
Liabilities:						
Current liabilities	5,618,125	7,071,234	507,021	442,879	6,125,146	7,514,113
Non-current liabilities	8,939,263	4,013,500	942,009	1,374,608	9,881,272	5,388,108
Total liabilities	14,557,388	11,084,734	1,449,030	1,817,487	16,006,418	12,902,221
Net assets:						
Invested in capital assets	355,333,747	374,684,055	396,812	561,652	355,730,559	375,245,707
Restricted	24,570,411	15,955,414	-	-	24,570,411	15,955,414
Unrestricted	19,997,376	24,151,281	14,674,763	14,435,982	34,672,139	38,587,263
Total net assets	$ 399,901,534	$ 414,790,750	$ 15,071,575	$ 14,997,634	$ 414,973,109	$ 429,788,384

The largest portion of the County's net assets (86%) reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. Investment in capital assets net of related debt decreased by $19.5 million (5.5%) in 2008.

The County uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; therefore, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

At the end of the current year, the County is able to report positive balances in all categories of net assets for both governmental and business-type activities.

Changes in Net Assets

Governmental and business-type activities decreased the County's net assets by $14.8 million. The following table indicates the changes in net assets for governmental and business-type activities in 2008 and 2007.

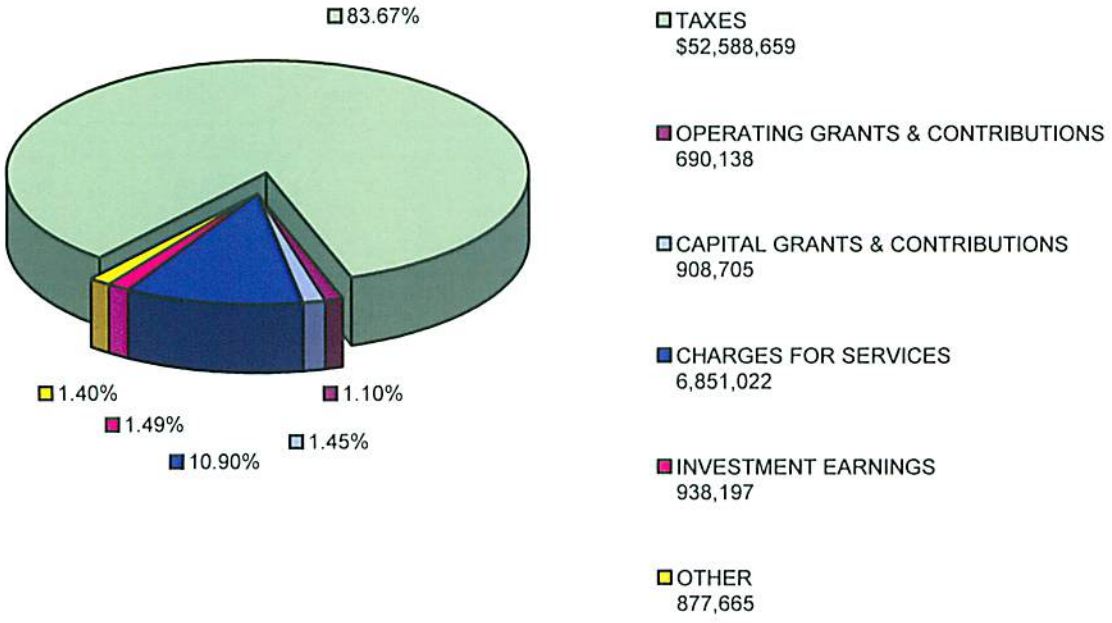
Changes In Net Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business Activities		Total	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Revenues:						
Program:						
Charges for services	$ 6,851,022	$ 6,856,615	$ 207,977	$ -	$ 7,058,999	$ 6,856,615
Operating grants	690,138	2,162,320	161,864	159,073	852,002	2,321,393
Capital grants	908,705	1,151,885	45,309	86,333	954,014	1,238,218
General:						
Property taxes	15,580,219	17,287,720	-	-	15,580,219	17,287,720
Sales taxes	33,293,060	16,961,600	-	-	33,293,060	16,961,600
Insurance premium taxes	2,600,030	2,538,164	-	-	2,600,030	2,538,164
Alcoholic beverage taxes	433,056	424,475	-	-	433,056	424,475
Hotel/Motel taxes	197,200	206,475	-	-	197,200	206,475
Miscellaneous taxes	485,094	548,270	-	-	485,094	548,270
Miscellaneous	877,665	994,596	-	-	877,665	994,596
Investment earnings	938,197	1,728,927	-	-	938,197	1,728,927
Total revenues	62,854,386	50,861,047	415,150	245,406	63,269,536	51,106,453
Program Expenses:						
General government	10,375,059	7,732,678	-	-	10,375,059	7,732,678
Judicial	6,677,251	5,746,259	-	-	6,677,251	5,746,259
Public safety	22,943,858	19,582,532	-	-	22,943,858	19,582,532
Public works	31,679,829	28,148,243	-	-	31,679,829	28,148,243
Health and welfare	1,857,957	1,847,956	-	-	1,857,957	1,847,956
Culture and recreation	1,436,614	1,122,551	-	-	1,436,614	1,122,551
Housing and development	1,970,716	1,746,315	-	-	1,970,716	1,746,315
Interest on long-term debt	218,960	209,880	-	-	218,960	209,880
Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center	-	-	641,198	665,129	641,198	665,129
Other programs	-	-	283,369	1,294,510	283,369	1,294,510
Total expenses	77,160,244	66,136,414	924,567	1,959,639	78,084,811	68,096,053
Excess	(14,305,858)	(15,275,367)	(509,417)	(1,714,233)	(14,815,275)	(16,989,600)
Transfers	(583,358)	(541,540)	583,358	541,540	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(14,889,216)	(15,816,907)	73,941	(1,172,693)	(14,815,275)	(16,989,600)
Net assets - beginning, before restatement	-	122,669,531	-	16,170,327	-	138,839,858
Restatement	-	307,938,126	-	-	-	307,938,126
Net assets - beginning restated	414,790,750	430,607,657	14,997,634	16,170,327	429,788,384	446,777,984
Net assets - end of year	$ 399,901,534	$ 414,790,750	$ 15,071,575	$ 14,997,634	$ 414,973,109	$ 429,788,384

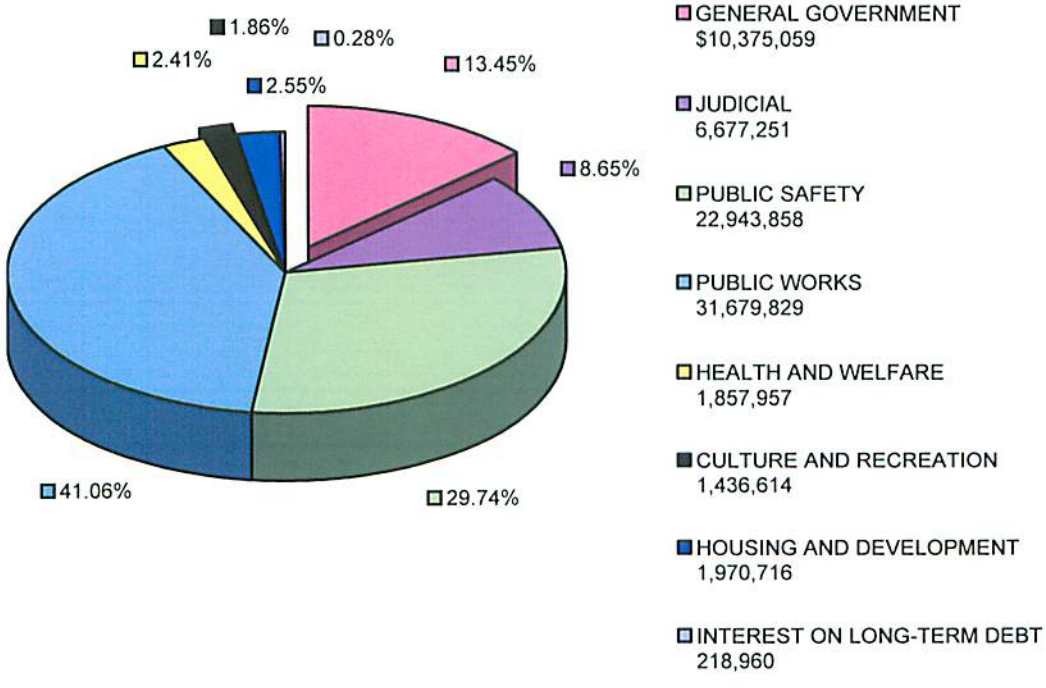
Governmental Activities

Governmental activities decreased the County's net assets by $14,889,216.

Revenues - Governmental Activities



Expenditures - Governmental Activities



Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

Governmental funds

As discussed, the focus of governmental funds is on current financial resources. This information is useful in assessing resources available at the end of the year in comparison with upcoming financing requirements.

The general fund is the County's primary operating fund and the largest source of day-to-day service delivery. The general fund reported ending fund balances of $23,820,930 of which 99.9% is undesignated indicating availability for continuing County service requirements. The designated fund balance consists of $8,951 for prepayments.

- Beginning January 1, 2008, a special purpose local option sales tax for road improvements went into effect, which resulted in an increase in revenues of $14.4 million over 2007. Other revenues within the governmental funds including licenses and permits, intergovernmental revenues, fines, forfeitures and penalties, and interest earnings decreased during 2008.

- The non-major special revenue funds revenues decreased overall $1.5 million due to the County Road Project Grants fund being eliminated and transactions being recorded in the general fund.

- Total governmental funds expenditures increased 15% in the year 2008 due to the Board of Commissioner's implementation of a five year capital asset plan. The year 2008 was the first of the five year plan. At December 31, 2008, the fund balance of $2.7 million is available for future capital asset investments for the four remaining years of the plan.

- The non-major special revenue funds expenditures decreased $2.6 million in 2008 due to the County Road Project Grants fund being eliminated and transactions being recorded in the general fund as stated above. Another significant decrease was in the 911 Emergency System Fund. Expenditures for 2007 included dispatch and software upgrades.

Proprietary funds

The proprietary fund statements share the same focus as the government-wide statements, reporting both short-term and long-term information about financial status.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The original budget adopted anticipated a decrease in its fund balance; however, the amended budget projected a slight increase in fund balance. Actual expenditures were $83,101 less than the final amended budgeted amount. Various departments were under budget, with Public Works showing the largest decrease in expenditures.

Actual revenues and transfers were $319,248 less than the final amended budgeted amount. Even though tax revenues took the overall largest decrease, the actual fund balance increased by $126,662.

- General fund revenues were less than the anticipated projection for 2008 and decreased $1.5 million, of which $1.1 million was from a decrease in local option sales tax.

  - Several revenue sources exceeded the anticipated projection for 2008 with the most significant being $87,043 from charge for services.

  - Total taxes decreased $848,540. Various other revenues reflected an increase totaling $146,229.

- General fund expenditures were $83,101 less than the final amended budget. Several departments were under budget, but none reflected a significant difference.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets

The County's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation for governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2008, was $355 million and $1.8 million, respectively. The total net investment was decreased by $19 million for governmental activities due to the depreciation and retirement of capital assets.

- SPLOST-capital projects revenues increased $17.4 million in 2008. The special purpose local option taxes for a road improvements program was passed by the citizens and went into effect January 1, 2008.

- The expenditures in 2008 of $2.9 million were for the road improvements program.

Debt service

Resources in the Debt Service Fund are to pay the future debt service requirements on the water expansion project. Whitfield County guaranteed the interest payments on the debt with Dalton Utilities for the construction of water lines throughout the County. Payments were made in 2008 totaling $1.3 million leaving a fund balance at December 31, 2008 of $4.4 million.

The County's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2008 amounts to $355.7 million (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure. Infrastructure assets are items that are normally immovable and of value only to the County.

Whitfield County's Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		Business Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Land	$ 7,038,738	$ 7,038,738	$ 790,300	$ 790,300	$ 7,829,038	$ 7,829,038
Buildings	52,057,997	53,352,411	846,468	1,392,057	52,904,465	54,744,468
Equipment and fixtures	2,283,312	2,608,543	74	959	2,283,386	2,609,502
Vehicles	2,162,538	1,429,359	148,075	177,994	2,310,613	1,607,353
Infrastructure	291,791,162	310,255,004	-	-	291,791,162	310,255,004
Total	$ 355,333,747	$ 374,684,055	$ 1,784,917	$ 2,361,310	$ 357,118,664	$ 377,045,365

The total net decrease in the County's investment in capital assets for 2008 was 5.3%

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note 4 of the Basic Financial Statements section of this report.

Long-term debt

As of December 31, 2008, Whitfield County had a net of $6.0 million in outstanding long-term debt. The governmental activities debt balance was $4.6 million and the business-type activities balance was $1.4 million.

Additional information on Whitfield County's long-term debt can be found in Note 10 of the Basic Financial Statements section of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets

Whitfield County felt the impact of the economic downturn that officially started for the entire country in the last quarter of 2008. However, at the end of 2007, Dalton/Whitfield's unemployment rate increased from 4% to 5%. The area unemployment rate continued a steady rise throughout 2008 and ended the year at 11.4%. This was 4% higher than the national average primarily due to the weighted impact of the downturn in the nation's housing market and the effect on the area's carpet industry.

The 2008 budget was adopted before the economic downturn, and included moderate revenue increases that did not materialize. As a result, County Officials asked departments to cut expenditures to help offset the reductions in revenues.

The major revenue streams that were impacted were:

Sales Tax

Local option sales tax (LOST) revenues decreased significantly in 2008. From years 2002 to 2006, sales tax revenue had been increasing by almost a million dollars per year.

A special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) passed in 2007 and took effect January 1, 2008. The tax will be used for transportation infrastructure. As most of the SPLOST activity was in the planning and design phase, most of the proceeds were invested. The investment earnings offset the shortfall in the proceeds and left the fund on budget at the end of the year.

Licenses & Permits

The economic downturn caused a significant decrease in building activity and caused a corresponding drop in inspection fees. These fees dropped by almost $150,000 which was a 55% reduction. Note: This also had a similar impact on recording fees and real estate transfer taxes.

Investment Income

In the last half of the year, interest rates dropped sharply. This caused investment earnings to drop from 4.2% at the start of the year to only 1.5% by year end.

Whitfield County adopted its 2009 budget on December 15, 2008. The 2009 general fund budget reflected revenues of $41,609,900, operational expenditures and transfers of $43,858,645, and capital expenditures of $1,703,000 for a reduction in fund balance of $3,951,745. The Board of Commissioners has presented a five-year plan for capital expenditures of which $4,684,300 is included in the 2009 adopted budget.

The 2009 budget considered the economic downturn while still attempting to maintain the current service levels. The budget plan uses fund balance for operations to cover the shortfall in revenues. Also, the five-year capital budget has had a large number of projects delayed into the future.

Contacting the County's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the County's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations, and demonstrate the County's commitment to public accountability. If you have questions about this report or would like to request additional information, contact:

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The basic financial statements include the government-wide statement of net assets and government-wide statement of activities, which include all of the primary government's governmental activities, business-type activities and component units. In addition, the basic financial statements include the fund financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
December 31, 2008

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Whitfield County Health Department
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 29,233,427	$ 43,139	$ 29,276,566	$ 662,513
Investments	11,310,387	-	11,310,387	1,639,278
Receivables, net	14,992,243	-	14,992,243	91,070
Prepaid items	54,193	7,843	62,036	-
Due from other governments	-	45,926	45,926	-
Inventory	-	-	-	576
Total current assets	55,590,250	96,908	55,687,158	2,393,437
Non-Current Assets				
Investment in joint venture	5,046	14,638,780	14,643,826	-
Net pension asset	3,529,879	-	3,529,879	-
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)				
Land	7,038,738	790,300	7,829,038	-
Buildings	52,057,997	846,467	52,904,464	-
Vehicles	2,162,538	148,150	2,310,688	-
Equipment and fixtures	2,283,312	-	2,283,312	86,553
Infrastructure	291,791,162	-	291,791,162	-
Total non-current assets	358,868,672	16,423,697	375,292,369	86,553
Total assets	$ 414,458,922	$ 16,520,605	$ 430,979,527	$ 2,479,990
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	$ 2,713,193	$ 59,449	$ 2,772,642	$ 59,232
Accrued liabilities	1,449,219	1,476	1,450,695	142,321
Unearned revenue	35,100	-	35,100	-
Current portion of capital lease obligation	-	446,096	446,096	-
Due to other governments	-	-	-	1,580
Notes payable - current	942,487	-	942,487	-
Compensated absences	478,126	-	478,126	-
Total current liabilities	5,618,125	507,021	6,125,146	203,133
Non-Current Liabilities				
Compensated absences	327,577	-	327,577	169,545
Deferred portion of capital lease	-	942,009	942,009	-
Notes payable (net of current portion)	2,889,686	-	2,889,686	-
Net OPEB obligation	5,722,000	-	5,722,000	-
Total non-current liabilities	8,939,263	942,009	9,881,272	169,545
Total liabilities	$ 14,557,388	$ 1,449,030	$ 16,006,418	$ 372,678
Net Assets				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	$ 355,333,747	$ 396,812	$ 355,730,559	$ 86,553
Restricted for-				
Capital projects	18,264,403	-	18,264,403	-
Debt service	4,398,875	-	4,398,875	-
Special Programs	1,907,133	-	1,907,133	-
Unrestricted	19,997,376	14,674,763	34,672,139	2,020,759
Total net assets	$ 399,901,534	$ 15,071,575	$ 414,973,109	$ 2,107,312

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2008

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets: Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Primary Government: Business-type Activities	Primary Government: Total	Component Unit: Whitfield County Health Department
Primary Government								
Governmental Activities:								
General government	$ 10,375,059	$ 1,878,423	$ 523,988	$ -	$ (7,972,648)	$ -	$ (7,972,648)	$ -
Judicial	6,677,251	2,609,787	158,258	-	(3,909,206)	-	(3,909,206)	-
Public safety	22,943,858	2,328,042	-	-	(20,615,816)	-	(20,615,816)	-
Public works	31,679,829	33,131	-	908,705	(30,737,993)	-	(30,737,993)	-
Health and welfare	1,857,957	-	-	-	(1,857,957)	-	(1,857,957)	-
Culture and recreation	1,436,614	-	7,892	-	(1,428,722)	-	(1,428,722)	-
Housing and development	1,970,716	1,639	-	-	(1,969,077)	-	(1,969,077)	-
Interest on long-term debt	218,960	-	-	-	(218,960)	-	(218,960)	-
Total governmental activities	77,160,244	6,851,022	690,138	908,705	(68,710,379)	-	(68,710,379)	-
Business-type activities:								
Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center	641,198	-	-	-	-	(641,198)	(641,198)	-
Whitfield Transit System	283,369	-	161,864	45,309	-	(76,196)	(76,196)	-
Dalton-Whitfield SWM Authority	-	207,977	-	-	-	207,977	207,977	-
Total business-type activities	924,567	207,977	161,864	45,309	-	(509,417)	(509,417)	-
Total primary government	$ 78,084,811	$ 7,058,999	$ 852,002	$ 954,014	$ (68,710,379)	$ (509,417)	$ (69,219,796)	$ -
Component Unit								
Whitfield County Health Department	$ 6,200,694	$ 1,806,928	$ 3,940,466	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (453,300)
General revenues:								
Property taxes					$ 15,580,219	$ -	$ 15,580,219	$ -
Sales taxes					33,293,060	-	33,293,060	-
Insurance premium tax					2,600,030	-	2,600,030	-
Alcoholic beverage tax					433,056	-	433,056	-
Hotel/Motel tax					197,200	-	197,200	-
Miscellaneous taxes					485,094	-	485,094	-
Miscellaneous					877,665	-	877,665	-
Investment earnings					938,197	-	938,197	-
Transfers					(583,358)	583,358	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers					53,821,163	583,358	54,404,521	-
Change in net assets					(14,889,216)	73,941	(14,815,275)	(453,300)
Net assets - beginning of year					414,790,750	14,997,634	429,788,384	2,560,612
Net assets - end of year					$ 399,901,534	$ 15,071,575	$ 414,973,109	$ 2,107,312

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WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

	General Fund	Capital Projects SPLOST Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 4,588,756	$ 14,412,578	$ 4,398,875	$ 4,668,280	$ 28,068,489
Investments	11,308,337	2,050	-	-	11,310,387
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles) -					
Taxes	8,375,235	-	-	-	8,375,235
Accounts	276,934	-	-	178,726	455,660
Due from other funds	1,794,514	-	-	52,207	1,846,721
Due from other governments	2,812,352	3,082,060	-	115,540	6,009,952
Prepaid items	-	-	-	54,193	54,193
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 29,156,128	$ 17,496,688	$ 4,398,875	$ 5,068,946	$ 56,120,637
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	$ 1,898,354	$ 248,028	$ -	$ 192,018	$ 2,338,400
Accrued liabilities	874,443	-	-	35,174	909,617
Due to other funds	-	1,728,305	-	118,416	1,846,721
Due to other governments	297,561	-	-	72,157	369,718
Deferred revenues -					
Uncollected property taxes	2,217,297	-	-	-	2,217,297
Alcoholic beverage licenses	35,100	-	-	-	35,100
Other	12,443	-	-	-	12,443
Total liabilities	5,335,198	1,976,333	-	417,765	7,729,296
FUND BALANCES					
Reserved for debt service	-	-	4,398,875	-	4,398,875
Unreserved -					
Designated for prepayments	8,951	-	-	-	8,951
Designated for capital outlay	-	15,520,355	-	2,744,048	18,264,403
Undesignated, reported in					
General Fund	23,811,979	-	-	-	23,811,979
Other Governmental Funds	-	-	-	1,907,133	1,907,133
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	23,820,930	15,520,355	4,398,875	4,651,181	48,391,341
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 29,156,128	$ 17,496,688	$ 4,398,875	$ 5,068,946	$ 56,120,637

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
December 31, 2008

TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES		$ 48,391,341
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets are not reported in this fund financial statement because they are not current financial resources, but they are reported in the statement of net assets.		355,333,747
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current - period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Taxes		2,229,740
Net pension asset		3,529,879
Investment in joint venture		5,046
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of self-insurance. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities columns in the statement of net assets.		771,657
Certain liabilities (including loan payments) are not reported in this fund financial statement because they are not due and payable, but they are presented as liabilities in the statement of net assets.		
Intergovernmental liability	$ (3,832,173)	
Compensated absences	(805,703)	
Net OPEB obligation	(5,722,000)	
		(10,359,876)
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		$ 399,901,534

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General Fund	Capital Projects SPLOST Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Taxes	$ 34,834,460	$ 17,935,650	$ -	$ 197,200	$ 52,967,310
Licenses and permits	277,399	-	-	-	277,399
Intergovernmental revenues	523,988	432,484	-	166,150	1,122,622
Charges for services	3,581,443	-	-	1,617,453	5,198,896
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	1,322,264	-	-	404,750	1,727,014
Investment earnings	561,180	374,901	-	2,116	938,197
Contributions and donations	55,942	-	-	-	55,942
Miscellaneous	862,289	-	-	9,590	871,879
Total revenues	42,018,965	18,743,035	-	2,397,259	63,159,259
EXPENDITURES					
Current -					
General government	7,333,090	-	-	1,326,927	8,660,017
Judicial	5,677,322	-	-	433,990	6,111,312
Public safety	17,593,953	-	-	2,723,281	20,317,234
Public works	6,838,214	-	-	2,242,019	9,080,233
Health and welfare	1,587,062	-	-	-	1,587,062
Culture and recreation	1,110,273	-	-	802,321	1,912,594
Housing and development	1,540,042	-	-	363,601	1,903,643
Capital outlay	-	2,928,305	-	-	2,928,305
Debt Service	-	-	1,340,627	-	1,340,627
Total expenditures	41,679,956	2,928,305	1,340,627	7,892,139	53,841,027
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	339,009	15,814,730	(1,340,627)	(5,494,880)	9,318,232
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Sale of capital assets	6,786	-	-	-	6,786
Transfers in	8,955,517	-	-	10,363,644	19,319,161
Transfers out	(9,174,650)	(8,405,704)	-	(2,322,166)	(19,902,520)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(212,347)	(8,405,704)	-	8,041,478	(576,573)
Net change in fund balances	126,662	7,409,026	(1,340,627)	2,546,598	8,741,659
FUND BALANCES - beginning of year	23,694,268	8,111,329	5,739,502	2,104,583	39,649,682
FUND BALANCES - end of year	$ 23,820,930	$ 15,520,355	$ 4,398,875	$ 4,651,181	$ 48,391,341

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2008

NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES- TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS			$ 8,741,659
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:			
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 as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlay in the current period.			
	Depreciation expense	$ (21,816,880)	
	Capital outlay	2,400,943	(19,415,937)
Gain on disposition of assets is not reported in governmental funds.			(1,000)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.			
	Taxes	$ (403,535)	
	Equity investment in joint venture	1,639	(401,896)
The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets is to increase net assets.			
	Donations	$ 91,238	
	Writeoff of assets	(24,609)	66,629
The current years additions to certain assets reduced the net expenses of those functions on the statement of activities.			
	Net pension asset		70,623
Other postemployment expenses are reported in the government-wide statement of activities, but do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.			(5,722,000)
Repayments of long-term principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.			1,121,667
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.			
	Compensated absences		(120,618)
The internal service funds used by management to charge the costs of workers' compensation to individual funds are not reported in the government-wide statement of activities.			771,657
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			$ (14,889,216)

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WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

continued

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
REVENUES					
Taxes -					
Property taxes	$ 16,900,000	$ 16,900,000	$ 14,512,688	$ (2,387,312)	$ 14,968,759
Motor vehicle and mobile home taxes	-	-	1,446,182	1,446,182	1,358,462
Local option sales taxes	17,300,000	15,357,000	15,357,410	410	16,414,170
Transfer taxes	90,000	50,000	49,732	(268)	104,752
Franchise taxes	305,000	333,000	333,655	655	341,303
Alcoholic beverage taxes	420,000	433,000	433,056	56	424,475
Business license taxes	110,000	110,000	101,707	(8,293)	102,215
Insurance premium taxes	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,600,030	100,030	2,538,164
Total taxes	37,625,000	35,683,000	34,834,460	(848,540)	36,252,300
Licenses and permits	346,400	280,400	277,399	(3,001)	450,723
Intergovernmental revenues	484,000	484,000	523,988	39,988	800,870
Charges for services	4,115,400	3,494,400	3,581,443	87,043	2,673,605
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	1,405,000	1,455,000	1,322,264	(132,736)	1,372,756
Investment earnings	560,000	507,400	561,180	53,780	890,756
Contributions and donations	42,000	55,900	55,942	42	49,902
Miscellaneous	836,500	809,870	862,289	52,419	999,106
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 45,414,300**	**$ 42,769,970**	**$ 42,018,965**	**$ (751,005)**	**$ 43,490,018**

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WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

continued

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
EXPENDITURES					
General Government -					
Board of Elections	$ 361,928	$ 393,547	$ 391,638	$ 1,909	$ 287,457
Board of Commissioners	1,069,433	1,170,818	1,168,796	2,022	887,471
Information Technology	976,127	1,179,789	1,176,646	3,143	1,342,930
Tax Commissioner	1,237,231	1,164,482	1,160,474	4,008	1,085,974
Tax Assessor	1,266,608	1,247,158	1,243,728	3,430	1,067,915
Buildings and Grounds	1,422,480	1,483,850	1,478,051	5,799	1,453,620
Contingency	2,276,204	-	-	-	-
Attorney Fees	185,000	151,000	150,247	753	157,758
Liability Insurance	490,000	321,000	320,917	83	479,838
Claims and judgments	10,000	45,000	45,000	-	150
Audit Fees	115,000	106,000	105,598	402	106,014
Public Information	29,357	28,062	27,241	821	21,258
General Administrative Fees	64,451	64,756	64,754	2	62,929
Total General Government	**9,503,819**	**7,355,462**	**7,333,090**	**22,372**	**6,953,314**
Judicial -					
Judicial Administration	624,313	521,708	517,636	4,072	521,860
Judge Morris' Office	51,971	46,627	45,795	832	43,786
Judge Boyett's Office	51,471	49,271	48,957	314	48,081
Judge Adams' Office	52,321	49,521	49,161	360	48,497
Judge Partain's Office	54,621	55,671	55,055	616	51,317
Clerk of Superior Court	889,094	846,384	843,610	2,774	817,535
District Attorney	1,120,561	1,120,561	1,118,583	1,978	1,014,629
Magistrate Court	917,212	914,202	911,716	2,486	859,392
Probate Court	500,286	495,186	493,716	1,470	447,901
Juvenile Court	996,188	979,853	977,842	2,011	885,478
Public Defender	648,840	616,690	615,251	1,439	584,008
Total Judicial	**5,906,878**	**5,695,674**	**5,677,322**	**18,352**	**5,322,484**
Public Safety -					
Sheriff's Department	6,582,411	6,882,585	6,879,115	3,470	6,295,997
Correctional Center	5,515,886	5,173,156	5,168,613	4,543	5,050,411
Fire Department	4,289,279	4,420,241	4,417,429	2,812	4,196,611
Coroner	188,342	124,567	120,251	4,316	124,157

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WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

continued

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
EXPENDITURES-continued					
Public Safety - continued					
Animal Control	$ 201,608	$ 178,899	$ 177,883	$ 1,016	$ 168,691
Emergency Management	84,893	135,978	135,035	943	39,603
American Red Cross	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-
Emergency Medical Services	694,627	694,627	694,627	-	674,430
Total Public Safety	**17,558,046**	**17,611,053**	**17,593,953**	**17,100**	**16,549,900**
Public Works -					
Public Works	7,110,352	6,262,657	6,249,194	13,463	6,846,390
Solid Waste Disposal	425,000	411,100	411,020	80	428,589
Intergovernmental Payments	178,000	178,000	178,000	-	178,000
Total Public Works	**7,713,352**	**6,851,757**	**6,838,214**	**13,543**	**7,452,979**
Health and Welfare -					
Physical and Mental Health	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	-	1,200,000
Family Support Council	5,400	5,400	5,400	-	5,400
Family and Children Services	148,678	148,678	148,678	-	148,678
Department of Veterans Service	1,000	1,000	984	16	984
Pauper fund	65,000	82,000	82,000	-	60,300
Senior Citizens Center	150,000	150,000	150,000	-	150,000
Total Health and Welfare	**1,570,078**	**1,587,078**	**1,587,062**	**16**	**1,565,362**
Culture and Recreation -					
Recreation Department	883,633	887,998	884,273	3,725	806,310
Dalton Regional Library	226,000	226,000	226,000	-	226,000
Total Culture and Recreation	**1,109,633**	**1,113,998**	**1,110,273**	**3,725**	**1,032,310**

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WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

concluded

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
EXPENDITURES-continued					
Housing and Development -					
County Extension Service	$ 121,434	$ 131,505	$ 131,229	$ 276	$ 94,824
Building Zoning and Development	557,496	575,255	573,858	1,397	655,508
County Planner	79,296	44,796	43,108	1,688	
County Engineer	144,985	163,271	162,130	1,141	180,542
Timber Protection	3,600	3,107	3,107	-	3,345
D/W Chamber of Commerce	157,250	157,250	157,250	-	142,500
D/W Community Development Corp.	112,250	92,250	92,250	-	90,734
Intergovernmental Payments	377,110	377,110	377,110	-	369,500
Total Housing and Development	**1,553,421**	**1,544,544**	**1,540,042**	**4,502**	**1,536,953**
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**44,915,227**	**41,759,566**	**41,679,956**	**79,610**	**40,413,302**
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	**499,073**	**1,010,404**	**339,009**	**(671,395)**	**3,076,716**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Sale of capital assets	-	6,700	6,786	86	41,461
Transfers in	125,600	8,523,846	8,955,517	431,671	126,142
Transfers out	(10,131,434)	(9,178,141)	(9,174,650)	3,491	(2,479,763)
Total other financing sources (uses)	**(10,005,834)**	**(647,595)**	**(212,347)**	**435,248**	**(2,312,160)**
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over budgetary expenditures and other financing uses	(9,506,761)	362,809	126,662	(236,147)	764,556
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	23,694,268	23,694,268	23,694,268	-	22,929,712
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 14,187,507	$ 24,057,077	$ 23,820,930	$ (236,147)	$ 23,694,268

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WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

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	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				
	Dalton/ Whitfield Solid Waste Management	Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center	Total Non-Major Enterprise Funds	Totals	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	$ -	$ 27,906	$ 15,233	$ 43,139	$ 1,164,938
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles) -					
Accounts	-	-	-	-	151,396
Prepaid items	-	-	7,843	7,843	-
Due from other governments	-	-	45,926	45,926	-
Total current assets	-	27,906	69,002	96,908	1,316,334
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Land	-	790,300	-	790,300	-
Building	-	4,814,700	-	4,814,700	-
Equipment and fixtures	-	-	10,457	10,457	-
Vehicles	-	-	375,823	375,823	-
Total property and equipment	-	5,605,000	386,280	5,991,280	-
Less accumulated depreciation	-	(3,968,233)	(238,130)	(4,206,363)	-
Property and equipment, net	-	1,636,767	148,150	1,784,917	-
Investment in Joint Venture	14,638,780	-	-	14,638,780	-
Total non-current assets	14,638,780	1,636,767	148,150	16,423,697	-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 14,638,780	$ 1,664,673	$ 217,152	$ 16,520,605	$ 1,316,334

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

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	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				
	Dalton/ Whitfield Solid Waste Management	Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center	Total Non-Major Enterprise Funds	Totals	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 27,906	$ 31,543	$ 59,449	$ 5,075
Accrued liabilities	-	-	1,476	1,476	539,602
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Current portion of capital lease obligation	-	446,096	-	446,096	-
Total current liabilities	-	474,002	33,019	507,021	544,677
Long-term portion of capital lease obligation	-	942,009	-	942,009	-
Total liabilities	-	1,416,011	33,019	1,449,030	544,677
FUND EQUITY					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	-	248,662	148,150	396,812	-
Unrestricted	14,638,780	-	35,983	14,674,763	771,657
Total fund equity	14,638,780	248,662	184,133	15,071,575	771,657
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$ 14,638,780	$ 1,664,673	$ 217,152	$ 16,520,605	$ 1,316,334

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				
	Dalton/ Whitfield Solid Waste Management	Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center	Total Non-Major Enterprise Funds	Totals	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
OPERATING REVENUES					
Charge for services	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 648,132
Total operating revenues	-	-	-	-	648,132
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Personal services and employee benefits	-	-	4,948	4,948	-
Purchased and contracted services	-	-	197,092	197,092	-
Supplies	-	-	2,831	2,831	-
Depreciation	-	545,589	78,498	624,087	-
Self-insured insurance	-	-	-	-	118,721
Total operating expenses	-	545,589	283,369	828,958	118,721
Operating income (loss)	-	(545,589)	(283,369)	(828,958)	529,411
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Intergovernmental revenues	-	-	207,173	207,173	-
Income on joint venture	207,977	-	-	207,977	-
Miscellaneous revenue	-	-	-	-	217,364
Interest expense	-	(95,609)	-	(95,609)	-
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	207,977	(95,609)	207,173	319,541	217,364
Income (loss) before transfers	207,977	(641,198)	(76,196)	(509,417)	746,775
Transfers in	-	507,162	76,196	583,358	-
Net income (loss)	207,977	(134,036)	-	73,941	746,775
FUND EQUITY - beginning of year	14,430,803	382,698	184,133	14,997,634	24,882
FUND EQUITY - end of year	$ 14,638,780	$ 248,662	$ 184,133	$ 15,071,575	$ 771,657

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended December 31, 2008

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	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				
	Dalton/ Whitfield Solid Waste Management	Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center	Total Non-Major Enterprise Funds	Totals	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received from customers	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 729,019
Cash paid to suppliers	-	-	(221,438)	(221,438)	(452,405)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	-	-	(221,438)	(221,438)	276,614
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Transfers in	-	507,162	76,196	583,358	-
Intergovernmental transfers	-	-	162,860	162,860	-
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	-	507,162	239,056	746,218	-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Acquisition of capital assets	-	-	(47,694)	(47,694)	-
Principal paid on debt	-	(383,647)	-	(383,647)	-
Interest paid on debt	-	(95,609)	-	(95,609)	-
Capital contributions from (to) other governments	-	-	45,309	45,309	-
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	-	(479,256)	(2,385)	(481,641)	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	-	27,906	15,233	43,139	276,614
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - beginning of year	-	-	-	-	888,324
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - end of year	$ -	$ 27,906	$ 15,233	$ 43,139	$ 1,164,938

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended December 31, 2008

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	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				
	Dalton/ Whitfield Solid Waste Management	Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center	Total Non-Major Enterprise Funds	Totals	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Operating income (loss)	$ -	$ (545,589)	$ (283,369)	$ (828,958)	$ 529,411
Depreciation	-	545,589	78,498	624,087	-
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	-	217,364
Changes in operating assets and liabilities -					
Decrease (increase) in -					
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	(136,477)
Increase (decrease) in -					
Prepaid items	-	-	(5,393)	(5,393)	-
Accounts payable	-	-	13,714	13,714	(333,684)
Accrued liabilities	-	-	1,476		
Due to other funds	-	-	(26,364)	(26,364)	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$ -	$ -	$ (221,438)	$ (221,438)	$ 276,614

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 9,598,451	$ 21,217,921
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles) -		
Accounts	30,297	32,299
Taxes	30,991,508	14,258,188
Due from other governments	107,008	46,244
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 40,727,264	$ 35,554,652
LIABILITIES		
LIABILITIES		
Accrued liabilities	$ 5,411,907	$ 8,293,791
Due to other governments	35,315,357	27,260,861
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 40,727,264	$ 35,554,652

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Whitfield County, Georgia (County) was incorporated in 1851 under the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Georgia. The County operates under a Board-Administrator form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety - 911 and fire, public works, sanitation, health and social services, culture-recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning and general administrative services.

The financial statements of the County have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP) as applied to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The more significant accounting policies of the County are described below.

A. Reporting Entity - As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the government and its component units, entities with which the government has a significant financial or operational relationship. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government's operations, so data from these units are combined with data of the primary government. Discretely presented component units, on the other hand, are reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the government.

Joint Ventures

- The County participates with the City of Dalton in the Dalton-Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management Authority ("DWRSWMA"). The County has fifty percent equity in this entity. Separately issued financial statements of the DWRSWMA can be obtained from their administrative office located at 4350 Gazaway Drive SE, Dalton, Georgia 30720.

- The County participates with the City of Dalton in the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center Authority ("Trade Center"). The Trade Center became a separate authority in 2003. The County and City retained their respective shares of their equity balances as of December 31, 2002. The City and County each now have fifty percent interest in the income or loss of this entity. Separately issued financial statements of the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center Authority can be obtained from their administrative office located at 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton, Georgia 30720.

- The County participates with the City of Dalton in the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority. The County has fifty percent equity in this entity. Separately issued financial statements of the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority can be obtained from their administrative office located at 890 College Drive, Dalton, Georgia 30720.

1. **Summary of significant accounting policies - continued**

Discretely Presented Component Unit

- **Whitfield County Department of Public Health** - A voting majority of the members of the Board of Health is appointed by the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners. The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners is authorized by state law to approve environmental health service fees. The Board of Commissioners approves the budget of the Board of Health and provides regular operating subsidies. The Whitfield County Department of Public Health issues a separately audited financial statement. A copy of the component unit report can be obtained from the Director of Management, North Georgia Health District, District 1 Unit 2, 100 West Walnut Avenue, Suite 92, Dalton, Georgia 30720.

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

In the government-wide statement of net assets, both the government and business-type activities columns are presented on a consolidated basis by column, and are reflected on a full accrual, economic resource basis which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The County's net assets are reported in three parts – invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets.

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

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The County has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

1. **Summary of significant accounting policies - continued**

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. Operating expenses for the proprietary funds include the cost of contractual services and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions are typically financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources.

The County has presented the following major governmental funds:

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

Debt Service Fund – The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of financial resources for the payment of general and long-term debt principal, interest and related costs. The fund balance is reserved to signify the amounts that are restricted exclusively for debt service expenditures.

SPLOST Capital Projects Fund – SPLOST capital projects fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the construction of roads and bridges financed through a special local option sales tax.

The County has presented the following major business-type funds:

Dalton/Whitfield Solid Waste Management – The Dalton/Whitfield Solid Waste Management fund is used to account for the 50% equity interest in the joint venture with the City of Dalton.

Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center – The Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center fund is used to account for the County's activity of the trade and convention center.

1. **Summary of significant accounting policies - continued**

Additionally the County reports the following funds:

Internal Service Fund – The internal service fund is to account for the self-insured workers' compensation program.

Fiduciary Funds – The County's fiduciary funds are agency funds used by the County's Constitutional Officers. These agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results of operations. They include the Tax Commissioner, Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, Probate Court, Magistrate Court and the Juvenile Court. Also included is the Cafeteria Fund.

C. **Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting** - The accounting and reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide statements and fund financial statements for proprietary funds and fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The resources measurement focus means all assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) are included on the statement of net assets and the operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned. Expenses are recognized at the time the liability is incurred. Gains or losses resulting from disposals are included in operating income in the year of disposal.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The County considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service requirements, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, franchise taxes, special assessments, licenses, interest revenue and charges for services. Sales taxes collected and held by the state at year-end on behalf of the County are recognized as revenue. Property taxes received generally after 60 days are shown as deferred revenues. Fines, permits and forfeitures are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash.

1. **Summary of significant accounting policies – continued**

Deferred revenues arise when potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenues also arise when resources are received by the County before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have been reported as deferred revenue rather than revenue.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

D. **Budgetary Control** - The County follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- On or before September 1, the County Administrator submits to the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners a proposed operating budget for the calendar year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- Public hearings are conducted which allow for taxpayer comments.
- Budgets are legally adopted by the Board of Commissioners at the first regular meeting in December for the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital Projects and Enterprise Funds.

Any revisions to the budgets, other than intradepartmental transfers, must be approved by the Board in a regular scheduled meeting. The legal level of budgetary control is the department level.

Intradepartmental transfers, not affecting salaries or benefit accounts, must be requested in writing and approved by the County Administrator.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.

The County's budgets are prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. Budgetary comparisons are presented on this basis.

All unexpended appropriations lapse at the end of the year.

E. **Cash** - The County uses a centralized cash account for a large portion of its operations. The monies deposited and disbursed are reflected in the individual funds. Negative balances incurred in pooled cash at year-end are treated as interfund receivable of the General Fund and interfund payable of the deficit fund. Cash includes demand deposits, certificates of deposit, and money market accounts.

1. **Summary of significant accounting policies – continued**

F. **Investments** – Investments include United States government and government agency securities. Money market investments that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less are reported at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. All other investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices.

Georgia law authorizes local governments to invest in the following types of obligations:

- Obligations of the State of Georgia or of any other states;
- Obligations issued by the United States;
- Obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States government or governmental agency;
- Obligations of any corporation of the United States government;
- Prime bankers' acceptances;
- Georgia Fund I state investment pool;
- Georgia Extended Asset Pool (GEAP);
- Repurchase agreements; and
- Obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the County's proprietary fund type considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

G. **Inventory** - The cost of inventory is recorded as an expenditure at the time the individual inventory items are purchased. The County does not maintain significant levels of inventory items.

H. **Prepaid Items** - Certain payments to vendors reflect cost applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

I. **Interfund Transactions** – On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from interfund loans are classified as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

J. **Capital assets** – Capital assets, which include property, equipment and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than $10,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Beginning in 2007, general infrastructure assets acquired prior to January 1, 2003 were reported in the basic financial statements.

1. **Summary of significant accounting policies – continued**

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets, as applicable. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Capital assets of the primary government, as well as the component units, are depreciated using the straight line method over the following useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings and structures	35
Equipment and fixtures	3 – 7
Vehicles	5
Infrastructure	10 – 40

K. **Compensated Absences** – It is the County's policy to allow employees to accumulate paid time off up to 20 days. Any earned leave in excess is credited to an extended leave bank. There is no liability for unpaid extended leave since the County does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the government. All paid time off is accrued when incurred in the government-wide, and proprietary financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

L. **Long-term Obligations** – In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

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. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

M. **Fund Equity** – In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

1. **Summary of significant accounting policies – continued**

N. **Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

O. **Comparative Data** - Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented only for individual funds in the fund financial statements in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the financial position and operations of these funds. Also, certain amounts presented in the prior year data have been reclassified to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

2. **Cash and investments**

Cash and investments – custodial credit risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits and investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the County's deposits and investments might not be recovered. The County's policy and state statutes require all deposits and investments to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties or municipalities. As of December 31, 2008, all of the County's deposits were insured or collateralized.

Investments

As of December 31, 2008, the County had the following investments:

Type	Fair Value	Interest Rate Risk
Georgia Fund 1	$ 10,280,205	Weighted Average Maturity-46 days
GEAP	1,030,182	Duration - .81
Total investments	$ 11,310,387	

The County invests funds throughout the year in a Local Government Investment Pool (Georgia Fund 1). Georgia Fund I, created by OCGA 36-83-8, is a stable net asset value investment pool which follows Standard and Poor's criteria for AAAm rated money market funds and is regulated by the Georgia Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services. However, Georgia Fund I operates in a manner consistent with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and is considered to be a 2a-7 like pool. The pool is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company. The pool's primary objectives are safety of capital, investment income, liquidity and diversification while maintaining principal ($1.00 per share value). Net asset value is calculated weekly to ensure stability. The pool distributes earnings (net of management fees) on a monthly basis and determines participant's shares sold and redeemed based on $1.00 per share. Due to the nature of the accounts, this fund is exempt from disclosure of custodial credit risk.

2. **Cash and investments - continued**

The Georgia Extended Asset Pool (GEAP) is offered by the State of Georgia to counties, municipalities, public colleges and universities, board of education, special districts, state agencies, and other authorized entities as an alternative to Georgia Fund I. A primary objective of GEAP is the prudent management of public funds on behalf of state and local governments. GEAP was designed for those investors seeking taxable income higher than money market rates and willing to accept price fluctuations.

Deposit and investment transactions are subject to a variety of risks. The County's adopted investment policies seek to promote the safety of principal, provide adequate liquidity for operation needs, earn market rates of return on investments consistent with liquidity needs and investment quality, and conform with legal requirements.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the value of an investment. The County's investment policy states that the Government will structure its portfolio to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations. The policy also emphasizes the purchase of shorter term or more liquid investment. The County limits its investments to those with maturities of five years or less.

Credit Risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The County's investment policy seeks to minimize credit risk through diversification of investments within the choices allowed under state statutes.

3. **Property taxes**

State law requires that property taxes be based on assessed value, which is 40% of fair market value. With the exception of motor vehicles and the property of public utilities, which are valued by the State Revenue Department, the Board of Tax Assessors of Whitfield County makes all assessments. Upon completion of all assessments and tax returns, the information is turned over to the Whitfield County Tax Commissioner for compilation of the tax digest. The completed tax digest must be submitted to the State Revenue Commissioner for approval. The State Revenue Commissioner must ascertain that real property on the tax digest has been assessed at the state mandated forty percent (40%) of fair market value. If not, the State Revenue Commissioner may issue a consent order to reassess real property. The County Tax Commissioner distributes tax notices and collects tax payments.

The County Tax Commissioner also collects taxes for the Whitfield County Board of Education, the City of Dalton, the City of Dalton Board of Education, the City of Varnell, and the State of Georgia. Motor vehicle taxes must be paid by the birth date of the owner of the vehicle. Property taxes are levied each October based on values as of January 1st and are due on December 20th each year. The 2008 property taxes were levied on November 7, 2008 with taxes being due on January 7, 2009. Taxes are considered delinquent after January 7th. Collections of property taxes are made throughout the year. Property taxes are attached as an enforceable lien on the day the taxes become delinquent. The total real and personal tax levy is recorded as revenue in the fiscal year in which such amounts will be available (collected within 60 days of year-end) as net current assets. In the accompanying financial statements, the portion of the property tax levy for the tax year 2008 collected during the current year has been recognized as revenue.

4. **Capital assets**

Primary Government

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activites:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 7,038,738	$ -	$ -	$ 7,038,738
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	7,038,738	-	-	7,038,738
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	64,506,758	497,918	-	65,004,676
Vehicles	5,466,569	1,288,810	(253,134)	6,502,245
Equipment and fixtures	16,222,533	614,215	(926,639)	15,910,109
Infrastructure	742,111,966	91,238	-	742,203,204
Total capital assets, being depreciated	828,307,826	2,492,181	(1,179,773)	829,620,234
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(11,154,347)	(1,792,332)	-	(12,946,679)
Vehicles	(4,037,210)	(542,110)	239,613	(4,339,707)
Equipment and fixtures	(13,613,990)	(927,358)	914,551	(13,626,797)
Infrastructure	(431,856,962)	(18,555,080)	-	(450,412,042)
Total accumulated depreciation	(460,662,509)	(21,816,880)	1,154,164	(481,325,225)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	367,645,317	(19,324,699)	(25,609)	348,295,009
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 374,684,055	$ (19,324,699)	$ (25,609)	$ 355,333,747

4. **Capital assets - continued**

Primary Government

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 790,300	$ -	$ -	$ 790,300
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	790,300	-	-	790,300
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	4,814,700	-	-	4,814,700
Vehicles	372,760	47,694	(44,631)	375,823
Equipment and fixtures	10,457	-	-	10,457
Total capital assets, being depreciated	5,197,917	47,694	(44,631)	5,200,980
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(3,422,643)	(545,589)	-	(3,968,232)
Vehicles	(194,766)	(77,613)	44,631	(227,748)
Equipment and fixtures	(9,498)	(885)	-	(10,383)
Total accumulated depreciation	(3,626,907)	(624,087)	44,631	(4,206,363)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	1,571,010	(576,393)	-	994,617
Business-type activites capital assets, net	$ 2,361,310	$ (576,393)	$ -	$ 1,784,917

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

Governmental Activities:

General Government	$ 1,108,638
Judicial	40,871
Public Safety	1,408,161
Public Works	18,948,673
Health and Welfare	270,895
Culture and Recreation	17,836
Housing and Development	21,806
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 21,816,880

5. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

A. Plan Description

The County sponsors the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Restated Pension Plan for Whitfield 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.

The pension plan is audited by an independent auditor and a separate report is issued. A copy can be obtained from GEBCorp, 400 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1250, Atlanta, Georgia 30339.

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 the earlier of: a) age 65 with 5 years vested service or b) age 60 with 10 years of service. Upon eligibility to retire, participants are entitled to an annual benefit in the amount of 1.0% of average annual compensation up to $6,600 plus 1.5% of average annual compensation in excess of $6,600 plus $36 for each year of service payable as a life annuity. For participants hired after January 1, 2003 the annual benefit is 1% of average annual compensation multiplied by years of service. Compensation is averaged over a five year period prior to 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.

County employees are not required to contribute to the Plan. The County contributes the entire cost of the Plan, using the actuarial basis described in the annual valuation report.

Retirees, beneficiaries, and disables receiving benefits	114
Terminated plan participants entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	268
Active employees participating in the plan	380
Total number of plan participants	762

5. **Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued**

B. Contributions

The County is required to contribute an actuarially determined amount annually to the Pension 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 requirement contained in the State of Georgia statutes. Administrative expenses are based on total covered compensation of active plan participants and are added to the state-required annual funding requirement.

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

The County's payroll for employees covered by the Plan as of January 1, 2008 (the most recent actuarial valuation date) was $13,883,778, (based on covered earnings for the preceding year).

The required contributions for the plan years 2008, 2007, and 2006 were $1,141,515, $1,073,890, and $1,117,918, respectively. These amounts represent 8.2%, 8.4%, and 10.3% of covered payroll, respectively.

Annual pension cost: The County's annual pension cost and net pension obligation for the pension plan for the current year were determined as follows:

Derivation of Annual Pension Cost	January 1, 2008
Annual required contribution	$ 1,141,515
Interest on net pension obligation	(282,390)
Amortization of net pension obligation	(297,945)
Annual pension cost	$ 1,157,070

Derivation of Net Pension Obligation	
Annual pension cost for prior year	$ 1,089,134
Actual contributions to plan for prior year	(1,159,757)
Increase in net pension obligation	(70,623)
Net pension obligation as of January 1, 2007	(3,459,256)
Net pension obligation as of January 1, 2008	$ (3,529,879)

5. Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2008. The following summarizes the actuarial methods and assumptions used in that valuation:

Valuation date:	January 1, 2008
Actuarial cost method:	Projected Unit Credit
Asset valuation method:	Market Value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Assumed rate of return on assets:	8.0% per annum
Expected future salary increases:	6.0% per annum
Expected annual inflation:	3.0% per annum

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percent of pay on a closed basis. The weighted average remaining amortization period as of January 1, 2008 was 10 years.

Trend Information for the Plan

Fiscal Year Beginning	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Actual County Contribution	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
01/01/08	$ 1,157,070	N/A	N/A	$ (3,529,879)
01/01/07	1,089,134	1,159,757	106%	(3,459,256)
01/01/06	1,192,830	1,268,206	106%	(3,383,880)
01/01/05	1,164,598	4,284,403	368%	(264,076)
01/01/04	999,190	1,118,295	112%	(144,971)
01/01/03	993,265	1,138,001	115%	(234)
01/01/02	753,645	753,645	100%	(234)
01/01/01	567,812	567,812	100%	(234)

6. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) – Healthcare

Plan Description – The Whitfield County Retiree Health Insurance Plan was established to provide post employment benefits for eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The plan is a single-employer defined benefit health care plan providing coverage for medical and prescription drug benefits. The Board of Commissioners established the benefit provisions and may amend them as necessary. The Plan does not issue separate financial statements.

To be eligible for OPEB benefits, an employee must have been covered under the medical plan as an active member immediately prior to retirement, must be 1) at least age 60 with 10 years of service or 2) at least age 65 with 5 years of service. Participants who are not eligible for retirement at the time of termination are not eligible for benefits from the plan. Retirees may not resume coverage under the plan once coverage has lapsed. For 2008, there were 66 retirees and dependents receiving benefits.

6. **Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) – Healthcare – continued**

Funding policy – The funding policy of the County is to contribute to the plan the net claims paid during the year. The County covers the cost of administering the plan. The Board of Commissioners set the monthly contribution rates for active employees and retirees.

Coverage	Retirees Cost
Retiree	191.10
Retiree + spouse	347.90
Retiree + child	308.70
Retiree + family	429.50

The annual required contribution rate for the County for 2008 was $6,320,000.

Annual OPEB cost and Net OPEB obligation – The County had an actuarial valuation performed for the plan as of January 1, 2008 for the plan year ending December 31, 2008 to determine the employer's annual required contribution (ARC) for the period. The following summarizes the cost, contribution and net OPEB obligation at December 31, 2008.

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	ANNUAL OPEB COST	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED	NET OPEB OBLIGATION
2008	$ 6,320,000	$ 598,000	9.50%	$ 5,722,000
2007	—	—	N/A	—

Funded status – Since this is the first year of the plan, multi-year trend date is not applicable. At December 31, 2008, the actuarial accrued liability for health benefits was $33,472,000 and actuarial value of assets set aside to fund this liability was zero, the resulting unfunded accrued actuarial liability $33,472,000. The covered payroll (the annual payroll of active participating employees) was $17,353,000, and the ratio of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to the covered payroll was 194%.

Actuarial methods and assumptions – Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The actuarial calculations are based on the types of benefits provided under the terms of the substantive plan at the time of each valuation and on the pattern of sharing of costs between the employer and plan members to that point. Actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the goal to reflect a long-term perspective.

The January 1, 2008, actuarial valuation used the Projected Unit Credit actuarial cost method. Relevant actuarial assumptions included a 4% annum discount rate, and an initial medical trend rate of 10% and an ultimate rate of 5%. The amortization of unfunded liabilities as a level dollar amount is over 30 years.

7. Deferred compensation plan

The County offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, which is available to all full-time County employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property, and rights (until paid or made available to the employee or other beneficiary) are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries.

8. Cafeteria Plan

Whitfield County offers its employees a cafeteria plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 125. The plan, available to all full-time County employees, allows any one or more of the following benefits to be acquired through salary redirection:

- Health Care Reimbursement (expenses not covered by group medical plan)
- Dependent Care Assistance
- Insurance Premium Payments
  (a) Group Medical
  (b) Group Term Life
  (c) Dental
  (d) Vision

The amount of salary redirection is determined by each participant prior to the beginning of the plan year end and is irrevocable for such year.

Excess salary redirection amounts resulting from the failure of a participant to incur a qualified expense or to seek reimbursement in a timely manner is forfeited and credited to the benefit plan surplus. Surplus amounts are first used to defray administrative costs and experience losses with the remainder, if any, being distributed to participants on a per capita basis. Any potential charges for the administration of the plan are paid by the County. In 2008, there were no charges incurred.

9. Risk-management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Government carries commercial insurance. Only liability coverage is maintained for County vehicles. The County established a limited risk management program for employee health insurance in 1992. Premiums are available to pay claims, claims reserve, excess insurance coverage and administrative costs of the program. During the fiscal year 2008, a total of $4,084,780 was paid in benefits and administrative costs. An excess coverage insurance policy covers individual claims in excess of $75,000. Based upon past claims history, claims incurred but not reported are considered to be immaterial and have not been accrued.

9. **Risk-management - continued**

The County has joined together with other governments in the State as part of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency Property and Liability Insurance Fund and the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Workers' Compensation Self Insurance Fund, public entity risk pools currently operating as common risk management and insurance programs for member local governments. As part of these risk pools, the County is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the pools, to cooperate with the pool's agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by the funds, and to report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in the funds being required to pay any claim of loss. The County is also to allow the pool's agents and attorneys to represent the County in investigation, settlement discussions and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the County within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

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

Settled claims in the current year have not exceeded the coverages.

Claims and Judgments – Description

Significant losses experienced by the County are covered by commercial insurance for all risks except employee health care for which the County retains the risk of loss. For insured risks there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or through prior years.

Claims Liabilities

The County records an estimated liability for indemnity health care, torts and other claims against the County. Claim liabilities are based on estimates of the ultimate cost of reportable claims (including future claim adjustment expenses) and an estimate for claims incurred but not reported based on historical experience.

Unpaid Claim Liabilities

The fund establishes a liability for both reported and unreported events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claims adjustment expenses.

9. Risk-management - continued

The following represents the changes in approximate aggregate liabilities for the County from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008:

	HEALTH CARE
Liability balance December 31, 2005	$ 236,183
Claims and changes in estimates	3,716,959
Claims payments	(3,662,532)
Liability balance December 31, 2006	290,610
Claims and changes in estimates	4,344,320
Claims payments	(4,340,578)
Liability balance December 31, 2007	294,352
Claims and changes in estimates	4,079,553
Claims payments	(4,084,780)
Liability balance December 31, 2008	$ 289,125

10. Long-term debt

Intergovernmental Liability – In 1998, the County entered into a Utility Service Agreement with Dalton Utilities for the construction of water lines in the west side area of the county. In 2003, another agreement was entered into for the construction of water lines in the north side area. In 2007, the final phase of water lines was constructed. Dalton Utilities funded the costs of construction and Whitfield County guaranteed the payment of the interest on the outstanding debt for the projects. The payments on the first debt, beginning in 1999, are due quarterly over a twelve year period. The second agreement has payments beginning in 2003 for a nine year period, and the third agreement, beginning in 2007, has quarterly payments for ten years. The annual requirements to amortize the intergovernmental liability outstanding at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	942,487	171,447	1,113,934
2010	754,296	131,016	885,312
2011	583,364	97,924	681,288
2012	475,747	70,521	546,268
2013	395,438	47,495	442,933
2014-2017	680,840	48,300	729,140
	$ 3,832,172	$ 566,703	$ 4,398,875

10. Long-term debt - continued

Capitalized Lease Obligations

The County leases certain land and buildings under non-cancelable capital leases that expire over the next four years. Included are the following amounts applicable to capital leases:

	Enterprise Funds
Building	$ 5,605,000
Accumulated depreciation	(3,968,233)
Net leased property	$ 1,636,767

The present value of future minimum capital lease payments, as of December 31, 2008 is as follows:

Year Ending	Total Business-Type Activities
2009	515,811
2010	516,062
2011	512,200
Total minimum lease payments	1,544,073
Less amount representing interest	(128,062)
Present value of minimum capital lease payments	$ 1,416,011

10. Long-term debt - continued

Changes in long-term liabilities –

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Intergovernmental Liability	$ 4,953,840	$ -	$ (1,121,667)	$ 3,832,173	$ 942,487
Compensated Absences	685,085	1,259,034	(1,138,416)	805,703	478,126
Total Governmental Activities	$ 5,638,925	$ 1,259,034	$ (2,260,083)	$ 4,637,876	$ 1,420,613
Business–Type Activities:					
Capital Lease	$ 1,799,657	$ -	$ (383,646)	$ 1,416,011	$ 446,096
Total Business-Type Activities	$ 1,799,657	$ -	$ (383,646)	$ 1,416,011	$ 446,096

Intergovernmental liabilities are liquidated by funds set aside from the special purpose local option sales tax in the debt service fund. The compensated absences liability is generally liquidated by the general fund.

11. Interfund receivables/payables and transfers

Interfund balances at December 31, 2008, consisted of the following amounts and represent charges for services or reimbursable expenses. These remaining balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods or services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting period, and (3) payments between funds are made. The County expects to repay all interfund balances within one year.

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General	SPLOST – Capital Projects	$ 1,728,305
General	Non-major governmental funds	66,209
E-911	Non-major governmental funds	52,207
		$ 1,846,721

11. Interfund receivables/payables and transfers

	Transfers out:			
Transfers in:	General Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	Major Capital Projects	Total
General Fund	$ -	$ 549,813	$ 8,405,704	$ 8,955,517
Non-major Enterprise Funds	76,195	-	-	76,195
Non-major Governmental Funds	8,591,293	1,772,353	-	10,363,646
NW GA Trade & Convention Center	507,162	-	-	507,162
	$ 9,174,650	$ 2,322,166	$ 8,405,704	$ 19,902,520

Transfers are primarily used to move funds from the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds. Transfers to the capital projects fund are resources for future capital expenditures. The transfer from the major capital projects to the general fund was remaining resources from a prior SPLOST. Interfund receivables/payables are due to timing differences and are expected to be reimbursed during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.

12. Joint ventures

Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Management

The County and the City of Dalton share equally in operations of the Dalton-Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management which operates solid waste disposal sites within Whitfield County. All budgetary and financial records are maintained by the City of Dalton. Administration is accomplished through a five member board with each government appointing two members and the fifth member being elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of the four appointed. Current expenses are funded through user fees and, if necessary, equal transfers from both governments. The County's equity interest in this joint venture is shown within the proprietary fund. The County's share of the resulting income or loss from the joint venture is shown separately as charge for services on the Statement of Activities.

12. Joint ventures - continued

State and federal laws and regulations require the Dalton-Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management Authority to place a final cover on its landfill sites when they stop accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. Although closure and post-closure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the Authority reports a portion of the closure and post-closure care costs as a non-operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date.

The accrual for closure and post-closure cost is summarized by location as follows:

Landfill sites:	Westside	Old Dixie II, IV & V	Old Dixie VI Sites I & II	Old Dixie Site III	Balefill	Total
Estimated future costs:						
Closure	Completed	Completed	$ 3,200,000	$ 1,200,000	$ 1,800,000	$ 6,200,000
Post-closure	$ 950,000	$ 2,250,000	2,200,000	800,000	1,300,000	7,500,000
	950,000	2,250,000	5,400,000	2,000,000	3,100,000	13,700,000
Percentage of total landfill capacity used as of 12/31/08	100%	100%	100%	70.5%	40%	-
	950,000	2,250,000	5,400,000	1,410,000	1,240,000	11,250,000
Land acquisition	150,000	-	-	-	-	150,000
Accrual at 12/31/08	$ 1,100,000	$ 2,250,000	$ 5,400,000	$ 1,410,000	$ 1,240,000	$ 11,400,000

The Authority will record the remaining estimated cost of closure and post-closure care costs of $2,450,000 as the remaining capacity is filled. Estimated remaining landfill life is approximately 40 years. The above estimates are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and post-closure care in 2008. Actual costs when incurred may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in laws and regulations.

The Authority's landfill closure and post-closure requirements are being funded from user fees and interest earned from investments. If these revenues are inadequate or additional post-closure care requirements are determined, these costs may need to be covered by charges to future landfill users.

According to the latest inspection reports issued by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, dated July 2008, the Dalton-Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management Authority was in compliance for closure and post-closure care financial assurance requirement as of December 31, 2008.

12. **Joint ventures - continued**

Condensed audited financial statements for the DWRSWMA at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

Assets	
Current assets	$ 17,162,256
Capital assets-net	24,472,231
Total assets	$ 41,634,487
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current liabilities	$ 504,283
Non-current liabilities	11,852,643
Net assets	29,277,561
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 41,634,487
Statements of Revenues and Expenses	
Operating revenues	$ 5,703,783
Operating expenses	(4,095,206)
Depreciation	(1,374,658)
Operating income (loss)	233,919
Non-operating revenues (expenses)	182,035
Increase in net assets	$ 415,954

Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center Authority

The County participates with the City of Dalton in the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center Authority. All budgetary and financial records are maintained by the City of Dalton. The County and City of Dalton share equally in the operations of the NWGTCCA, which operates to promote tourism, conventions, special events, and trade shows. Current expenses are funded through user fees, and, if necessary, equal transfers from both governments.

In 1991, Whitfield County and the City of Dalton entered into a twenty-year lease for the Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center facilities from the City of Dalton Building Authority. Lease payments, which correspond with payment on the Building Authority's revenue bonds, are due on January 1, and July 1, of each year. The lease contains a bargain purchase option, which can be exercised at any time after the bonds are retired or in conjunction with the early retirement of the bonds.

In 2003, the contractual authority converted to a legislative authority containing a seven member board composed of two members appointed by the City, two members appointed by the County, and three members, appointed by the four City and County appointees, representing the lodging, restaurant, and tourism industries respectively.

Due to the 2003 legislative act mentioned above and the eventual retirement of the bonds as stated in the first paragraph, the assets will transfer to the Authority. It is on this basis that the County is amortizing its capital investment including land over the remaining life of the bonds. The County's ownership interests ends upon the retirement of the bond.

12. **Joint ventures - continued**

The City of Dalton and Whitfield County shall each be required to fund one half (1/2) of an agreed-upon annual appropriation as the local government contributions to the Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center Authority as well as the debt service of the current 2003 bonds used to refinance the 1993 construction bond.

Condensed audited financial statements for the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center Authority at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

Assets	
Current assets	$ 639,450
Capital assets-net	11,032,941
Total assets	$ 11,672,391
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current liabilities	$ 354,944
Non-current liabilities	51,660
Net assets	11,265,787
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 11,672,391
Statements of Revenues and Expenses	
Operating revenues	$ 1,127,234
Operating expenses	(2,029,739)
Depreciation	(446,448)
Operating income (loss)	(1,348,953)
Non-operating revenues (expenses)	(1,100)
Transfers in	782,200
Increase (decrease) in net assets	$ (567,853)

Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority

The County participates with the City of Dalton in the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority. All budgetary and financial records are maintained by the City of Dalton. The Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority issued separate audited financial statements.

The County and City of Dalton share equally in operations of the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority, which operates to promote economic development within the City of Dalton and Whitfield County. Current expenditures are funded through equal transfer from both governments. The County's share of the resulting income or loss from the joint venture is shown separately as charge for services on the Statement of Activities.

12. Joint ventures - continued

Condensed audited financial statements for the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

Assets		
Current assets	$	72,284
Capital assets-net		4,358
Total assets	$	76,642
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities	$	66,551
Net assets		10,091
Total liabilities and net assets	$	76,642
Statements of Revenues and Expenses		
Operating expenses	$	(327,973)
Operating grants		16,250
Operating income (loss)		(311,723)
Transfers in		315,000
Increase in net assets		3,277
Net assets - beginning		6,814
Net assets - ending	$	10,091

North Georgia Regional Development Center

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the five county north Georgia area, is a member of the North Georgia Regional Development Center (RDC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its year ended December 31, 2008, the County paid $55,803 in such dues. Membership in a RDC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the RDC in Georgia. The RDC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of a RDC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from: North Georgia Regional Development Center, 503 W. Waugh Street, Dalton, Georgia 30720.

13. Component Unit

The Whitfield County Department of Public Health is the only discretely presented component unit in the financial statements of Whitfield County, Georgia at December 31, 2008. The information shown on the component unit is extracted from the June 30, 2008 audited financial statements.

14. Commitments and contingencies

Legal Proceedings - The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. An accrual of $100,000, representing the County's liability insurance deductible, was recorded at December 31, 2008 in the general fund.

Self-insurance programs - The County is self-insured for employee health claims

Grant programs - Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the County expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Ambulance and Emergency Rescue Services – On March 10, 2003, the County entered into an agreement with Hamilton Emergency Medical Services, Inc. The County pays for ambulance and emergency rescue services and for replacement of one ambulance annually. The amount expended in 2008 and 2007 was $694,627 and $674,430, respectively. The annual consideration for 2008 includes increases for the Consumer Price Index.

Conduit debt - The Development Authority of Whitfield County issues Industrial Revenue Bonds to companies that locate in Whitfield County. At December 31, 2008, there were four outstanding bond issuances with an aggregate principal outstanding amount of $10.7 million. The bonds do not constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the faith and credit of the Development Authority or the County.

15. Hotel/Motel Tax

Whitfield County, Georgia levies a hotel/motel tax in accordance with the provisions of OCGA 48-13-51. The amount expended for 2008 was $197,200, which represents 100% of the tax receipts.

16. Prior Period Adjustment

At December 31, 2007, the County implemented GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions.* The County has implemented this statement prospectively, therefore, there is no change in beginning net assets/fund balances at December 31, 2007 (i.e. the net pension obligation is zero at the beginning of the transition year, 2008).

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
December 31, 2008

ACTUARIAL VALUATION DATE 12/31	(1) ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS	(2) ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY (AAL)	(3) FUNDED RATIO (1)/(2)	(4) UNFUNDED AAL(UAAL) (2) - (1)	(5) ANNUAL COVERED PAYROLL (PRIOR YEAR)	(6) UAAL AS A PERCENTAGE OF COVERED PAYROLL (4)/(5)
1999	10,617,292	10,867,252	97.7%	249,960	8,221,610	3.0%
2000	11,281,134	11,895,990	94.8%	614,856	8,935,703	6.9%
2001	11,336,553	12,931,578	87.7%	1,595,025	9,669,303	16.5%
2002	11,204,601	14,039,770	79.8%	2,835,169	10,672,061	26.6%
2003	13,251,187	16,729,824	79.2%	3,478,637	10,579,806	32.9%
2004	14,767,459	18,270,347	80.8%	3,502,888	11,068,393	31.7%
2005	19,322,674	20,405,471	94.7%	1,082,797	11,988,947	9.0%
2006	21,839,331	21,088,880	103.6%	(750,451)	11,449,066	-6.6%
2007	23,963,872	23,058,259	103.9%	(905,613)	12,731,373	-7.1%
2008	23,618,963	24,492,734	96.4%	873,771	13,883,788	6.3%

Analysis of the dollar amounts of actuarial value of assets available for benefits, actuarial accrued liability, and unfunded actuarial accrued liability in isolation can be misleading. Expressing the actuarial value of assets as a percentage of the actuarial accrued liability provides one indication of funded status on a going-concern basis. Analysis of this percentage over time indicates whether the system is becoming financially stronger or weaker. Generally, the greater this percentage, the stronger the Plan.

Trends in unfunded actuarial accrued liability and annual covered payroll are both affected by inflation. Expressing the unfunded actuarial accrued liability as a percentage of annual covered payroll approximately adjusts for the effects of inflation and aids analysis of the Plan's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Generally, the smaller this percentage, the stronger the Plan.

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

	Non-Major Capital Projects Funds	Non-Major Special Revenue Funds	Total Non-Major Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,855,447	$ 1,812,833	$ 4,668,280
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles) -			
Accounts	-	178,726	178,726
Due from other funds	-	52,207	52,207
Due from other governments	34,835	80,705	115,540
Prepaid items	-	54,193	54,193
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,890,282	$ 2,178,664	$ 5,068,946
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	$ 146,234	$ 45,784	$ 192,018
Accrued liabilities	-	35,174	35,174
Due to other funds	-	118,416	118,416
Due to other governments	-	72,157	72,157
Total liabilities	146,234	271,531	417,765
FUND BALANCES			
Unreserved	2,744,048	1,907,133	4,651,181
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$ 2,890,282	$ 2,178,664	$ 5,068,946

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Non-Major Capital Projects Fund	Non-Major Special Revenue Funds	Total Non-Major Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes	$ -	$ 197,200	$ 197,200
Intergovernmental revenues	-	166,150	166,150
Charges for services	-	1,617,453	1,617,453
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	-	404,750	404,750
Investment earnings	-	2,116	2,116
Miscellaneous	-	9,590	9,590
Total revenues	-	2,397,259	2,397,259
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	1,326,927	-	1,326,927
Judicial	-	433,990	433,990
Public Safety	828,850	1,894,431	2,723,281
Public Works	2,242,019	-	2,242,019
Culture and Recreation	750,071	52,250	802,321
Housing and Development	166,401	197,200	363,601
Total expenditures	5,314,268	2,577,871	7,892,139
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(5,314,268)	(180,612)	(5,494,880)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	8,490,800	1,872,844	10,363,644
Transfers out	(432,484)	(1,889,682)	(2,322,166)
Total other financing sources (uses)	8,058,316	(16,838)	8,041,478
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	2,744,048	(197,450)	2,546,598
FUND BALANCES - beginning of year	-	2,104,583	2,104,583
FUND BALANCES - end of year	$ 2,744,048	$ 1,907,133	$ 4,651,181

GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND
A MAJOR FUND

The General Fund accounts for all sources and uses of financial resources applicable to the general operations of county government which are not properly accounted for in another fund.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 4,588,756	$ 11,406,074
Investments	11,308,337	9,877,746
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles of $50,000) -		
Taxes	8,375,235	3,484,148
Accounts	276,934	305,013
Due from other funds	1,794,514	1,113,312
Due from other governments	2,812,352	3,894,667
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 29,156,128	$ 30,080,960
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ 1,898,354	$ 2,711,901
Accrued liabilities	874,443	676,521
Due to other governments	297,561	326,780
Deferred revenues-		
Uncollected property taxes	2,217,297	1,836,888
Alcoholic beverage licenses	35,100	63,100
Other	12,443	771,502
Total liabilities	5,335,198	6,386,692
FUND BALANCE		
Unreserved -		
Designated for prepayments	8,951	8,951
Undesignated	23,811,979	23,685,317
Total fund balance	23,820,930	23,694,268
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$ 29,156,128	$ 30,080,960

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008	2007
REVENUES		
Taxes	$ 34,834,460	$ 36,252,300
Licenses and permits	277,399	450,723
Intergovernmental revenues	523,988	800,870
Charges for services	3,581,443	2,673,605
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	1,322,264	1,372,756
Investment earnings	561,180	890,756
Contributions and donations	55,942	49,902
Miscellaneous	862,289	999,106
Total revenues	42,018,965	43,490,018
EXPENDITURES		
General government	7,333,090	6,953,314
Judicial	5,677,322	5,322,484
Public safety	17,593,953	16,549,900
Public works	6,838,214	7,452,979
Health and welfare	1,587,062	1,565,362
Culture and recreation	1,110,273	1,032,310
Housing and development	1,540,042	1,536,953
Total expenditures	41,679,956	40,413,302
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	339,009	3,076,716
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Sale of capital assets	6,786	41,461
Transfers in	8,955,517	126,142
Transfers out	(9,174,650)	(2,479,763)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(212,347)	(2,312,160)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other financing uses	126,662	764,556
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	23,694,268	22,929,712
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 23,820,930	$ 23,694,268

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

continued

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
REVENUES					
Taxes -					
Property taxes	$ 16,900,000	$ 16,900,000	$ 14,512,688	$ (2,387,312)	$ 14,968,759
Motor vehicle and mobile home taxes	-	-	1,446,182	1,446,182	1,358,462
Local option sales taxes	17,300,000	15,357,000	15,357,410	410	16,414,170
Transfer taxes	90,000	50,000	49,732	(268)	104,752
Franchise taxes	305,000	333,000	333,655	655	341,303
Alcoholic beverage taxes	420,000	433,000	433,056	56	424,475
Business license taxes	110,000	110,000	101,707	(8,293)	102,215
Insurance premium taxes	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,600,030	100,030	2,538,164
Total taxes	**37,625,000**	**35,683,000**	**34,834,460**	**(848,540)**	**36,252,300**
Licenses and permits -					
Alcoholic beverage licenses	65,000	65,000	68,100	3,100	84,800
Zoning and business licenses	6,100	6,100	6,869	769	4,554
Building and mobile home permits	275,000	209,000	201,870	(7,130)	349,333
Other	300	300	560	260	12,036
Total licenses and permits	**346,400**	**280,400**	**277,399**	**(3,001)**	**450,723**
Intergovernmental revenues -					
Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority	-	-	-	-	229,228
State of Georgia	-	-	-	-	6,575
United States Government	484,000	484,000	523,988	39,988	565,067
Total intergovernmental revenues	**484,000**	**484,000**	**523,988**	**39,988**	**800,870**
Charges for services -					
Clerk of Court	442,000	506,000	494,454	(11,546)	528,482
Probate Court	95,000	95,000	136,874	41,874	112,351
Magistrate Court	210,000	246,000	263,037	17,037	219,233
Sheriff's Department	95,000	89,000	73,214	(15,786)	73,297
State of Georgia	1,349,400	818,400	384,983	(433,417)	-
City of Dalton, Georgia	171,000	171,000	71,716	(99,284)	150,444
Other cities	16,000	16,000	18,218	2,218	21,315
Jail	450,000	450,000	496,628	46,628	516,923

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

continued

	2008				2007
REVENUES-continued	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
Charges for services - continued					
Tax Commissioner's Office	$ 1,020,000	$ 1,020,000	$ 1,535,805	$ 515,805	$ 943,104
Public Works	200,000	28,000	33,131	5,131	61,985
Board of Elections and Registrar	20,000	20,000	30,191	10,191	6,261
Animal Control	8,000	8,000	8,164	164	6,454
Other	39,000	27,000	35,028	8,028	33,756
Total charges for services	**4,115,400**	**3,494,400**	**3,581,443**	**87,043**	**2,673,605**
Fines, forfeitures and penalties -					
Clerk of Court	410,000	510,000	538,946	28,946	465,242
Probate Court	900,000	900,000	743,950	(156,050)	840,169
Magistrate Court	70,000	20,000	23,055	3,055	42,607
Juvenile Court	25,000	25,000	16,313	(8,687)	24,738
Total fines, forfeitures and penalties	**1,405,000**	**1,455,000**	**1,322,264**	**(132,736)**	**1,372,756**
Investment earnings -					
Interest	560,000	507,400	561,180	53,780	890,756
Contributions & Donations-Private Source -					
Friends of the Greenhouse	42,000	55,900	55,942	42	49,902
Miscellaneous -					
Whitfield County Board of Education	185,000	185,000	150,929	(34,071)	279,595
Murray County Board of Commissioners	285,000	285,000	272,675	(12,325)	262,367
State of Georgia	120,000	120,000	172,214	52,214	138,726
Other	246,500	219,870	266,471	46,601	318,418
Total miscellaneous	**836,500**	**809,870**	**862,289**	**52,419**	**999,106**
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 45,414,300**	**$ 42,769,970**	**$ 42,018,965**	**$ (751,005)**	**$ 43,490,018**

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

continued

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
EXPENDITURES					
General Government -					
Board of Elections -					
Personal services and employee benefits	$ 221,978	$ 221,692	$ 221,393	$ 299	$ 195,702
Purchased and contracted services	134,800	167,305	166,452	853	86,695
Supplies	5,150	4,550	3,793	757	5,060
Total Board of Elections	361,928	393,547	391,638	1,909	287,457
Board of Commissioners -					
Personal services and employee benefits	848,533	879,713	878,235	1,478	703,689
Purchased and contracted services	187,900	230,835	230,728	107	129,611
Supplies	33,000	60,270	59,833	437	34,588
Capital outlays	-	-	-	-	19,583
Total Board of Commissioners	1,069,433	1,170,818	1,168,796	2,022	887,471
Information Technology -					
Personal services and employee benefits	493,381	544,128	544,036	92	437,745
Purchased and contracted services	433,146	521,746	519,100	2,646	488,983
Supplies	27,000	54,400	54,173	227	141,220
Capital outlays	22,600	59,515	59,337	178	274,982
Total Information Technology	976,127	1,179,789	1,176,646	3,143	1,342,930
Tax Commissioner -					
Personal services and employee benefits	1,048,006	1,015,607	1,014,733	874	946,094
Purchased and contracted services	163,685	120,185	117,662	2,523	113,966
Supplies	25,540	25,690	25,102	588	21,535
Capital outlays	-	3,000	2,977	23	4,379
Total Tax Commissioner	1,237,231	1,164,482	1,160,474	4,008	1,085,974
Tax Assessor -					
Personal services and employee benefits	1,109,158	1,082,008	1,080,884	1,124	927,848
Purchased and contracted services	130,554	134,104	132,777	1,327	123,544
Supplies	26,896	31,046	30,067	979	16,523
Total Tax Assessor	1,266,608	1,247,158	1,243,728	3,430	1,067,915

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

continued

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
EXPENDITURES - continued					
General Government - continued					
Buildings and Grounds -					
Personal services and employee benefits	$ 784,180	$ 782,600	$ 781,719	$ 881	$ 702,045
Purchased and contracted services	137,100	130,300	126,382	3,918	120,544
Supplies	501,200	547,900	546,918	982	533,493
Capital outlays	-	23,050	23,032	18	97,538
Total Buildings and Grounds	1,422,480	1,483,850	1,478,051	5,799	1,453,620
Non-departmental -					
Contingency	2,276,204	-	-	-	-
Attorney Fees	185,000	151,000	150,247	753	157,758
Liability Insurance	490,000	321,000	320,917	83	479,838
Claims and Judgments	10,000	45,000	45,000	-	150
Audit Fees	115,000	106,000	105,598	402	106,014
Public Information	29,357	28,062	27,241	821	21,258
General Administrative Fees	64,451	64,756	64,754	2	62,929
Total Non-departmental	3,170,012	715,818	713,757	2,061	827,947
Total General Government	**9,503,819**	**7,355,462**	**7,333,090**	**22,372**	**6,953,314**
Judicial -					
Judicial Administration -					
Personal services and employee benefits	309,415	306,760	306,676	84	288,847
Purchased and contracted services	301,223	205,273	201,953	3,320	221,982
Supplies	13,675	9,675	9,007	668	11,031
Total Judicial Administration	624,313	521,708	517,636	4,072	521,860
Judge Morris' Office -					
Personal services and employee benefits	21,321	19,377	19,377	-	19,377
Purchased and contracted services	26,150	23,850	23,530	320	19,897
Supplies	4,500	3,400	2,888	512	4,512
Total Judge Morris' Office	51,971	46,627	45,795	832	43,786

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
EXPENDITURES - continued					
Judicial - continued					
Judge Boyett's Office -					
Personal services and employee benefits	$ 21,321	$ 20,221	$ 20,205	$ 16	$ 20,205
Purchased and contracted services	26,050	26,200	26,023	177	25,374
Supplies	4,100	2,850	2,729	121	2,502
Total Judge Boyett's Office	51,471	49,271	48,957	314	48,081
Judge Adams' Office -					
Personal services and employee benefits	21,321	21,321	21,321	-	21,321
Purchased and contracted services	26,100	24,400	24,330	70	22,041
Supplies	4,900	3,800	3,510	290	5,135
Total Judge Adams' Office	52,321	49,521	49,161	360	48,497
Judge Partain's Office -					
Personal services and employee benefits	21,321	21,321	21,321	-	21,321
Purchased and contracted services	29,000	31,450	31,116	334	26,476
Supplies	4,300	2,900	2,618	282	3,520
Total Judge Partain's Office	54,621	55,671	55,055	616	51,317
Clerk of Superior Court -					
Personal services and employee benefits	733,594	698,514	698,057	457	664,440
Purchased and contracted services	103,000	102,070	100,369	1,701	111,929
Supplies	52,500	45,800	45,184	616	41,166
Total Clerk of Superior Court	889,094	846,384	843,610	2,774	817,535
District Attorney -					
Purchased and contracted services	1,076,350	1,075,840	1,075,106	734	969,583
Supplies	44,211	44,721	43,477	1,244	41,976
Capital outlays	-	-	-	-	3,070
Total District Attorney	1,120,561	1,120,561	1,118,583	1,978	1,014,629

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
EXPENDITURES - continued					
Judicial - continued					
Magistrate Court -					
Personal services and employee benefits	$ 805,015	$ 796,475	$ 796,172	$ 303	$ 753,093
Purchased and contracted services	82,197	94,494	93,307	1,187	82,701
Supplies	30,000	23,233	22,237	996	23,598
Total Magistrate Court	917,212	914,202	911,716	2,486	859,392
Probate Court -					
Personal services and employee benefits	444,436	430,502	430,314	188	404,108
Purchased and contracted services	34,350	37,590	36,665	925	32,427
Supplies	21,500	12,785	12,608	177	10,294
Capital outlays	-	14,309	14,129	180	1,072
Total Probate Court	500,286	495,186	493,716	1,470	447,901
Juvenile Court -					
Personal services and employee benefits	753,065	750,675	749,987	688	677,560
Purchased and contracted services	220,838	210,693	209,966	727	192,581
Supplies	22,285	16,785	16,271	514	15,337
Capital outlays	-	1,700	1,618	82	-
Total Juvenile Court	996,188	979,853	977,842	2,011	885,478
Public Defender -					
Purchased and contracted services	625,460	598,460	597,529	931	563,423
Supplies	23,380	18,230	17,722	508	20,585
Total Public Defender	648,840	616,690	615,251	1,439	584,008
Total Judicial	**5,906,878**	**5,695,674**	**5,677,322**	**18,352**	**5,322,484**
Public Safety -					
Sheriff's Department -					
Personal services and employee benefits	5,664,011	5,677,060	5,675,571	1,489	5,323,037
Purchased and contracted services	334,300	317,076	316,607	469	303,450
Supplies	584,100	656,524	655,015	1,509	658,931
Capital outlays	-	231,925	231,922	3	10,579
Total Sheriff's Department	6,582,411	6,882,585	6,879,115	3,470	6,295,997

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
EXPENDITURES - continued					
Public Safety - continued					
Correctional Center -					
Personal services and employee benefits	$ 3,767,686	$ 3,620,596	$ 3,619,752	$ 844	$ 3,480,393
Purchased and contracted services	1,302,200	1,079,800	1,077,043	2,757	1,116,886
Supplies	446,000	472,760	471,818	942	441,248
Capital outlays	-	-	-	-	11,884
Total Correctional Center	5,515,886	5,173,156	5,168,613	4,543	5,050,411
Fire Department -					
Personal services and employee benefits	3,688,971	3,866,253	3,864,875	1,378	3,392,526
Purchased and contracted services	261,069	202,499	202,032	467	202,544
Supplies	339,239	349,989	349,037	952	332,417
Capital outlays	-	1,500	1,485	15	269,124
Total Fire Department	4,289,279	4,420,241	4,417,429	2,812	4,196,611
Coroner -					
Personal services and employee benefits	44,842	45,367	45,274	93	47,137
Purchased and contracted services	134,500	75,200	71,224	3,976	75,326
Supplies	9,000	4,000	3,753	247	1,694
Total Coroner	188,342	124,567	120,251	4,316	124,157
Animal Control -					
Personal services and employee benefits	144,598	138,449	138,272	177	132,888
Purchased and contracted services	15,810	11,700	11,351	349	9,891
Supplies	41,200	28,750	28,260	490	25,912
Total Animal Control	201,608	178,899	177,883	1,016	168,691
Emergency Management -					
Personal services and employee benefits	70,893	101,138	100,447	691	-
Purchased and contracted services	9,500	13,477	13,365	112	9,389
Supplies	4,500	15,833	15,694	139	13,232
Capital outlays	-	5,530	5,529	1	5,758
Other costs	-	-	-	-	11,224
Total Emergency Management	84,893	135,978	135,035	943	39,603
American Red Cross	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-
Emergency Medical Services	694,627	694,627	694,627	-	674,430
Total Public Safety	17,558,046	17,611,053	17,593,953	17,100	16,549,900

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
EXPENDITURES - continued					
Public Works -					
Public Works -					
Personal services and employee benefits	$ 4,323,552	$ 4,085,932	$ 4,078,526	$ 7,406	$ 3,995,507
Purchased and contracted services	929,700	673,455	669,893	3,562	810,645
Supplies	1,857,100	1,490,870	1,488,398	2,472	1,775,935
Capital outlays	-	12,400	12,377	23	264,303
Total Public Works	7,110,352	6,262,657	6,249,194	13,463	6,846,390
Solid Waste Disposal	425,000	411,100	411,020	80	428,589
Intergovernmental Payments	178,000	178,000	178,000	-	178,000
Total Public Works	**7,713,352**	**6,851,757**	**6,838,214**	**13,543**	**7,452,979**
Health and Welfare -					
Physical and Mental Health	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	-	1,200,000
Family Support Council	5,400	5,400	5,400	-	5,400
Family and Children Services	148,678	148,678	148,678	-	148,678
Department of Veterans Services	1,000	1,000	984	16	984
Pauper fund	65,000	82,000	82,000	-	60,300
Senior Citizens Center	150,000	150,000	150,000	-	150,000
Total Health and Welfare	**1,570,078**	**1,587,078**	**1,587,062**	**16**	**1,565,362**
Culture and Recreation -					
Recreation Department -					
Personal services and employee benefits	408,629	428,524	428,067	457	360,641
Purchased and contracted services	190,229	184,904	184,490	414	185,706
Supplies	284,775	274,570	271,716	2,854	259,963
			-		-
Total Recreation Department	883,633	887,998	884,273	3,725	806,310
Dalton Regional Library	226,000	226,000	226,000	-	226,000
Total Culture and Recreation	**1,109,633**	**1,113,998**	**1,110,273**	**3,725**	**1,032,310**

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
EXPENDITURES - continued					
Housing and Development -					
County Extension Service -					
Personal services and employee benefits	$ 94,334	$ 95,539	$ 95,532	$ 7	$ 80,491
Purchased and contracted services	15,800	17,152	16,978	174	9,798
Supplies	11,300	8,801	8,706	95	4,535
Capital outlays	-	10,013	10,013	-	-
Total County Extension Service	121,434	131,505	131,229	276	94,824
Building Zoning and Development -					
Personal services and employee benefits	464,546	467,555	466,790	765	439,553
Purchased and contracted services	49,550	80,610	80,192	418	84,744
Supplies	43,400	27,090	26,876	214	36,010
Capital outlays	-	-	-	-	95,201
Total Building Zoning and Development	557,496	575,255	573,858	1,397	655,508
County Planner -					
Personal services and employee benefits	73,296	36,246	35,516	730	-
Purchased and contracted services	3,500	6,300	5,574	726	-
Supplies	2,500	2,250	2,018	232	-
Total County Planner	79,296	44,796	43,108	1,688	-
County Engineer -					
Personal services and employee benefits	100,025	130,111	129,830	281	78,210
Purchased and contracted services	13,450	9,570	8,859	711	81,190
Supplies	11,510	14,260	14,155	105	1,162
Capital outlays	20,000	9,330	9,286	44	19,980
Total County Engineer	144,985	163,271	162,130	1,141	180,542
Non-departmental -					
Timber Protection	3,600	3,107	3,107	-	3,345
D/W Chamber of Commerce	157,250	157,250	157,250	-	142,500
D/W Community Development Corp.	112,250	92,250	92,250	-	90,734
Intergovernmental Payments	377,110	377,110	377,110	-	369,500
Total non-departmental	650,210	629,717	629,717	-	606,079
Total Housing and Development	**1,553,421**	**1,544,544**	**1,540,042**	**4,502**	**1,536,953**
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**44,915,227**	**41,759,566**	**41,679,956**	**79,610**	**40,413,302**
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	**$ 499,073**	**$ 1,010,404**	**$ 339,009**	**$ (671,395)**	**$ 3,076,716**

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

These operating funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than fiduciary funds or for major capital projects) that are legally restricted as to use by the Federal or State Government and special purpose funds established by the County Board of Commissioners.

Governmental Law Library Fund - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with maintaining a law library for attorneys practicing in state and county courts.

District Attorney Forfeiture Fund - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with seized property through court ordered forfeitures for the purpose of enhancing law enforcement.

Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with seized property through court ordered forfeitures for the purpose of enhancing law enforcement.

911 Wireless – accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with providing emergency services to wireless subscribers in Whitfield County.

911 Emergency System – accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with providing emergency services to telephone subscribers in Whitfield County.

Tunnel Hill Transportation Enhancement Grant – accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with the construction of sidewalks and multi-use trails in and near the park in Tunnel Hill to link residential neighborhood and main highway to the park. This project will be complimented by picnic tables, kiosks, trash receptacles, and other amenities.

Conasauga A.D.R. Program - accounts for revenues and expenditures used to resolve cases before they reach the main court system by arbitration or mediation.

Divorce Seminar Fund - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with the mandated course for anyone seeking divorce who has children.

Juvenile Service Fund - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with juvenile court ordered supervision fees.

Local Victim Assistance Program - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with a program to assist victims of crimes or abuse.

Drug Abuse Treatment and Education - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with drug abuse treatment and education programs relating to controlled substances and marijuana.

Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist a special population of seven homeowners with the reconstruction of their homes.

Scenic By-Way Grant – accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with the construction of three trailheads; two in Whitfield County and one in Murray County. The trailheads are funded by a grant via the Federal Highway Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

American Battlefield Protection Grant – accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with the creation of a Master Plan under the auspice of Georgia Gibraltar that will include the Rocky Face Battlefield and the proposed Tunnel Hill Battlefield and Headquarters District.

Voter Education Grant – accounts for revenues and expenditures for voter educational purposes.

Crime Victim Assistance Grant - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with providing approved services directly to victims of child abuse, spousal abuse, sexual assault or previously underserved victims of violent crimes.

Juvenile Court Tutorial Program - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with grant funds through Children and Youth Coordinating Council (CYCC) to provide prevention programs for high-risk youth and treatment programs for juvenile offenders. This program will reduce factors that lead our youth to make poor decisions and will provide them with positive role models.

Mental Health Screening and Evaluation Services – accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with grant funds through Children and Youth Coordinating Council (CYCC) to support youth prevention programs in Georgia. The grant will reduce teen pregnancy through abstinence education, prevention programs for high-risk youth and treatment programs for juvenile offenders.

Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails – accounts for revenues from other governments and expenditures associated with the State of Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails project.

Conasauga Drug Court – accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with the salary for the Seventh District Drug Court Coordinator and grant funds through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The grant funds are used to provide treatment to participants of the drug court.

Local Assistance Grant (Prater's Mill) – accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with operations of the Prater's Mill historic site, and with developing a master plan for the development of heritage interpretation of Prater's Mill.

Hotel/Motel Tax Fund - accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with the county's hotel/motel room tax.

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	Governmental Law Library Fund	District Attorney Forfeiture Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 42,685	$ 18,742
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles) -		
Accounts	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-
Due from other governments	-	836
Prepaid items	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 42,685	$ 19,578
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ -	$ -
Accrued liabilities	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-
Due to other governments	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-
FUND BALANCES		
Unreserved	42,685	19,578
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 42,685	$ 19,578

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	Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund	911 Wireless	911 Emergency System	Tunnel Hill Transportation Enhancement Grant
	$ 142,054	$ -	$ 921,312	$ 3,164
	-	63,015	101,297	-
	-	-	52,207	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	54,193	-
	$ 142,054	$ 63,015	$ 1,129,009	$ 3,164
	$ 3,975	$ 10,808	$ 13,157	$ 3,164
	-	-	33,600	-
	-	52,207	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	3,975	63,015	46,757	3,164
	138,079	-	1,082,252	-
	$ 142,054	$ 63,015	$ 1,129,009	$ 3,164

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	Conasauga A.D.R. Program	Divorce Seminar Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 143,145	$ 10,607
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles) -		
Accounts	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-
Due from other governments	3,101	-
Prepaid items	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 146,246	$ 10,607
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ -	$ -
Accrued liabilities	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-
Due to other governments	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-
FUND BALANCES		
Unreserved	146,246	10,607
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 146,246	$ 10,607

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Juvenile Service Fund	Local Victim Assistance Program	Drug Abuse Treatment and Education	Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP)
$ 17,493	$ 4,963	$ 406,615	$ 7
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	6,089	344	-
-	-	-	-
$ 17,493	$ 11,052	$ 406,959	$ 7
$ -	$ 6,761	$ 4,269	$ -
-	-	-	-
-	4,291	-	7
-	-	-	-
-	11,052	4,269	7
17,493	-	402,690	-
$ 17,493	$ 11,052	$ 406,959	$ 7

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	Scenic By-Way Grant	American Battlefield Protection Grant
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 4,136	$ -
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles) -		
Accounts	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-
Due from other governments	4,774	26,066
Prepaid items	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 8,910	$ 26,066
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 2,000
Accrued liabilities	-	-
Due to other funds	-	24,066
Due to other governments	-	-
Total liabilities	-	26,066
FUND BALANCES		
Unreserved	8,910	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 8,910	$ 26,066

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Voter Education Grant	Crime Victim Assistance Grant	Juvenile Court Tutorial Program	Mental Health Screening and Evaluation Services
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	12,733	11,443	10,219
-	-	-	-
$ -	$ 12,733	$ 11,443	$ 10,219
$ -	$ -	$ 1,650	$ -
-	-	-	-
-	12,733	9,793	10,219
-	-	-	-
-	12,733	11,443	10,219
-	-	-	-
$ -	$ 12,733	$ 11,443	$ 10,219

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	Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails	Conasauga Drug Court
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 38,593	$ 45,653
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles) -		
Accounts	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-
Due from other governments	-	-
Prepaid items	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 38,593	$ 45,653
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ -	$ -
Accrued liabilities	-	1,574
Due to other funds	-	-
Due to other governments	-	44,079
Total liabilities	-	45,653
FUND BALANCES		
Unreserved	38,593	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 38,593	$ 45,653

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Local Assistance Grant Prater's Mill	Hotel/ Motel Tax Fund	Totals 2008	Totals 2007
$ -	$ 13,664	$ 1,812,833	$ 2,370,668
-	14,414	178,726	167,170
-	-	52,207	-
5,100	-	80,705	325,829
-	-	54,193	-
$ 5,100	$ 28,078	$ 2,178,664	$ 2,863,667
$ -	$ -	$ 45,784	$ 598,213
-	-	35,174	27,527
5,100	-	118,416	60,182
-	28,078	72,157	73,162
5,100	28,078	271,531	759,084
-	-	1,907,133	2,104,583
$ 5,100	$ 28,078	$ 2,178,664	$ 2,863,667

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	Governmental Law Library Fund	District Attorney Forfeiture Fund
REVENUES		
Taxes	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental revenues	-	-
Charges for services	-	-
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	41,566	13,235
Investment earnings	894	-
Miscellaneous	-	-
Total revenues	42,460	13,235
EXPENDITURES		
General government	-	-
Judicial	47,177	5,191
Public safety	-	-
Public works	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-
Housing and development	-	-
Total expenditures	47,177	5,191
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(4,717)	8,044
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers in	-	-
Transfers out	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(4,717)	8,044
FUND BALANCES - beginning of year	47,402	11,534
FUND BALANCES - end of year	$ 42,685	$ 19,578

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Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund	911 Wireless	911 Emergency System	Tunnel Hill Transportation Enhancement Grant
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
-	-	-	-
-	464,705	1,031,928	-
163,469	-	-	-
375	-	-	-
-	-	46	-
163,844	464,705	1,031,974	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
129,264	43,428	1,721,739	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	20,629
-	-	-	-
129,264	43,428	1,721,739	20,629
34,580	421,277	(689,765)	(20,629)
-	-	1,772,017	20,629
-	(1,772,017)	-	-
-	(1,772,017)	1,772,017	20,629
34,580	(1,350,740)	1,082,252	-
103,499	1,350,740	-	-
$ 138,079	$ -	$ 1,082,252	$ -

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	Conasauga A.D.R. Program	Divorce Seminar Fund
REVENUES		
Taxes	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental revenues	-	-
Charges for services	95,459	11,822
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	-	-
Investment earnings	832	-
Miscellaneous	2,044	-
Total revenues	98,335	11,822
EXPENDITURES		
General government	-	-
Judicial	90,472	18,034
Public safety	-	-
Public works	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-
Housing and development	-	-
Total expenditures	90,472	18,034
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	7,863	(6,212)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers in	-	-
Transfers out	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	7,863	(6,212)
FUND BALANCES - beginning of year	138,383	16,819
FUND BALANCES - end of year	$ 146,246	$ 10,607

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Juvenile Service Fund	Local Victim Assistance Program	Drug Abuse Treatment and Education	Scenic By-Way Grant
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
-	-	-	792
13,539	-	-	-
-	119,621	66,859	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
13,539	119,621	66,859	792
-	-	-	-
18,325	35,886	15,081	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	5,771
-	-	-	-
18,325	35,886	15,081	5,771
(4,786)	83,735	51,778	(4,979)
-	-	-	4,979
(335)	(83,735)	-	-
(335)	(83,735)	-	4,979
(5,121)	-	51,778	-
22,614	-	350,912	8,910
$ 17,493	$ -	$ 402,690	$ 8,910

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	American Battlefield Protection Grant	Voter Education Grant
REVENUES		
Taxes	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental revenues	2,000	-
Charges for services	-	-
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	-	-
Investment earnings	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-
Total revenues	2,000	-
EXPENDITURES		
General government	-	-
Judicial	-	-
Public safety	-	-
Public works	-	-
Culture and recreation	2,000	-
Housing and development	-	-
Total expenditures	2,000	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers in	-	-
Transfers out	-	(3,942)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	(3,942)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	-	(3,942)
FUND BALANCES - beginning of year	-	3,942
FUND BALANCES - end of year	$ -	$ -

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Crime Victim Assistance Grant	Juvenile Court Tutorial Program	Mental Health Screening and Evaluation Services	Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
65,653	31,121	41,256	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	15
-	-	-	7,500
65,653	31,121	41,256	7,515
-	-	-	-
36,000	31,456	46,345	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
36,000	31,456	46,345	-
29,653	(335)	(5,089)	7,515
-	335	5,089	-
(29,653)	-	-	-
(29,653)	335	5,089	-
-	-	-	7,515
-	-	-	31,078
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 38,593

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	Conasauga Drug Court	Local Assistance Grant Prater's Mill
REVENUES		
Taxes	$ -	$ -
Intergovernmental revenues	20,228	5,100
Charges for services	-	-
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	-	-
Investment earnings	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-
Total revenues	20,228	5,100
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	-	-
Judicial	90,023	-
Public Safety	-	-
Public Works	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	23,850
Housing and Development	-	-
Total expenditures	90,023	23,850
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(69,795)	(18,750)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers in	69,795	-
Transfers out	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	69,795	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	-	(18,750)
FUND BALANCES - beginning of year	-	18,750
FUND BALANCES - end of year	$ -	$ -

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Hotel/ Motel Tax Fund	Totals 2008	Totals 2007
$ 197,200	$ 197,200	$ 206,475
-	166,150	1,590,678
-	1,617,453	1,573,425
-	404,750	495,275
-	2,116	2,418
-	9,590	4,853
197,200	2,397,259	3,873,124
-	-	-
-	433,990	386,704
-	1,894,431	2,477,676
-	-	2,054,749
-	52,250	76,371
197,200	197,200	216,645
197,200	2,577,871	5,212,145
-	(180,612)	(1,339,021)
-	1,872,844	1,938,222
-	(1,889,682)	(126,142)
-	(16,838)	1,812,080
-	(197,450)	473,059
-	2,104,583	1,631,524
$ -	$ 1,907,133	$ 2,104,583

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
GOVERNMENTAL					
LAW LIBRARY FUND					
REVENUES					
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	$ 42,020	$ 42,020	$ 41,566	$ (454)	$ 48,235
Investment earnings	240	240	894	654	736
Total revenues	42,260	42,260	42,460	200	48,971
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	42,260	51,560	47,177	4,383	43,835
Total expenditures	42,260	51,560	47,177	4,383	43,835
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(9,300)	(4,717)	4,583	5,136
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	47,402	47,402	47,402	-	42,266
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 47,402	$ 38,102	$ 42,685	$ 4,583	$ 47,402

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND					
REVENUES					
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	$ 10,000	$ 13,235	$ 13,235	$ -	$ 12,618
Investment earnings	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	10,000	13,235	13,235	-	12,618
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	10,000	6,000	5,191	809	3,027
Total expenditures	10,000	6,000	5,191	809	3,027
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	7,235	8,044	809	9,591
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	11,534	11,534	11,534	-	1,943
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 11,534	$ 18,769	$ 19,578	$ 809	$ 11,534

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
SHERIFF'S FORFEITURE FUND					
REVENUES					
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	$ 150,000	$ 163,000	$ 163,469	$ 469	$ 241,712
Investment earnings	-	375	375	-	543
Total revenues	150,000	163,375	163,844	469	242,255
EXPENDITURES					
Public safety	150,000	131,000	129,264	1,736	228,362
Total expenditures	150,000	131,000	129,264	1,736	228,362
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	32,375	34,580	2,205	13,893
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	103,499	103,499	103,499	-	89,606
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 103,499	$ 135,874	$ 138,079	$ 2,205	$ 103,499

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
911 WIRELESS					
REVENUES					
Charges for services	$ 391,015	$ 464,615	$ 464,705	$ 90	$ 428,152
Total revenues	391,015	464,615	464,705	90	428,152
EXPENDITURES					
Public safety	104,425	44,025	43,428	597	26,666
Total expenditures	104,425	44,025	43,428	597	26,666
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	286,590	420,590	421,277	687	401,486
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers out	-	(1,772,017)	(1,772,017)	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	286,590	(1,351,427)	(1,350,740)	687	401,486
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	1,350,740	1,350,740	1,350,740	-	949,254
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 1,637,330	$ (687)	$ -	$ 687	$ 1,350,740

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
911 EMERGENCY SYSTEM					
REVENUES					
Charges for services	$ 1,005,000	$ 1,032,153	$ 1,031,928	$ (225)	$ 1,018,534
Miscellaneous	-	-	46	46	237
Total revenues	1,005,000	1,032,153	1,031,974	(179)	1,018,771
EXPENDITURES					
Public safety	1,973,440	1,722,153	1,721,739	414	2,222,648
Total expenditures	1,973,440	1,722,153	1,721,739	414	2,222,648
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(968,440)	(690,000)	(689,765)	235	(1,203,877)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	968,440	1,772,017	1,772,017	-	1,203,877
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	-	1,082,017	1,082,252	235	-
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ -	$ 1,082,017	$ 1,082,252	$ 235	$ -

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
TUNNEL HILL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT					
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total revenues	-	-	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES					
Culture and recreation	-	21,000	20,629	371	-
Total expenditures	-	21,000	20,629	371	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(21,000)	(20,629)	371	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	21,000	20,629	(371)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	$ -	$ -	-	$ -	-
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year			-		-
FUND BALANCE - end of year			$ -		$ -

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
CONASAUGA A.D.R. PROGRAM					
REVENUES					
Charges for services	$ 80,950	$ 95,220	$ 95,459	$ 239	$ 99,624
Investment earnings	1,000	1,000	832	(168)	1,115
Miscellaneous	-	2,000	2,044	44	600
Total revenues	81,950	98,220	98,335	115	101,339
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	81,950	91,300	90,472	828	75,715
Total expenditures	81,950	91,300	90,472	828	75,715
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	6,920	7,863	943	25,627
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	138,383	138,383	138,383	-	112,756
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 138,383	$ 145,303	$ 146,246	$ 943	$ 138,383

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
DIVORCE SEMINAR FUND					
REVENUES					
Charges for services	$ 15,000	$ 12,000	$ 11,822	$ (178)	$ 11,670
Total revenues	15,000	12,000	11,822	(178)	11,670
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	19,000	18,250	18,034	216	17,664
Total expenditures	19,000	18,250	18,034	216	17,664
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(4,000)	(6,250)	(6,212)	38	(5,994)
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	16,819	16,819	16,819	-	22,813
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 12,819	$ 10,569	$ 10,607	$ 38	$ 16,819

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
JUVENILE SERVICE FUND					
REVENUES					
Charges for services	$ 17,000	$ 12,800	$ 13,539	$ 739	$ 15,445
Total revenues	17,000	12,800	13,539	739	15,445
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	20,000	18,445	18,325	120	31,660
Total expenditures	20,000	18,445	18,325	120	31,660
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(3,000)	(5,645)	(4,786)	859	(16,215)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers out	-	(336)	(335)	1	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(3,000)	(5,981)	(5,121)	860	(16,215)
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	22,614	22,614	22,614	-	38,829
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 19,614	$ 16,969	$ 17,493	$ 860	$ 22,614

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
LOCAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM					
REVENUES					
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	$ 128,575	$ 120,475	$ 119,621	$ (854)	$ 127,171
Total revenues	128,575	120,475	119,621	(854)	127,171
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	38,575	35,975	35,886	89	38,151
Total expenditures	38,575	35,975	35,886	89	38,151
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	90,000	84,500	83,735	(765)	89,020
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers out	(92,400)	(92,400)	(83,735)	8,665	(89,020)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	$ (2,400)	$ (7,900)	-	$ 7,900	-
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year			-		-
FUND BALANCE - end of year			$ -		$ -

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND EDUCATION					
REVENUES					
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	$ 45,000	$ 66,800	$ 66,859	$ 59	$ 60,989
Total revenues	45,000	66,800	66,859	59	60,989
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	45,000	15,500	15,081	419	-
Total expenditures	45,000	15,500	15,081	419	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	51,300	51,778	478	60,989
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	350,912	350,912	350,912	-	289,923
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 350,912	$ 402,212	$ 402,690	$ 478	$ 350,912

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
SCENIC BY-WAY GRANT					
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 325,550	$ -	$ 792	$ 792	$ -
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	-	-	1,516
Total revenues	325,550	-	792	792	1,516
EXPENDITURES					
Culture and recreation	325,550	5,771	5,771	-	11,947
Total expenditures	325,550	5,771	5,771	-	11,947
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(5,771)	(4,979)	792	(10,431)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	5,771	4,979	(792)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	-	-	-	-	(10,431)
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	8,910	8,910	8,910	-	19,341
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 8,910	$ 8,910	$ 8,910	$ 792	$ 8,910

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION GRANT					
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	$ -	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	$ 7,127
Total revenues	-	2,000	2,000	-	7,127
EXPENDITURES					
Culture and recreation	-	2,000	2,000	-	7,127
Total expenditures	-	2,000	2,000	-	7,127
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	$ -	$ -	-	$ -	-
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year			-		-
FUND BALANCE - end of year			$ -		$ -

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
VOTER EDUCATION GRANT					
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total revenues	-	-	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES					
General government	3,500	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	3,500	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(3,500)	-	-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers out	-	(3,942)	(3,942)		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(3,500)	(3,942)	(3,942)		
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	3,942	3,942	3,942	-	3,942
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 442	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,942

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT					
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 71,600	$ 65,700	$ 65,653	$ (47)	$ 69,983
Total revenues	71,600	65,700	65,653	(47)	69,983
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	36,000	36,000	36,000	-	36,000
Total expenditures	36,000	36,000	36,000	-	36,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	35,600	29,700	29,653	(47)	33,983
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(35,600)	(29,700)	(29,653)	47	(33,983)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	$ -	$ -	-	$ -	-
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year			-		-
FUND BALANCE - end of year			$ -		$ -

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	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
JUVENILE COURT TUTORIAL PROGRAM					
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 31,098	$ 31,098	$ 31,121	$ 23	$ -
Total revenues	31,098	31,098	31,121	23	-
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	31,098	31,434	31,456	(22)	-
Total expenditures	31,098	31,434	31,456	(22)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(336)	(335)	1	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	336	335	(1)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	$ -	$ -	-	$ -	-
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year			-		-
FUND BALANCE - end of year			$ -		$ -

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING AND EVALUATION SERVICES					
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 45,000	$ 41,500	$ 41,256	$ (244)	$ 46,444
Total revenues	45,000	41,500	41,256	(244)	46,444
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	50,000	46,600	46,345	255	51,497
Total expenditures	50,000	46,600	46,345	255	51,497
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(5,000)	(5,100)	(5,089)	11	(5,053)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	5,000	5,100	5,089	(11)	5,053
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	$ -	$ -	-	$ -	-
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year			-		-
FUND BALANCE - end of year			$ -		$ -

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
GEORGIA CIVIL WAR HERITAGE TRAILS					
REVENUES					
Investment earnings	$ -	$ -	$ 15	$ 15	$ 24
Miscellaneous revenue	-	7,500	7,500	-	2,500
Total revenues	-	7,500	7,515	15	2,524
EXPENDITURES					
Culture and recreation	25,000	-	-	-	32,297
Total expenditures	25,000	-	-	-	32,297
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(25,000)	7,500	7,515	15	(29,773)
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	31,078	31,078	31,078	-	60,851
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 6,078	$ 38,578	$ 38,593	$ 15	$ 31,078

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
CONASAUGA DRUG COURT					
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 20,228	$ 20,228	$ 20,228	$ -	$ 11,761
Total revenues	20,228	20,228	20,228	-	11,761
EXPENDITURES					
Judicial	90,260	90,260	90,023	237	74,527
Total expenditures	90,260	90,260	90,023	237	74,527
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(70,032)	(70,032)	(69,795)	237	(62,766)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	70,032	70,032	69,795	(237)	62,766
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	$ -	$ -	-	$ -	-
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year			-		-
FUND BALANCE - end of year			$ -		$ -

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PRATER'S MILL					
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	$ 6,250	$ 5,100	$ 5,100	$ -	$ 43,750
Total revenues	6,250	5,100	5,100	-	43,750
EXPENDITURES					
Culture/Recreation	35,000	25,000	23,850	1,150	25,000
Total expenditures	35,000	25,000	23,850	1,150	25,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(28,750)	(19,900)	(18,750)	1,150	18,750
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	18,750	18,750	18,750	-	-
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ (10,000)	$ (1,150)	$ -	$ 1,150	$ 18,750

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND					
REVENUES					
Taxes	$ 195,000	$ 195,000	$ 197,200	$ 2,200	$ 206,475
Total revenues	195,000	195,000	197,200	2,200	206,475
EXPENDITURES					
Housing and development	195,000	195,000	197,200	(2,200)	206,475
Total expenditures	195,000	195,000	197,200	(2,200)	206,475
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	$ -	$ -	-	$ -	-
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year			-		-
FUND BALANCE - end of year			$ -		$ -

DEBT SERVICE FUND

DEBT SERVICE FUND

The Debt Service Fund accounts for the accumulation of monies for future payments of the water expansion projects funded by special local option sales taxes.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEBT SERVICE FUND
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 4,398,875	$ -
Due from other funds	-	5,739,502
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 4,398,875	$ 5,739,502
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ -	$ -
FUND BALANCE		
Reserved for debt service	4,398,875	5,739,502
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$ 4,398,875	$ 5,739,502

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
REVENUES					
Investment earnings	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total revenues	-	-	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES					
Debt service -					
Principal retirement	-	1,121,667	1,121,667	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	218,960	218,960	-	-
Total expenditures	-	1,340,627	1,340,627	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(1,340,627)	(1,340,627)	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	5,739,502
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	5,739,502
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	-	(1,340,627)	(1,340,627)	-	5,739,502
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	5,739,502	5,739,502	5,739,502	-	-
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ 5,739,502	$ 4,398,875	$ 4,398,875	$ -	$ 5,739,502

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the acquisition of capital expenditures. Revenues are derived from the financing resources transferred from the general fund.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,855,447	$ -
Due from other governments	34,835	-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,890,282	$ -
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ 146,234	$ -
Total liabilities	146,234	-
FUND BALANCE		
Unreserved	2,744,048	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$ 2,890,282	$ -

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
CAPITAL PROJECTS ACQUISITION FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
General government	$ 1,835,400	$ 1,329,224	$ 1,326,927	$ 2,297	$ -
Public safety	1,479,000	841,101	828,850	12,251	-
Public works	4,091,400	2,278,200	2,242,019	36,181	-
Culture and recreation	1,085,000	750,290	750,071	219	
Housing and development	-	166,985	166,401	584	-
Total expenditures	8,490,800	5,365,800	5,314,268	51,532	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(8,490,800)	(5,365,800)	(5,314,268)	51,532	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	8,490,800	8,490,800	8,490,800	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	(432,484)	(432,484)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	8,490,800	8,490,800	8,058,316	(432,484)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	-	3,125,000	2,744,048	(380,952)	-
FUND BALANCE - beginning of year	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE - end of year	$ -	$ 3,125,000	$ 2,744,048	$ (380,952)	$ -

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUND

This fund is used to account for operations (a) that are financed primarily through user charges or (b) where the governing body has decided that determination of net income is appropriate.

Whitfield Transit System - accounts for revenues, expenses and Operating and Capital Contracts awarded under Section 18 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964 associated with providing public transportation services to the residents of Whitfield County.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUND
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

continued

	Whitfield Transit System	
	2008	2007
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	$ 15,233	$ -
Prepaid items	7,843	2,450
Due from other governments	45,926	46,922
Total current assets	69,002	49,372
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Equipment and fixtures	10,457	10,457
Vehicles	375,823	372,760
Total property and equipment	386,280	383,217
Less accumulated depreciation	(238,130)	(204,263)
Property and equipment, net	148,150	178,954
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 217,152	$ 228,326

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON- MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUND
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

concluded

	Whitfield Transit System	
	2008	2007
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ 31,543	$ 17,829
Accrued liabilities	1,476	-
Due to other funds	-	26,364
Total liabilities	33,019	44,193
FUND EQUITY		
Invested in capital assets	148,150	178,954
Unrestricted	35,983	5,179
Total fund equity	184,133	184,133
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$ 217,152	$ 228,326

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	Whitfield Transit System	
	2008	2007
OPERATING REVENUES		
User charges	$ -	$ -
Total operating revenues	-	-
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Personal services and employee benefits	4,948	-
Purchased and contracted services	197,092	205,080
Supplies	2,831	-
Depreciation	78,498	75,917
Total operating expenses	283,369	280,997
Operating income (loss)	(283,369)	(280,997)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Intergovernmental revenues	207,173	245,406
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	207,173	245,406
Income (loss) before transfers	(76,196)	(35,591)
Transfers in	76,196	35,591
Change in net assets	-	-
FUND EQUITY - beginning of year	184,133	184,133
FUND EQUITY - end of year	$ 184,133	$ 184,133

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

continued

	Whitfield Transit System	
	2008	**2007**
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash paid to suppliers	$ (221,438)	$ (196,844)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(221,438)	(196,844)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Transfers in	76,196	35,591
Intergovernmental transfers	162,860	165,797
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	239,056	201,388
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of capital assets	(47,694)	(90,877)
Capital contributions from (to) other governments	45,309	86,333
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(2,385)	(4,544)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	15,233	-
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - beginning of year	-	-
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - end of year	$ 15,233	$ -

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

concluded

	Whitfield Transit System	
	2008	2007
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating income (loss)	$ (283,369)	$ (280,997)
Depreciation	78,498	75,917
Changes in operating assets and liabilities -		
(Increase) decrease in assets		
Prepaid items	(5,393)	(2,450)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities		
Accounts payable	13,714	(361)
Accrued liabilities	1,476	-
Due to other funds	(26,364)	11,047
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$ (221,438)	$ (196,844)

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008				2007
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
WHITFIELD TRANSIT SYSTEM					
OPERATING REVENUES					
User charges	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total operating revenues	-	-	-	-	-
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Personal services and employee benefits	-	4,951	4,948	3	-
Purchased and contracted services	175,000	197,073	197,092	(19)	205,080
Supplies	-	1,252	2,831	(1,579)	
Depreciation	86,000	80,000	78,498	1,502	75,917
Total operating expenses	261,000	283,276	283,369	(93)	280,997
Operating income (loss)	(261,000)	(283,276)	(283,369)	(93)	(280,997)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Intergovernmental revenues	171,000	205,000	207,173	2,173	245,406
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	171,000	205,000	207,173	2,173	245,406
Income (loss) before operating transfers	(90,000)	(78,276)	(76,196)	2,080	(35,591)
Transfers in	90,000	78,276	76,196	(2,080)	35,591
Net income (loss)	$ -	$ -	-	$ -	-
FUND EQUITY - beginning of year			184,133		184,133
FUND EQUITY - end of year			$ 184,133		$ 184,133

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

The Internal Service fund is used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments of the County on a cost reimbursement basis.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash	$ 1,164,938	$ 888,324
Accounts receivable	151,396	14,919
TOTAL ASSETS	1,316,334	903,243
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ 5,075	$ 7,821
Accrued workers' compensation	539,602	870,540
Total liabilities	544,677	878,361
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	$ 771,657	$ 24,882

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008	2007
REVENUES		
Charge for services	$ 648,132	$ 576,000
Miscellaneous revenue	217,364	220,571
Total revenues	865,496	796,571
EXPENSES		
Administrative fees	-	159,124
Claims cost	118,721	612,565
Total expenses	118,721	771,689
Net income	746,775	24,882
Net assets, beginning of year	24,882	-
Net assets, end of year	$ 771,657	$ 24,882

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended December 31, 2008

(with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008	2007
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from charges	$ 729,019	$ 785,157
Cash paid on claims and costs	(452,405)	(989,882)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	276,614	(204,725)
CASH - beginning of year	888,324	1,093,049
CASH - end of year	$ 1,164,938	$ 888,324
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	$ 746,775	$ 24,882
Increase in receivables	(136,477)	(11,414)
Increase (decrease) in payables	(333,684)	(218,193)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	$ 276,614	$ (204,725)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

The Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the County in a fiduciary capacity. The County's Fiduciary Agency funds are as follows:

Cafeteria Plan Fund - accounts for funds withheld by the County on behalf of employees for supplemental health insurance coverage, dependent care assistance and group insurance premiums.

Constitutional Officers' Fund - accounts for funds collected by the County on the behalf of individuals and other governmental entities.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - AGENCY FUNDS
Year Ended December 31, 2008

	BALANCE December 31, 2007	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE December 31, 2008
CLERK OF COURT				
Cash	$ 594,122	$ 7,993,853	$ 7,940,561	$ 647,414
Total assets	$ 594,122	$ 7,993,853	$ 7,940,561	$ 647,414
Accrued items and other	$ 485,320	$ 4,195,271	$ 4,104,185	$ 576,406
Due to other funds	-	2,656,490	2,656,490	-
Due to other governments	108,802	1,142,092	1,179,886	71,008
Total liabilities	$ 594,122	$ 7,993,853	$ 7,940,561	$ 647,414
PROBATE COURT				
Cash	$ 165,152	$ 1,439,846	$ 1,409,128	$ 195,870
Accounts receivable	25,218	20,050	25,218	20,050
Total assets	$ 190,370	$ 1,459,896	$ 1,434,346	$ 215,920
Accrued items and other	$ 153,317	$ 83,078	$ 64,488	$ 171,907
Due to other funds	-	1,015,513	1,015,513	-
Due to other governments	37,053	361,305	354,345	44,013
Total liabilities	$ 190,370	$ 1,459,896	$ 1,434,346	$ 215,920
MAGISTRATE COURT				
Cash	$ 106,860	$ 2,192,565	$ 2,179,150	$ 120,275
Accounts receivable	2,862	4,363	2,862	4,363
Total assets	$ 109,722	$ 2,196,928	$ 2,182,012	$ 124,638
Accrued items and other	$ 99,910	$ 1,727,442	$ 1,712,666	$ 114,686
Due to other funds	-	338,921	338,921	-
Due to other governments	9,812	130,565	130,425	9,952
Total liabilities	$ 109,722	$ 2,196,928	$ 2,182,012	$ 124,638

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - AGENCY FUNDS
Year Ended December 31, 2008

	BALANCE December 31, 2007	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE December 31, 2008
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT				
Cash	$ 612,340	$ 1,544,042	$ 1,622,569	$ 533,813
Accounts receivable	4,219	5,884	4,219	5,884
Due from other governments	46,244	107,008	46,244	107,008
Total assets	$ 662,803	$ 1,656,934	$ 1,673,032	$ 646,705
Accrued items and other	$ 662,239	$ 981,261	$ 998,434	$ 645,066
Due to other funds	-	663,865	663,865	-
Due to other governments	564	11,808	10,733	1,639
Total liabilities	$ 662,803	$ 1,656,934	$ 1,673,032	$ 646,705
JUVENILE COURT				
Cash	$ 931	$ 36,248	$ 35,526	$ 1,653
Total assets	$ 931	$ 36,248	$ 35,526	$ 1,653
Accrued items and other	$ 449	$ 12,539	$ 11,474	$ 1,514
Due to other funds	-	19,344	19,344	-
Due to other governments	482	4,365	4,708	139
Total liabilities	$ 931	$ 36,248	$ 35,526	$ 1,653
CAFETERIA FUND				
Cash	$ -	$ 1,050,155	$ 1,050,155	$ -
Total assets	$ -	$ 1,050,155	$ 1,050,155	$ -
Accrued items and other	$ -	$ 1,050,155	$ 1,050,155	$ -
Total liabilities	$ -	$ 1,050,155	$ 1,050,155	$ -

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - AGENCY FUNDS
Year Ended December 31, 2008

	BALANCE December 31, 2007	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE December 31, 2008
TAX COMMISSIONER				
Cash	$ 19,738,516	$ 66,662,267	$ 78,301,357	$ 8,099,426
Taxes receivable	14,258,188	30,991,508	14,258,188	30,991,508
Total assets	$ 33,996,704	$ 97,653,775	$ 92,559,545	$ 39,090,934
Accrued items and other	$ 6,892,556	$ 5,503,174	$ 8,493,402	$ 3,902,328
Due to other funds	-	18,752,137	18,752,137	-
Due to other governments	27,104,148	73,398,464	65,314,006	35,188,606
Total liabilities	$ 33,996,704	$ 97,653,775	$ 92,559,545	$ 39,090,934
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS				
Cash	$ 21,217,921	$ 80,918,976	$ 92,538,446	$ 9,598,451
Accounts receivable	32,299	30,297	32,299	30,297
Due from other governments	46,244	107,008	46,244	107,008
Taxes receivable	14,258,188	30,991,508	14,258,188	30,991,508
Total assets	$ 35,554,652	$ 112,047,789	$ 106,875,177	$ 40,727,264
Accrued items and other	$ 8,293,791	$ 13,552,920	$ 16,434,804	$ 5,411,907
Due to other funds	-	23,446,270	23,446,270	-
Due to other governments	27,260,861	75,048,599	66,994,103	35,315,357
Total liabilities	$ 35,554,652	$ 112,047,789	$ 106,875,177	$ 40,727,264

STATISTICAL SECTION

STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of Whitfield County's comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the county's overall financial health.

Financial Trends

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

Revenue Capacity

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the factors affecting the county's ability to generate its property taxes.

Debt Capacity

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

Demographic and Economic Information

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the county's financial activities take place and to help make comparisons over time and with other governments.

Operating Information

These schedules contain information about the county's operations and resources to help the reader understand how the county's financial information relates to the services the county provides and the activities it performs.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
NET ASSETS BY COMPONENT

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Governmental activities						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	$ 355,333,747	$ 374,684,055	$ 81,185,089	$ 70,526,451	$ 52,865,951	$ 34,679,421
Restricted	24,570,411	15,955,414	15,383,073	23,470,652	19,932,568	20,312,255
Unrestricted	19,997,376	24,151,281	26,101,369	14,273,215	18,040,518	13,552,254
Total governmental activities net assets	$ 399,901,534	$ 414,790,750	$ 122,669,531	$ 108,270,318	$ 90,839,037	$ 68,543,930
Business-type activities						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	$ 396,812	$ 561,652	$ 705,872	$ 1,027,950	$ 1,137,796	$ 1,071,125
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	14,674,763	14,435,982	15,464,455	14,880,107	14,603,307	13,687,261
Total business-type activities net assets	$ 15,071,575	$ 14,997,634	$ 16,170,327	$ 15,908,057	$ 15,741,103	$ 14,758,386
Primary government						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	$ 355,730,559	$ 375,245,707	$ 81,890,961	$ 71,554,401	$ 54,003,747	$ 35,750,546
Restricted	24,570,411	15,955,414	15,383,073	23,470,652	19,932,568	20,312,255
Unrestricted	34,672,139	38,587,263	41,565,824	29,153,322	32,643,825	27,239,515
Total primary government net assets	$ 414,973,109	$ 429,788,384	$ 138,839,858	$ 124,178,375	$ 106,580,140	$ 83,302,316

Note: Accrual-basis financial information for Whitfield County as a whole is available back to 2003 only, the year GASB 34 was implemented.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Expenses						
Governmental activities:						
General government	$ 10,375,059	$ 7,732,678	$ 6,935,263	$ 9,462,286	$ 5,799,793	$ 6,456,311
Judicial	6,677,251	5,746,259	5,464,304	5,127,708	4,949,662	4,803,483
Public safety	22,943,858	19,582,532	18,073,679	15,057,399	16,057,207	16,522,290
Public works	31,679,829	28,148,243	8,765,151	9,878,935	9,485,241	7,696,101
Health and welfare	1,857,957	1,847,956	788,822	1,566,688	1,501,564	2,006,387
Culture and recreation	1,436,614	1,122,551	1,142,922	813,660	1,479,458	1,218,541
Housing and development	1,970,716	1,746,315	1,315,405	1,601,086	1,829,084	653,769
Interest on long-term debt	218,960	209,880	1,271,198	1,281,473	2,144,301	2,286,073
Total governmental activities expenses	$ 77,160,244	$ 66,136,414	$ 43,756,744	$ 44,789,235	$ 43,246,310	$ 41,642,955
Business-type activities:						
Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center	$ 641,198	$ 665,129	$ 687,725	$ 586,985	$ 607,137	$ 822,108
Whitfield Transit System	283,369	280,997	232,155	260,573	262,452	152,358
Dalton-Whitfield SWM Authority	-	1,013,513	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities expenses	924,567	1,959,639	919,880	847,558	869,589	974,466
Total primary government expenses	$ 78,084,811	$ 68,096,053	$ 44,676,624	$ 45,636,793	$ 44,115,899	$ 42,617,421
Program Revenues						
Governmental activities:						
Charge for services:						
General government	$ 1,878,423	$ 1,442,138	$ 1,461,182	$ 1,606,482	$ 1,942,953	$ 1,119,634
Judicial	2,609,787	2,663,026	2,601,287	2,576,374	3,035,480	2,980,544
Public safety	2,328,042	2,456,831	2,465,618	2,216,910	2,025,194	1,436,234
Public works	33,131	291,213	245,505	81,666	84,894	329,859
Housing and development	1,639	3,407	-	176,161	167,369	147,714
Operating grants and contributions	690,138	2,162,320	1,277,541	1,114,065	1,354,360	954,744
Capital grants and contributions	908,705	1,151,885	3,454,070	3,351,744	5,731,928	4,868,068
Total governmental activities program revenues	$ 8,449,865	$ 10,170,820	$ 11,505,203	$ 11,123,402	$ 14,342,178	$ 11,836,797
Business-type activities:						
Charge for services:						
Dalton-Whitfield SWM Authority	$ 207,977	$ -	$ 439,969	$ 243,939	$ 918,907	$ 1,027,048
Operating grants and contributions	161,864	159,073	140,486	130,038	132,432	37,659
Capital grants and contributions	45,309	86,333	82,654	45,362	89,262	44,631
Total business-type activities program revenues	$ 415,150	$ 245,406	$ 663,109	$ 419,339	$ 1,140,601	$ 1,109,338
Total primary government program revenues	$ 8,865,015	$ 10,416,226	$ 12,168,312	$ 11,542,741	$ 15,482,779	$ 12,946,135
Net (Expense)/ Revenue						
Governmental activities	$ (68,710,379)	$ (55,965,594)	$ (32,251,541)	$ (33,665,833)	$ (28,904,132)	$ (29,806,158)
Business-type activities	(509,417)	(1,714,233)	(256,771)	(428,219)	271,012	134,872
Total primary government net (expense)/ revenue	$ (69,219,796)	$ (57,679,827)	$ (32,508,312)	$ (34,094,052)	$ (28,633,120)	$ (29,671,286)

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
General revenues and Other Changes in Net Assets						
Governmental activities:						
Property taxes	$ 15,580,219	$ 17,287,720	$ 16,471,857	$ 14,150,797	$ 15,760,126	$ 15,170,178
Sales taxes	33,293,060	16,961,600	21,032,749	31,653,434	29,410,329	27,238,232
Insurance premium tax	2,600,030	2,538,164	2,413,822	2,303,331	2,156,925	1,994,950
Alcoholic beverage tax	433,056	424,475	425,860	471,816	479,609	465,695
Hotel/Motel tax	197,200	206,475	199,093	195,294	187,104	179,937
Miscellaneous taxes	485,094	548,270	559,632	574,897	649,593	689,251
Miscellaneous	877,665	994,596	905,717	820,147	854,815	862,135
Gain or (loss) on sale of capital assets	-	-	-	(10,637)	233,864	(376,666)
Investment earnings	938,197	1,728,927	1,896,990	1,533,208	1,076,417	1,711,150
Lease financing	-	-	-	-	1,102,162	-
Transfers	(583,358)	(541,540)	(519,041)	(595,173)	(711,705)	352,858
Total governmental activities	$ 53,821,163	$ 40,148,687	$ 43,386,679	$ 51,097,114	$ 51,199,239	$ 48,287,720
Business-type activities:						
Transfers	$ 583,358	$ 541,540	$ 519,041	$ 595,173	$ 711,705	$ (352,858)
Total business-type activities	$ 583,358	$ 541,540	$ 519,041	$ 595,173	$ 711,705	$ (352,858)
Total primary government	$ 54,404,521	$ 40,690,227	$ 43,905,720	$ 51,692,287	$ 51,910,944	$ 47,934,862
Change in Net Assets						
Governmental activities	$ (14,889,216)	$ (15,816,907)	$ 11,135,138	$ 17,431,281	$ 22,295,107	$ 18,481,562
Business-type activities	73,941	(1,172,693)	262,270	166,954	982,717	(217,986)
Total primary government	$ (14,815,275)	$ (16,989,600)	$ 11,397,408	$ 17,598,235	$ 23,277,824	$ 18,263,576

Note: Accrual-basis financial information for Whitfield County as a whole is available back to 2003 only, the year GASB 34 was implemented.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN YEARS

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
General fund:										
Unreserved	$23,820,930	$23,694,268	$22,929,712	$16,025,731	$19,726,296	$14,569,691	$12,470,076	$ 8,564,993	$ 6,607,424	$ 9,187,301
Total general fund	$23,820,930	$23,694,268	$22,929,712	$16,025,731	$19,726,296	$14,569,691	$12,470,076	$ 8,564,993	$ 6,607,424	$ 9,187,301
All other governmental funds:										
Reserved for debt service	$ 4,398,875	$ 5,739,502	$ -	$10,874,482	$ 9,994,477	$11,006,638	$ 8,927,339	$ 3,898,893	$ 140,312	$ 169,469
Unreserved, reported in:										
Special revenue funds	1,907,133	2,104,583	1,631,524	1,183,722	873,535	670,393	666,520	1,079,668	632,057	551,949
Capital projects funds	18,264,403	8,111,329	13,751,549	21,708,552	30,669,350	33,610,033	41,017,056	58,594,404	928,070	992,247
Total all other governmental funds	$24,570,411	$15,955,414	$15,383,073	$33,766,756	$41,537,362	$45,287,064	$50,610,915	$ 63,572,965	$ 1,700,439	$ 1,713,665

Note: This schedule reports using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN YEARS

continued

	2008	2007	2006	2005
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 52,967,310	$ 37,006,206	$ 40,667,619	$ 51,033,066
Licenses and permits	277,399	450,723	358,616	245,634
Intergovernmental revenues	1,121,830	2,391,548	1,229,745	1,601,950
Charges for services	5,198,896	4,247,030	4,437,763	4,241,790
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	1,727,014	1,868,031	1,973,065	1,682,284
Investment earnings	938,197	1,728,927	1,896,990	1,533,208
Contributions and donations	55,942	49,902	47,749	-
Miscellaneous	871,879	1,003,959	872,344	820,147
Total revenues	63,158,467	48,746,326	51,483,891	61,158,079
EXPENDITURES				
Current -				
General government	8,660,017	6,953,314	6,630,577	24,054,519
Judicial	6,111,312	5,709,188	5,447,685	5,044,048
Public safety	20,317,234	19,027,576	18,058,636	16,281,068
Public works	9,080,233	9,507,728	8,378,292	9,124,953
Health and welfare	1,587,062	1,565,362	559,323	1,387,073
Culture and recreation	1,912,594	1,108,681	1,129,392	1,001,401
Housing and development	1,903,643	1,753,598	1,309,529	1,383,043
Capital outlay	2,928,305	1,283,902	5,804,141	-
Debt service				
Principal retirement	-	-	14,179,377	12,150,369
Interest and fiscal charges	1,340,627	-	947,645	1,607,603
Total expenditures	53,841,027	46,909,349	62,444,597	72,034,077
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	9,317,440	1,836,977	(10,960,706)	(10,875,998)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Sale of capital assets	6,786	41,461	-	-
Lease financing	-	-	-	-
Revenue bond proceeds	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	19,319,953	7,803,866	16,153,969	19,099,230
Transfers out	(19,902,520)	(8,345,407)	(16,672,965)	(19,694,403)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(575,781)	(500,080)	(518,996)	(595,173)
Net change in fund balances	$ 8,741,659	$ 1,336,897	$ (11,479,702)	$ (11,471,171)
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	2.94%	0.00%	27.27%	24.81%

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN YEARS

2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
$ 49,750,247	$ 44,557,291	$ 44,587,492	$ 39,160,409	$ 24,325,431	$ 22,458,986
253,099	219,124	205,696	144,791	165,637	152,790
2,341,474	1,980,521	2,971,175	3,749,423	3,917,536	2,901,713
4,354,741	3,349,944	4,026,392	3,251,419	2,219,010	2,244,321
2,144,936	2,026,015	1,737,863	2,075,750	1,992,263	2,013,894
1,076,417	1,711,150	2,513,145	1,671,094	327,919	542,037
-	-	-	-	-	-
854,815	862,134	542,922	178,797	249,721	272,101
60,775,729	54,706,179	56,584,685	50,231,683	33,197,517	30,585,842
10,471,696	8,966,097	9,645,980	8,346,474	7,202,232	6,003,608
4,913,688	4,674,315	4,535,244	3,639,901	3,636,105	3,560,999
16,228,950	19,432,536	28,360,127	16,202,481	11,468,828	11,034,693
10,407,125	8,282,694	8,246,125	8,078,250	6,737,545	8,353,113
1,368,343	2,041,513	1,576,285	2,598,634	3,078,759	2,901,193
1,520,093	1,358,027	1,797,665	1,625,274	2,575,217	2,546,716
1,844,219	644,021	1,147,231	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
11,562,416	11,135,973	6,851,384	105,000	95,000	85,000
2,215,201	2,286,073	2,730,696	16,231	22,926	29,625
60,531,731	58,821,249	64,890,737	40,612,245	34,816,612	34,514,947
243,998	(4,115,070)	(8,306,052)	9,619,438	(1,619,095)	(3,929,105)
772,450	537,974	-	-	-	-
1,102,162	-	-	-	-	1,217,112
-	-	-	55,548,981	-	-
13,893,965	17,863,019	15,412,239	6,868,041	817,671	1,790,593
(14,605,672)	(17,510,159)	(16,163,154)	(8,206,365)	(1,791,679)	(2,681,005)
1,162,905	890,834	(750,915)	54,210,657	(974,008)	326,700
$ 1,406,903	$ (3,224,236)	$ (9,056,967)	$ 63,830,095	$ (2,593,103)	$ (3,602,405)
26.45%	26.82%	14.77%	0.30%	0.34%	0.34%

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
ASSESSED AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
TEN YEAR SUMMARY
December 31, 2008

CALENDAR YEAR	REAL PROPERTY	PERSONAL PROPERTY	PUBLIC UTILITIES
1999	$ 1,142,432,468	$ 780,418,914	$ 53,694,747
2000	$ 1,198,212,477	$ 807,765,071	$ 56,835,702
2001	$ 1,277,011,440	$ 862,889,886	$ 56,707,005
2002	$ 1,337,869,230	$ 791,630,056	$ 56,183,745
2003	$ 1,746,475,721	$ 813,200,411	$ 71,831,176
2004	$ 1,785,770,253	$ 837,231,743	$ 68,346,420
2005	$ 1,864,237,664	$ 872,814,247	$ 68,017,550
2006	$ 1,966,264,328	$ 958,643,306	$ 68,648,143
2007	$ 2,167,302,808	$ 969,766,460	$ 84,191,456
2008	$ 2,310,806,508	$ 968,270,147	$ 71,526,468

NOTES:

1. Real property includes commercial and residential property.
2. All property is assessed at 40% of the estimated actual value.
3. Tax rate is per $1,000 of assessed value

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
ASSESSED AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
TEN YEAR SUMMARY
December 31, 2008

LESS TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTY	TOTAL		ASSESSED TO TOTAL ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE	TOTAL DIRECT TAX RATE
	ASSESSED VALUE	ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE		
$ (278,679,471)	$ 1,697,866,658	$ 4,244,666,645	40%	2.000
$ (286,613,432)	$ 1,776,199,818	$ 4,440,499,545	40%	2.000
$ (298,595,625)	$ 1,898,012,706	$ 4,745,031,765	40%	6.688
$ (317,245,390)	$ 1,868,437,641	$ 4,671,094,103	40%	6.663
$ (363,517,463)	$ 2,267,989,845	$ 5,669,974,613	40%	5.616
$ (373,650,552)	$ 2,317,697,864	$ 5,794,244,660	40%	5.538
$ (388,371,128)	$ 2,416,698,333	$ 6,041,745,833	40%	5.466
$ (399,078,293)	$ 2,594,477,484	$ 6,486,193,710	40%	5.466
$ (409,758,972)	$ 2,811,501,752	$ 7,028,754,380	40%	5.242
$ (418,061,017)	$ 2,861,015,150	$ 7,152,537,875	40%	5.061

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
PROPERTY TAX RATES - ALL OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS
TEN YEAR SUMMARY
December 31, 2008

CALENDAR YEAR	INSIDE DALTON	INSIDE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES	OUTSIDE ALL MUNICIPALITIES
1999	3.400	2.000	2.000
2000	3.290	2.000	2.000
2001	6.688	6.688	6.688
2002	6.663	6.663	6.663
2003	5.616	5.616	5.616
2004	5.538	5.538	5.538
2005	5.466	5.466	5.466
2006	5.466	5.466	5.466
2007	5.242	5.242	5.242
2008	5.061	5.061	5.061

Notes:

1. Tax rates are shown in dollars per $1,000 of assessed value.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS
December 31, 2008

2008			1999		
TAXPAYER	TAXES LEVIED	PERCENT OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION	TAXPAYER	TAXES LEVIED	PERCENT OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION
Shaw Industries, Inc.	$ 8,381,558	24.78%	Shaw Industries, Inc.	$ 7,190,999	31.00%
Mohawk Industries	$ 2,313,389	8.07%	Mohawk Industries Inc.	$ 2,251,023	11.10%
Beaulieu Group, LLC	$ 1,587,062	4.85%	Beaulieu Group, LLC	$ 1,921,309	8.60%
J&J Industries, Inc.	$ 920,267	2.42%	Alltel GA Communications	$ 745,159	3.80%
Windstream Georgia	$ 706,677	2.30%	Collins & Aikman, Inc.	$ 668,889	2.80%
Collins & Aikman Corp.	$ 600,855	1.71%	J&J Industries, Inc.	$ 656,102	2.50%
Oriental Weavers	$ 462,777	1.97%	Durkan Pattern	$ 558,153	2.40%
CBL & Associates	$ 366,196	0.96%	C B L & Associates	$ 304,707	1.10%
World Carpets	$ 359,104	0.95%	Synthetic Industries	$ 278,244	1.00%
Skiroki Georgia LLC	$ 360,627	0.95%	World Carpets	$ 244,415	0.90%

Source: Whitfield County Tax Commissioner's Office

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
TEN YEAR SUMMARY
December 31, 2008

DIGEST YEAR	TAXES LEVIED	ADJUSTMENTS	TOTAL ADJUSTED LEVY	COLLECTED WITHIN THE YEAR OF THE LEVY		COLLECTIONS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS	TOTAL COLLECTIONS TO DATE	
				AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE OF ORIGINAL LEVY		AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE OF ADJUSTED LEVY
1999	$ 3,395,733	*	$ 3,395,733	*	*	*	$ 3,395,665	100.00%
2000	$ 3,552,400	*	$ 3,552,400	*	*	*	$ 3,550,812	99.96%
2001	$ 12,693,909	$ (453,908)	$ 12,240,001	$ 10,765,533	84.81%	$ 1,464,197	$ 12,229,730	99.92%
2002	$ 12,449,400	$ (574,837)	$ 11,874,563	$ 10,017,888	80.47%	$ 1,845,877	$ 11,863,765	99.91%
2003	$ 12,737,031	$ (768,211)	$ 11,968,820	$ 1,219,756	9.58%	$ 10,778,786	$ 11,998,542	100.00%
2004	$ 12,835,411	$ (729,978)	$ 12,105,433	$ 10,230,122	79.70%	$ 1,872,667	$ 12,102,789	99.98%
2005	$ 13,209,673	$ (774,245)	$ 12,435,428	$ 11,322,196	85.71%	$ 1,067,199	$ 12,389,395	98.63%
2006	$ 14,181,413	$ (687,317)	$ 13,494,096	$ 11,336,394	79.11%	$ 1,096,445	$ 12,432,839	92.14%
2007	$ 14,147,204	$ (124,844)	$ 14,022,360	$ 12,527,244	89.34%	$ -	$ 12,527,244	89.34%
2008	$ 14,248,407	$ (53,016)	$ 14,195,391	$ 12,376,592	87.18%	$ -	$ 12,376,592	87.18%

Source: Whitfield County Tax Commissioner's Office
* Information is unavailable

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
RATIO OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN YEARS

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES				
CALENDAR YEAR	GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	REVENUE BONDS	INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY	CAPITAL LEASES	CAPITAL LEASES	GEFA LOAN	TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	PERCENT OF PERSONAL INCOME	PER CAPITA
1999	310,000	-	3,524,937	952,454	3,828,589	526,160	9,142,140	0.43	110
2000	215,000	-	2,855,790	707,631	3,728,564	504,312	8,011,297	0.35	96
2001	110,000	53,760,000	2,270,688	462,475	3,628,445	481,324	60,712,932	2.60	712
2002	-	47,475,000	1,764,363	-	3,531,004	-	52,770,367	2.21	606
2003	-	36,790,000	2,837,251	-	3,227,409	-	42,854,660	1.78	488
2004	-	25,555,000	2,215,166	-	2,900,435	-	30,670,601	1.27	343
2005	-	13,810,000	1,570,988	369,377	2,553,956	-	18,304,321	0.71	201
2006	-	-	1,261,453	-	2,186,066	-	3,447,519	0.12	37
2007	-	-	4,953,840	-	1,799,657	-	6,753,497	0.24	72
2008	-	-	3,832,172	-	1,416,011	-	5,248,183	0.17	53

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
RATIO OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED VALUE AND NET BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA
TEN YEAR SUMMARY
December 31, 2008

CALENDAR YEAR	POPULATION	ASSESSED VALUE	GROSS BONDED DEBT	DEBT SERVICE AVAILABLE	NET BONDED DEBT	RATIO OF NET BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED VALUE	NET BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA
1999	(EST) 83,220	$ 959,789,273	$ 310,000	$ 169,469	$ 140,531	0.01%	$ 1.68
2000	83,525	$ 1,034,502,501	$ 215,000	$ 140,312	$ 74,688	0.00%	$ 0.89
2001	(EST) 85,248	$ 1,060,709,250	$ 110,000	$ 110,000	$ -	0.00%	$ -
2002	(EST) 87,037	$ 1,059,328,776	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%	$ -
2003	(EST) 87,833	$ 2,573,376,809	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%	$ -
2004	(EST) 89,461	$ 2,566,769,612	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%	$ -
2005	(EST) 90,889	$ 2,601,334,232	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%	$ -
2006	(EST) 92,999	$ 2,836,671,624	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%	$ -
2007	(EST) 93,379	$ 3,053,703,034	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%	$ -
2008	(EST) 93,835	$ 3,217,510,131	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%	$ -

Note:

Gross bonded debt includes all long-term general obligation bonds.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION
LAST TEN YEARS

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Debt limit	$321,751,013	$305,370,303	$283,667,162	$280,506,946	$269,134,842	$263,150,731	$218,568,303	$219,660,833	$206,281,325	$192,285,138
Total net debt applicable to limit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,688	140,531
Legal debt margin	$321,751,013	$305,370,303	$283,667,162	$280,506,946	$269,134,842	$263,150,731	$218,568,303	$219,660,833	$206,206,637	$192,144,607
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.00%	0.04%	0.07%

Legal debt margin calculation for 2008

Assessed value of taxable property	$3,217,510,131
Debt limit (10%) of total assessed value	321,751,013
Debt applicable to limit	-
Legal debt margin	$ 321,751,013

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS
TEN YEAR SUMMARY
December 31, 2008

CALENDAR YEAR	POPULATION	PERSONAL INCOME	PER CAPITA INCOME	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
1999	(EST) 83,220	$ 2,147,908,200	$ 25,810	2.6%
2000	83,525	$ 2,302,450,150	$ 27,566	3.5%
2001	(EST) 85,248	$ 2,335,113,216	$ 27,392	4.2%
2002	(EST) 87,037	$ 2,384,117,504	$ 27,392	3.7%
2003	(EST) 87,833	$ 2,405,921,536	$ 27,392	3.2%
2004	(EST) 89,461	$ 2,421,888,192	$ 27,072	4.3%
2005	(EST) 90,889	$ 2,590,427,389	$ 28,501	4.2%
2006	(EST) 92,999	$ 2,766,661,253	$ 29,747	4.5%
2007	(EST) 93,379	$ 2,786,242,602	$ 29,838	4.5%
2008	(EST) 93,835	$ 2,939,193,705	$ 31,323	7.7%

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
December 31, 2008

2008*			1999		
EMPLOYER	EMPLOYEES	PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	EMPLOYER	EMPLOYEES	PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT
Shaw Industries, Inc.	8,996	19.05%	Shaw Industries, Inc.	*	*
Mohawk Industries	5,934	12.57%	World Carpets, Inc.	*	*
Beaulieu Group, LLC	3,112	6.59%	Beaulieu Group, LLC	*	*
Hamilton Medical Center	1,686	3.57%	Queen Carpet	*	*
Whitfield Co. School System	1,632	3.46%	Aladdin Manufacturing	*	*
Dalton City Schools	838	1.77%	J&J Industries, Inc.	*	*
J&J Industries, Inc.	798	1.69%	Hamilton Medical Center	*	*
Collins & Aikman Corp	794	1.68%	Durkin Pattern	*	*
Windstream	715	1.51%	Whitfield Co. School System	*	*
Conagra Poultry Co.	615	1.30%	Dalton State College	*	*

Source: Georgia Department of Labor
2006 is latest available information
* Information not available

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT WHITFIELD COUNTY EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION

Function/Program	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
General government	87	84	81	86	86	84	91	*	*	*
Judicial	60	64	78	82	84	82	82	*	*	*
Public safety	295	271	266	260	260	254	213	*	*	*
Public works	87	89	92	97	97	97	94	*	*	*
Culture and recreation	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	*	*	*
Housing and development	11	12	11	13	13	12	14	*	*	*
Total	548	530	538	548	550	539	504	*	*	*

Source: Whitfield County Human Resources Department
* Information not available

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION

Function/Program	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
General government										
Vehicle tags issued	94,835	103,173	103,580	100,997	100,453	95,508	98,034	96,627	97,606	*
Public safety										
E-911 calls	266,528	218,211	221,472	261,129	191,214	*	*	*	*	*
Fire/EMS service calls	4,962	5,158	5,051	4,911	4,710	4,732	4,550	4,306	4,114	2,852
Fire/EMS average response time (minutes)	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.2	4.9	4.7	5.2	5.0	5.0
Public works										
Miles of road resurfacing	54.2	46.5	43.7	71.3	54.4	52.8	94.3	58.1	43.8	61.9
Culture and recreation										
Number of program participants	3,042	3,668	3,901	3,743	3,722	3,865	4,188	4,397	4,634	4,313
Housing and development										
Building permits issued	372	530	665	671	626	594	556	588	603	548

Source: Department managers within each function
* Information not available

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION

Function/Program	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
General government										
County facilities	14	14	14	14	14	14	13	12	12	12
Public safety										
Fire stations	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Public works										
Miles of roads	787	787	747	744	740	735	735	735	735	735
Culture and recreation										
County owned ball fields	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	6

Source: Department managers within each function

SPECIAL REPORTS

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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
Whitfield County, Georgia

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Whitfield County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise Whitfield County, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated June 17, 2009. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. I did not audit the financial statements of the component unit, Whitfield County Department of Public Health. Those financial statements as of June 30, 2008, were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to me, and my opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Whitfield County Department of Public Health, is based on the report of the other auditors.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Whitfield County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Whitfield County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Whitfield County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

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A control deficiency 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 to detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Whitfield County, Georgia's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of Whitfield County, Georgia's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Whitfield County, Georgia's internal control. I consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. They include items FS08-01 through FS08-06.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by Whitfield County, Georgia's internal control.

My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, I believe that the significant deficiencies described above are not material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Whitfield County, Georgia's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

I noted certain matters that I reported to management of Whitfield County, Georgia, in a separate letter dated June 17, 2009.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, and the Board of Commissioners, is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Chrysan Thomas
CHRYSAN THOMAS
Certified Public Accountant

Dalton, Georgia
June 17, 2009

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Financial Statement Findings

FS08-01 **Criteria:** Agency funds are used to account for resources held by the County, primarily the elected officials, in a purely custodial capacity, which means that all funds held are owed to other governments, organizations, or individuals. Due to the nature of these funds, it is important that adequate records be maintained to account for receipts, disbursements, and any residual funds that are held to be paid at a later date. Such listings should be reconciled to the respective cash balances maintained.

Condition: During our audit of the Clerk of Court, we noted no detail listing could be provided to support the balance of whom the amount of funds being held was to be distributed to as of December 31, 2008.

Cause: This unknown amount is due to the lack of maintenance of proper subsidiary listings and tracking of receipts and disbursements. Neither were there procedures in place for routine reviews of the reconciling balances on a monthly or annual basis. Therefore, the Clerk of Court was unaware the bookkeeping was not being properly done on a timely basis.

Effect: Accounting data could be misstated.

Recommendation: We recommend procedures be implemented to require reports be prepared and reconciled on a weekly, monthly, and annual basis. Reviews and monitoring of these procedures on a timely basis should also be implemented.

Management Response: We agree with the finding. We are working on reconciling the detail listing to the cash balance at December 31, 2008. We have started the process of hiring an employee with accounting knowledge to get an accounting system in place that will incorporate proper reviews and monitoring procedures.

FS08-02 **Criteria:** Each County office is responsible for safeguarding of assets under their control.

Condition: During our audit, we noted there were no controls in place for safeguarding of blank checks and the signature stamps of the Clerk of Court.

Cause: The Clerk of Court did not realize this procedure was necessary.

Effect: Without procedures in place to provide for the safeguarding of assets, it is possible for assets to be unaccounted for; unauthorized transactions to be recorded in the accounting system, and material misstatements of financial records could go undetected.

Recommendation: Procedures should be implemented for assets to be locked up and under the control of authorized personnel.

Management Response: We agree with the finding. We have implemented procedures that require blank checks and signature stamps be locked in the vault at the end of each workday. We have also assigned an employee the responsibility of issuing blank checks to employees, as they are needed on a control basis.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Financial Statement Findings - continued

FS08-03 **Criteria:** Segregation of employee's duties is a common practice in an effective internal control structure. Policies should be in place requiring the segregation of certain duties. With regard to segregation of duties, critical duties can be categorized in four types of functions: 1) authorization; 2) custody; 3) record keeping; and 4) reconciliation. In a perfect system, no one person should handle more than one type of function.

When duties cannot be separated, compensating controls should be in place. Compensating controls is an internal control that is intended to reduce the risk of an existing or potential control weakness.

Condition: During the course of our audit, we noted areas in which the segregation of duties could be improved. The segregation of duties issue revolves primarily around the handling and recording of cash. The same person in the Sheriff's Office and the Clerk of Court's Office receives cash, records the cash receipt with the system, prepares the disbursements and reconciles the bank statements without review.

Cause: The limited number of employees involved in the various offices and the resulting overlapping of duties causes segregation of duties to be difficult.

Effect: Without the implementation of the above internal control functions there is an increased risk of the misappropriation of funds.

Recommendation: Procedures be implemented which would provide for improved internal controls in the above areas. It is also recommended these procedures be reviewed periodically on a continuous basis.

Management Response: We agree with the finding. We have implemented procedures to improve our accounting system as well as separating duties of our employees when possible.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Financial Statement Findings - continued

FS08-04 **Criteria:** Controls should be in place to ensure bank accounts are reconciled on a timely basis and verify that cash balances agree with ledger balances.

Condition: During the course of the audit, we noted the child support account in the Clerk of Court had not been reconciled for any month during 2008.

Cause: The person responsible for reconciling the account was unaware that it was her responsibility and no controls were in place to timely monitor the system to ensure that it was operating properly.

Effect: Without the implementation of the above internal control function there is an increased risk of error not being detected or the misappropriation of funds.

Recommendation: We recommend procedures be outlined with the personnel responsible which would provide for improved internal control over the above and timely reviews of these procedures be implemented also.

Management Response: We agree with the finding. We are in the process of getting the bank reconciliations on the child support current. We have implemented procedures for timely bank reconciliation, reviews, and monitoring over the procedure.

FS08-05 **Criteria:** Using nonsystematic non-routine transactions to record activity in the accounting records affords the opportunity for error or misstatement.

Condition: The Board of Commissioner's Office uses a system that is not integrated with the County computer system for recording, reconciling capital assets and depreciation to the financial statements.

Cause: The Board of Commissioner's Office currently maintains a system that allows them to track assets from their Eden System and calculate depreciation until they purchase an integrated system.

Effect: The nonintegrated system requires manual input and calculations, and this activity could be misstated or errors could go undetected.

Recommendation: We recommend that the module for fixed assets that is included with the current system be used that would allow the County to accumulate capital assets and calculate depreciation expense within the same integrated software.

Management Response: We agree with the finding. We are researching the cost of implementing usage of the Eden Depreciation System or changing to another system for accounting for our capital assets.

Financial Statement Findings - continued

FS08-06 **Criteria:** Inadequate retention of documentation for nonsystematic transactions for substantiation of accounting data.

Condition: During our audit, we noted the commissary account records in the Sheriff's Department were not being retained after they were entered into the accounting system.

Cause: The employee response did not realize the retention of records was necessary.

Effect: Transactions into the accounting records have no substantiation, and could be incorrect or unauthorized, and could cause the accounting records to be misstated.

Recommendation: We recommend records be retained to substantiate all transactions in the accounting records. Each inmates' signed commissary, medical and other document needs to be retained to support the charges reflected against their account.

Management Response: We agree with the finding. We have implemented procedures for proper record retention.

WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED BY SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX
Year Ended December 31, 2008

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	ESTIMATED COST	REVISED ESTIMATED COST	EXPENDITURES			ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE OF COMPLETION
			PRIOR YEARS	CURRENT YEAR	TOTAL	
2002 SPLOST:						
Water Project	$ 19,500,000	$ 10,680,000	$ 4,940,064	$ 1,340,627	$ 6,280,691	59%
2008 SPLOST:						
Road Improvement Program	$ 48,000,000	$ 48,000,000	$ -	$ 2,495,821	$ 2,495,821	5%

Whitfield County, Georgia imposed special purpose 1% local option sales and use taxes with the proceeds limited to funding expenditures for specified construction projects.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION - The schedule above presents only expenditures for construction projects funded by the special purpose local option sales and use tax as required by The Official Code of Georgia Annotated and is not intended to be a complete presentation of the expenditures of Whitfield County, Georgia or any of its funds.

These expenditures are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.